

**What can I do with a major in
“Psychology”?**
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This information describes typical occupations and employment settings associated with this major. Understand some of these options may require additional training. Moreover, you are not limited to these options 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 industry, government, and organizational settings; mental health settings; and college/university teaching and research.

Research Careers

O*NET <http://online.onetcenter.org> (Click on Find Occupations)

Georgia Career Information Center <http://www.gcic.peachnet.edu> (Accessible only on campus computers)

Occupational Outlook Handbook <http://www.bls.gov/oco> (Type in general term for career of interest)

Alberta Occupational Profiles www.alis.gov.ab.ca/occinfo/frameset.asp (Click on Occupational Title Search)

*Please visit the Career Center Library or your Career Consultant for more information or assistance.

Possible Job Titles of Psychology Graduates

(*Jobs secured as reported by UGA Career Center post-graduate survey)

Assessment Coordinator	Mental Health Assistant	Teacher
Health Science Specialist	Retirement Specialist	Direct Care Counselor
Recruiter	Counselor	Placement Coordinator
Behavioral Data Specialist	Office Manager	Underwriter
Human Resource Generalist	Service Corps Fellow	Director of Research
Research Assistant/Associate	Creative Director	Police Officer
Case Manager	Pharmaceutical	Volunteer Coordinator
Management Trainee	Social Worker	Family Case Manager
Residential Counselor	Customer Service Manager	Psychiatric Technician
Clinical Assistant	Representative	Wilderness Counselor

Possible Employers of Psychology Graduates

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Advantage Behavioral Health	Teach for America	Federal Judicial Center
Communicare	Bethesda Home for Boys	Vascent Studios
Mountain Lodge	DFCS	Charter Behavioral Health
Athens Regional Medical	Three Creeks	Georgia Dept. of Corrections
Department of Rehab Services	Better Business Bureau	Wediko Children's Services
North Carolina Hillel Center	Enterprise Rent a Car	City Year
Department of Revenue	U.S. Veterans Admin	Georgia Dept. of Labor
State Court Office	Broadcasting Companies	Clarke County Detention
Athens-Clarke County Govt.	Federal Bureau of Prisons	Glaxo Center
Deveruex Treatment Center	University of Georgia (PBS)	Marcus Institute of Atlanta
		Youth Villages

Career Center Library Resources

Careers in Focus – Social Work (2002) by Ferguson
Great Jobs for Psychology Majors (2001) by Julie DeGalan
Keys to Liberal Arts Success by Howard Figler
Majoring in Psych?(2001) by Betsy Morgan
Opportunities in Psychology Careers (2001) by Charles Super
Opportunities in Social Science Careers by Rosanne Marek (2004)
The Psychology Major: Career options and strategies for success (2004) by Eric Landrum
Top Careers for Liberal Arts Graduates by Ferguson
Students Federal Career Guide by Katherine Troutman
What Can I Do With a Major in Psychology? by Shelley O'hara

Campus Resources

UGA Psi Chi National Honor Society - <http://www.uga.edu/psichi>

Employment Websites

Human Services Career Network - www.hscareers.com/careercenter/

Psych Web - www.psywww.com

Federal Career Opportunities - www.usajobs.gov

Additional Resources

All Psychology Careers and Fields – www.allpsychologycareers.com

American Art Therapy Association - www.arttherapy.org

American Assoc. for Marriage and Family Therapy - www.aamft.org

American Counseling Association - www.counseling.org

American Music Therapy Association - www.musictherapy.org

American Psychological Association - www.apa.org

National Association of School Psychologists - <http://www.nasponline.org>

National Board for Certified Counselors - www.nbcc.org

Mental Health America - www.nmha.org

Society for Human Resource Management - www.shrm.org or www.shrmatlanta.org

Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology - <http://siop.org>