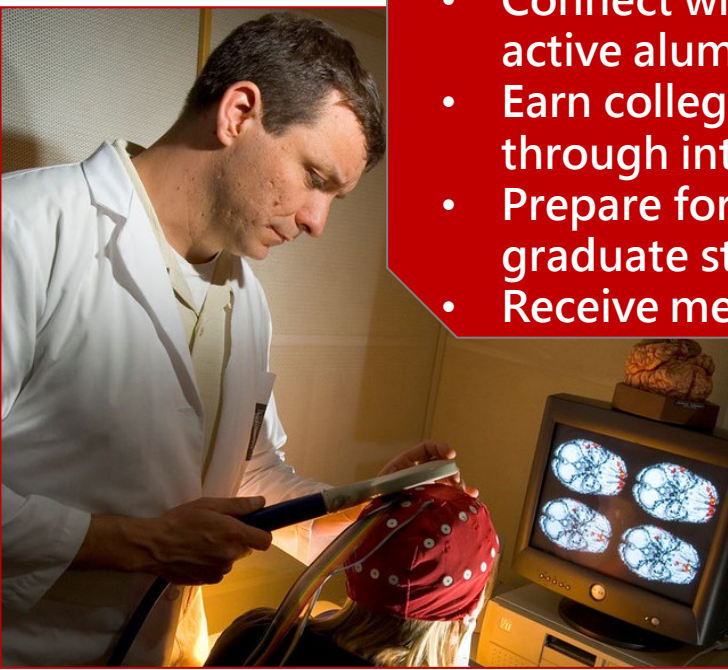




The Department of Psychology

a community of diverse scholars & teachers who work to ensure that students in our undergraduate & graduate programs are able to use the science of psychology to understand the world & its people.

- Conduct research in one of 20 laboratories
- Connect with vibrant current student & active alumni networks
- Earn college credits, work experience through internships, & study abroad
- Prepare for fulfilling, versatile careers & graduate studies
- Receive mentorship from dedicated faculty



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3 Bachelor's & Combined Degree Programs

- BA in Psychology
- BA/MA in Psychological Sciences
- BA/MBA in Psychology & Business Administration

3 Master's Degree Programs

- Clinical Psychology
 - Child/Adolescent concentration
 - Forensic Psychology concentration
- Industrial/Organizational Psychology
- Psychological Sciences

1 Graduate NASP-Approved Certification

- School Psychology

2 Doctoral Degree Programs (PhD)

- Clinical Psychology
- Industrial/Organizational Psychology



THE SKILLFUL PSYCHOLOGY STUDENT

PREPARED FOR SUCCESS IN THE 21ST CENTURY WORKPLACE

Psychology provides skills that employers value.



Analytical thinking: Solve complex problems, attend to details, plan proactively, and display comfort with ambiguity.

Critical thinking: Display proficiency with statistics, program evaluation, and research design necessary for the study of social and technical systems.

Creativity: Use innovative and resourceful approaches to problem solving and new tasks.

Information management: Be adept at locating, organizing, evaluating, and distributing information from multiple sources.

Judgment and decision making: Engage in logical and systematic thinking and ethical decision making when considering the possible outcomes of a particular action.



Oral communication: Demonstrate strong active listening and conversational abilities in both informal and professional environments, as well as aptitude for public speaking and communicating scientific information to diverse audiences.

Written communication: Comprehend relevant reading materials to produce professional documents that are grammatically correct, such as technical or training materials and business correspondence.



Adaptability: Adjust successfully to change by responding in a flexible, proactive, and civil manner when changes occur.

Integrity: Perform work in an honest, reliable, and accountable manner that reflects the ethical values and standards of an organization.

Self-regulation: Manage time and stress by completing assigned tasks with little or no supervision; display initiative and persistence by accepting and completing additional duties in a careful, thorough, and dependable manner.



Collaboration: Work effectively in a team by cooperating, sharing responsibilities, and listening and responding appropriately to the ideas of others.

Inclusivity: Demonstrate sensitivity to cultural and individual differences and similarities by working effectively with diverse people, respecting and considering divergent opinions, and showing respect for others.

Leadership: Establish a vision for individuals and for the group, creating long-term plans and guiding and inspiring others to accomplish tasks in a successful manner.

