

COTTEY

What Can I Do With A Major In . . . ?

Psychology

Psychology is the study of human and animal behavior. Psychology majors seek to understand and explain both normal and abnormal behavior, mental ability, perception, development, and differences in individuals. Psychology study also explores human emotions, thoughts and motives. Students learn psychological principles, facts, and theories, about individuals and groups, using experimental, observational, and case study methods. A few of the sub-branches within this field are educational psychology, social psychology, psychometrics, developmental psychology, child psychology, and counseling psychology.

IS THIS MAJOR FOR YOU?

You might like this major if you also like: observing humans and animals and how they act and respond; science; helping others; working with children or the elderly; working with numbers

Consider this major if you are good at: critical reading/thinking; observing; analyzing; interpersonal communications; understanding others needs; research

EMPLOYMENT SETTINGS

- Colleges and universities
- Hospitals and human service organizations
- Non-profit organizations
- Advertising firms
- Private practice
- Secondary schools
- Military

SAMPLE OCCUPATIONS

- Clinical Psychologist
- School Psychologist
- Health Care Administrator
- Rehabilitation Counselor
- Caseworker
- Counselor
- Psychiatrist
- Researcher
- Advocate

ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE CENTER RESOURCES

Majoring in Psych?

Opportunities in Counseling and Development Careers

Real People Working in The Helping Professions

Career Paths in Psychology

Opportunities in Psychology Careers

The Psychology Major- Career Options and Strategies for Success

TYPICAL COURSES IN THIS MAJOR

- Abnormal Psychology
- Social Psychology
- Psychology of Gender
- Personality Development
- History of Psychology
- Cross-cultural Psychology
- Child Psychology
- Research Methods
- Cognitive Psychology
- Industrial/Organizational Psychology

OTHER MAJORS YOU MIGHT LIKE

- Sociology
- Neuroscience
- Religious studies
- Anthropology
- Gerontology
- Behavioral sciences
- Industrial engineering

WEBSITES TO VISIT

American Psychological Association
www.apa.org

National Association of School Psychologists
www.naspweb.org

American Psychological Society
www.psychologicalscience.org