

WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH A MAJOR IN...

psychology

P psychology is the science that studies behavior and mental processes. Psychologists apply their knowledge to a wide range of fields, including health and human services, research, management, education, law, and sports.

The field of psychology offers a variety of career opportunities. Some psychology majors enter the world of work immediately after earning their bachelor's degree, while others continue their education to prepare for more specialized employment. The breadth of the field creates many different specializations such as clinical and counseling psychologists, cognitive psychologists, developmental psychologists, research psychologists, school psychologists, forensic psychologists, and industrial organizational psychologists. To give you an idea of the varied interests of psychologists, a list and description of the major areas of psychology is available from the American Psychological Association website at www.apa.org/about/division.html. Depending on your area of specialization, you may work in a variety of settings such as hospitals, schools, community centers, universities, and/or government agencies. When licensed, you may also work as a private practitioner.

PSYCHOLOGY ...at chapman university

Chapman Clubs and Organizations

Psi Chi www.psichi.org

The National Honors Society in Psychology that provides national recognition for academic excellence. The Chapman Psi Chi Chapter actively supports the development and maintenance of a curriculum high in quality and educational effectiveness. It promotes student research, university service, and community philanthropy.

Related Majors

Sociology, Biology, Pre-Med, English, Legal Studies, Communications, Health Systems, Public Relations, Organizational Leadership, Business Management, Education, Liberal Studies, Athletic Training and Physical Education

At Chapman, undergraduate students may earn a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology or a Bachelor of Sciences Degree in Psychobiology. The latter degree would be recommended for students intending to pursue careers in medicine and/or neurosciences. The Bachelor of Arts in Psychology provides the core foundation curriculum in psychology and provides students with the essentials of psychological science and thought. In addition to the core curriculum, students pursue a curriculum of psychological process and applied psychology courses chosen in consultation with their psychology academic advisor. The undergraduate psychology curriculum is designed to prepare students for graduate study in psychology and related disciplines, for graduate study in fields where knowledge of human behavior would be beneficial, for professional careers in psychology, or for baccalaureate-level careers in human services or psychological support settings.

The Chapman Graduate Psychology Program offers Masters Degrees in Marriage and Family Therapy (MFT) and in Clinical Psychology. A student completing the MFT Program could eventually obtain a license to practice after completion of post-degree internship experience. After completion of undergraduate or graduate studies at Chapman, students wishing to pursue doctoral-level work would seek either a Doctor of Psychology (Psy.D.) program or a Ph.D. program. The Psy.D. is for persons who desire to practice psychology, whereas the Ph.D. is for persons who desire university-level teaching and research.

While Still in College...

If you are looking to pursue a career in psychology, it is a good idea to participate in Psi Chi, attend local or regional seminars and conferences to learn about the different areas of psychology, and obtain student membership in psychology professional organizations. If you are interested in pursuing graduate school, it is highly recommended that you get involved in research activities under the supervision of a psychology faculty member. Typically this is done through completion of an independent study. In addition, to gain valuable experience, you should seek volunteer or paid internships at field sites. The Psychology Department will help you make arrangements for these activities.

...at the professional level

Associations provide a venue for people to share professional interests while also educating the public about their field. Look for details about salaries, training opportunities, membership benefits, and job resources.

American Psychological Association (APA) www.apa.org

The APA develops, implements, and regularly reviews educational and practice standards. The APA continuously monitors society's needs and expectations for psychologists and provides information to government policy makers. APA is the major publisher of information to guide students both in selecting and pursuing the psychology degree.

American Psychological Society (APS) www.psychologicalscience.org

The APS is devoted to the scientific study of thinking and behavior. Students seeking advanced degrees and careers in academic and research psychology and related areas will find the APS is an excellent source of information.

Online Psychology Career Center www.socialpsychology.org/career.htm

This large, interactive resource provides comprehensive and essential information links regarding psychology undergraduate and graduate programs, student aid, internships, job listings, and career tips. Also included is information about minority student programs and resources.

The American Board of Professional Psychology (ABPP) www.abpp.org

Serves the public need by certifying psychologists competent to deliver high quality services in various specialty areas of psychology.

Association of the Advancement of Psychology (AAP) www.aapnet.org

Promotes the interests of psychologists with representation before public and governmental bodies.

Western Psychological Association (WPA) www.westernpsych.org

The WPA was founded to stimulate the exchange of scientific and professional ideas to enhance interest in the processes of research and scholarship in the behavioral sciences.

Is It Good Match For You?

Do you enjoy interacting with and helping people?

Are you intrigued by people and their behaviors?

Do you enjoy listening to others?

Do you enjoy doing research?

Vital Skills

Strong verbal and written communication

Compassion

Patience

Understanding

Intuition and Logic

Listening skills

Research

Potential Employment With...

Government Agencies, Colleges and Universities, School Districts, Hospitals, Community Centers, Sports Teams, Corporations, Prisons, Non-profit Organizations, Private Practices

Related Occupations

Some of these occupations may require additional education and training.

Advertising Salesperson/Manager	Industrial Relations Manager
Arbitrator	Lawyer
Behavioral Psychologist	Market Research Analyst
Career Counselor	Marriage and Family Therapist
Child Welfare Worker	Mediator
Clinical Social Worker	Medical Social Worker
Clinical Psychologist	Mental Health Educator
Cognitive Psychologist	Ombudsman
Conflict Mediator	Police Officer
Community Organization Director	Professor
Consumer Psychologist	Psychopharmacologist
Consultant	Psychometrist
Correctional Caseworker	Psychotherapist
Correctional Officer	Public Health Statistician
Counseling Psychologist	Public Health Worker
Developmental Psychologist	Public Opinion Poll Taker
Drug Abuse Prevention Educator	Rehabilitation Counselor
Editor/Journalist	Researcher
Forensic Psychologist	School/Educational Psychologist
Geriatric Case Manager	Social Worker
Health Psychologist	Speech and Language Pathologist
Hospice Health Worker	Sports Psychologist
Human Resources Specialist	Survey Designer
Industrial/Organizational Psychologist	

Choosing Your Major...

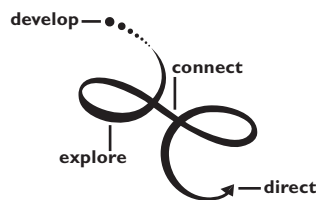
Choosing a major can be a difficult decision. If you need assistance in choosing your major or emphasis, the Career Development Center offers individual career counseling and provides career testing and assessment for current students. In addition, involvement in leadership activities, internships, part-time work, clubs and organizations and student government will expose you to different work and learning environments which will aid you in your decision making.

For Further Information

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