Management: Manage individuals and/or teams, coordinate projects, and prioritize individual and team tasks.

Service orientation: Seek ways to help people by displaying empathy; maintaining a customer, patient, or client focus; and engaging in the community.



Flexibility/adaptability to new systems: Be willing and able to learn and/or adapt to new computer platforms, operating systems, and software programs.

Familiarity with hardware and software: Demonstrate competency in using various operating systems, programs, and/or coding protocols; troubleshoot technical errors; and use software applications to build and maintain websites, create web-based applications, and perform statistical analyses.

10 Great Reasons to Earn a Psychology Degree

1 It Can Open the Door to a Variety of Careers



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Psychology is certainly not a one-size-fits-all career choice. In fact, one of the greatest strengths of a psychology degree is the enormous variety of career paths that are available to graduates. Students can tailor their education and degree to focus on specialty areas that appeal to their interests. Some of these potential professions include:

- Clinical Psychology
- Sports Psychology
- Forensic Psychology
- Health Psychology
- Industrial-Organizational Psychology
- Human Factors Psychology

10 Great Reasons to Earn a Psychology Degree

2 A Great Way to Learn More About Yourself and Others



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Have you ever wondered why people behave in certain ways? Or maybe you've always wanted to learn more about your own mind, emotions, and actions? Earning a degree in psychology is an excellent way to gain a greater understanding of people.

In addition to satisfying your own interest in human nature, having a solid understanding of what makes people do certain things can be a very marketable skill in a wide variety of job settings, including social services, advertising, marketing, education, health care, and politics.

10 Great Reasons to Earn a Psychology Degree

3 The Job Outlook for Psychology Majors Is Good



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The demand for psychological services in schools, hospitals, substance abuse treatment centers, and social services agencies is expected to fuel the demand for trained professionals. Three job areas expected to be in high demand are in clinical psychology, school psychology, and industrial-organizational psychology.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor's *Bureau of Labor Statistics*, employment of psychologists is expected to grow at a rate of about 19 percent through the year 2024. This is considered much faster than average growth.

10 Great Reasons to Earn a Psychology Degree

4 Working in Psychology Can Be Fun, Rewarding, and Challenging



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If you love solving practical or theoretical problems, then earning a psychology degree might be a great choice for you. Some psychologists focus on helping people resolve complex emotional issues or developing solutions for real-world problems. Others delve deeper into our understanding of the human mind and behavior by conducting research and adding to the body of scientific knowledge.

No matter which area interests you, psychology presents unique challenges that can also be deeply rewarding.

10 Great Reasons to Earn a Psychology Degree

5 Make a Difference in People's Lives



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If you've ever dreamed of making a real difference in other people's lives, earning a psychology degree can be a great way to achieve that goal. Psychologists, counselors, therapists, and community services workers devote their time and energy to helping people overcome adversity, increase their well-being, and realize their full potential. While this type of work can be emotionally demanding and stressful at times, it can also be very fulfilling.

10 Great Reasons to Earn a Psychology Degree

6 Learn How to Record, Organize, Analyze, and Interpret Data



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Psychology students spend a great deal of time learning about research methods and statistics. Even if you don't particularly love the research process, learning more about how to gather, organize, analyze, and interpret data can be an important skill in a wide variety of careers. For example, educators, administrators, scientists, marketers, and advertisers often perform such tasks in order to make decisions, evaluate progress, and complete projects.

10 Great Reasons to Earn a Psychology Degree

7 Can Serve as a Great Background for Further Graduate Study



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An undergraduate degree in psychology can be an excellent starting point for further graduate study. Many students choose to earn a graduate degree in psychology, while others opt to switch to a related field such as counseling, education, or social work.

Having a background in human psychology can also lead to further study in areas such as law, medicine, or the life sciences.

10 Great Reasons to Earn a Psychology Degree

8 You Can Pursue a Specialty Area That You Are Passionate About



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Let's imagine that in addition to your strong interest in psychology, you also love sports and physical fitness. While the two subjects might seem only distantly related at first, they actually make up a major specialty area known as sports psychology.

One great benefit of earning a psychology degree is that you can pursue a career path that is well-aligned to your passions and interests. A student who enjoys working with young children can specialize in developmental psychology with a focus on early childhood development while another student who is fascinated by the aging process could earn a degree in the same subject with a focus on geriatrics.

