



What can I do with a major in Psychology?

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The information below describes typical occupations and employers associated with this major. Understand that some of the options listed below may require additional training. Moreover, you are not limited to these options alone when choosing a possible career path.

Description of Psychology

Psychology is the study of human and animal behavior. Those in the field of psychology seek to understand what constitutes normal and abnormal behavior and attain information on individual differences in mental processes, emotions, perceptions, development, thoughts, and motives. Students studying psychology also learn about the experimental methods necessary to acquire this knowledge. There are a substantial number of sub-categories within the discipline of psychology. These include, but are not limited to: applied psychology, biopsychology, clinical psychology, cognitive-experimental psychology, life-span developmental psychology, organizational psychology and social psychology. Opportunities for graduates include careers in industrial, government, and other organizational settings; mental health settings; college/university teaching and research; and other professional areas.

Job Titles of Recent UGA Psychology Graduates

Account Executive	Family Independence Case	Real Estate Sales Agent
Administrative Assistant	Manager	Research Assistant
Analyst	Flight Attendant	Residential Counselor
Assistant Manager	Health Science Specialist	Retirement Specialist
Assistant Professor	Human Resource Generalist	Sales Associate
Case Manager	Instructor	Social Worker
Clinical Assistant	Insurance Counselor	Substitute Teacher
Communications Officer	Leasing Consultant	Tour Guide
Consultant	Management Trainee	Volunteer Coordinator
Counselor	Mental Health Assistant	Wilderness Counselor
Customer Service Manager	Office Manager	Youth Minister
Executive Assistant	Project Coordinator	Youth Worker

Employers Hiring UGA Psychology Graduates

National Public Radio (NPR)	Department of Revenue	AFLAC Insurance
Public Broadcasting System (PBS)	U.S. Army	MCI
Florida Bd. of Bar Examiners	Delta Airlines	Turner Broadcasting
University of Georgia	Geico Direct	Georgia Dept. of Labor
Dept. of Family and Child Services	Federal Bureau of Prisons	Cobb Galleria Center
Charter Behavioral Health	Athens-Clarke County Govt.	Churches / Synagogues
Gwinnett Police Department	U.S. Veterans Admin	Georgia Port Authority
Glaxo Welcome	Xerox Corporation	Turner Sports
Wachovia	Leasing Companies	Gwinnett County Schools
Merrill Lynch	BellSouth	Georgia Dept. of Corrections
Anderson Consulting	Regents Bank	Pinnacle Medical Group
Bethesda Home for Boys	General Electric	Georgia Pacific
Abercrombie and Fitch	IBM	Meridian Health Care
Athens Montessori	NationsBank	The Alcove Youth Shelter
The Gap	J.B. Hunt Transport	Better Business Bureau

Additional Job Titles of Psychology Graduates at Large

Admissions Counselor	Hospice Coordinator	Public Opinion Surveyor
Advertising	Hotel Management	Press Liaison
Art / Music Therapist	Industrial Psychologist	Psychometrist
Corrections Officer	Labor Relations Specialist	Public Relations Specialist
Creative Director	Market Analyst	Recreation Specialist
Customer Service Rep.	Media Buyer / Planner	School Guidance Counselor
Customs / Immigration Officer	Mental Health Clinician	Social Service Worker
Educator	Motivational Researcher	Sociologist
Employment Counselor	Occupational Therapist	Speech Pathologist
Employment Recruiter	Physical Therapist	Television/Media Researcher
Ergonomist	Probation / Parole Officer	Vocational Rehab Counselor
Financial Advisor	Program Developer	Wage/Benefits Analyst

Additional Employment Settings for Psychology Graduates

Adoption / Child-care agencies	Court Systems	Public Opinion Companies
Advertising Departments	Correctional Institutions	Recreation Departments
Boys and Girls Clubs	Health and Human Services	Religious Organizations
Businesses and Corporations	Labor Departments	Social Service Agencies
Civil Rights Commission	Mental health Associations	Veteran's Administration
Colleges and Universities	Personnel Departments	YMCA-YWCA
Consumer Affairs Departments		

Skill Sets and Interest Commonly Associated with Psychology Majors

Able to interpret and explain scientific research	Capable of maintaining interpersonal contact
Skilled in reading comprehension	Propensity to help or assist others
Effective writer and speaker	Awareness of variations in individual behavior
Able to observe and examine others introspectively	Aspiration to continue learning over their lifetime
Sensitive to the needs and feelings of others	Possesses warm and friendly personality
Able to evaluate personal problems	Interested in finding answers to unexplainable behavior
Talented at making critical decisions	

Top UGA Career Center Resources for Psychology Majors

Careers for Good Samaritans by Marjorie Eberts and Margaret Gisler	Great Jobs for Liberal Arts Jobs by Blythe Camenson
Careers in Social and Rehabilitation Science by Geraldine Garner	Opportunities in Counseling and Developmental Careers by Neal Baxter
Good Works edited by Donna Colvin	Opportunities in Social Science Career by Rosanne Marek

UGA Campus Contacts Associated with Psychology

UGA Psychology Club psyclub@arches.uga.edu	UGA PsychNet www.teach.psy.uga.edu/scripts/psychnet/default.asp
UGA Psi Chi National Honor Society http://www.uga.edu/psychology/psichi.html	UGA Department of Psychology Phone: (706) 542-3275

Additional Resources for Psychology Majors

American Psychological Association www.apa.org	National Association of School Psychologists www.nasponline.org
Association of Black Psychologists www.abpsi.org	National Mental Health Association www.nmha.org