10 Great Reasons to Earn a Psychology Degree

9 Impress Potential Employers



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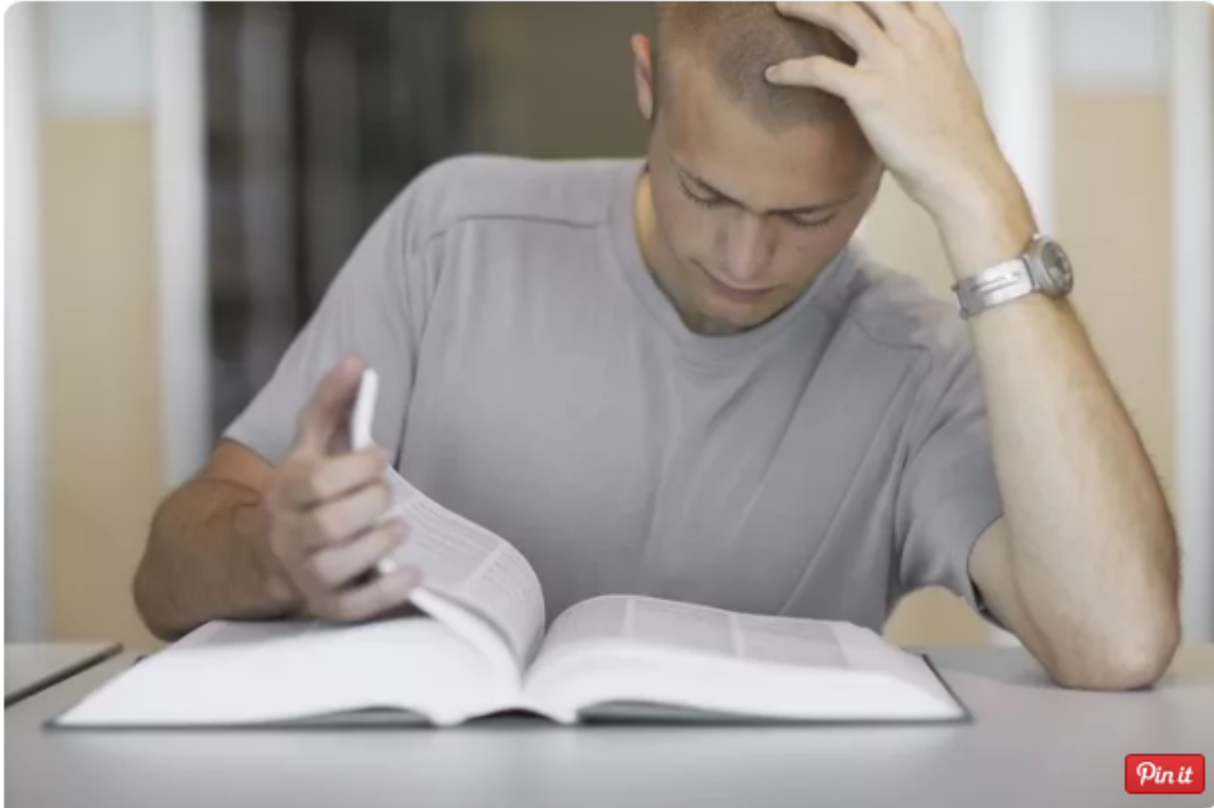
Earning a degree in psychology can be a great way to prepare for a range of different professions.

The skills that you acquire during your study of psychology such as analyzing data, communicating complex information and understanding human behavior are all abilities that are highly prized by employers.

According to *Complete Psychology* by Graham Davey, only about 15 to 20% of psychology majors go on to become professional psychologists or counselors. So what do the estimated three-quarters of psychology majors end up doing with their degrees? Many put their knowledge of psychology to work in various professions including marketing, business, advertising, criminal justice, education, sales, public affairs, health services, human resources, and numerous other areas.¹

10 Great Reasons to Earn a Psychology Degree

10 You Just Love Learning About Psychology



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The best possible reason to earn a degree in psychology is simply a love for the subject matter. If you look forward to going to your [psychology courses](#), enjoy discussing psychology topics, spend your free time browsing psychology websites, and love learning [new facts](#) about psychology, then chances are really good that earning a psychology degree is a good choice for you.