

What Can I Do With a Major In...

Psychology

<http://www.unt.edu/pais/insert/upsync.htm>

Majoring in Psychology:

As a psychology major, you may study personality development, human relationships, people's adjustment to different environments, learning and memory, and mental illness. You will explore the history of psychology and study the behavior of certain groups such as criminal offenders. You can learn basic experimental procedures as well as techniques for interacting with patients or clients. If you plan to earn a master's degree, you may want to take electives in the field in which you wish to be a practicing psychologist. Undergraduate courses are offered that will prepare you to enter graduate programs in behavioral medicine or clinical, counseling, experimental, industrial and school psychology.

Psychology faculty members are outstanding practicing psychologists and researchers. One faculty member is a diplomate of the American Board of Professional Psychology in forensic psychology. Other faculty members have served as advisers to the U.S. Department of Labor and the U.S. Olympic Committee.

UNT's Psychology faculty members are also outstanding teachers. One was named Regents Professor for excellence in research and teaching. Regents Professors devote at least half of their teaching load to introductory-level courses. Another was named a "Top Prof" by Mortar Board, a senior honor society. Another received a President's Council University Teaching Award. UNT has a chapter of Psi Chi, the national psychology honor society. Exceptional psychology students may be inducted into the chapter.

General information on Careers in Psychology:

A major in psychology at the University of North Texas can prepare you for a career in consumer advertising, market research analysis, personnel management, public relations for large corporations, or for teaching high school psychology. Or you may work as a psychologist's assistant in a clinic, hospital or community mental health agency. Psychology is a good major if you plan to work in law enforcement or to enter law school, medical school or a seminary.

To become a practicing psychologist, you will need to earn at least a master's degree. Some alumni who earned their master's and doctoral degrees work in clinics and hospitals, or in community mental health agencies, universities and private practices.

Other alumni work as school psychologists, industrial or organizational psychologists for large corporations, or experimental psychologists. Alumni also work in behavioral medicine, helping people improve their health. As researchers, they study psychological conditions associated with health and illness.

For more information about specific classes and requirements for students beginning in 2016-2017 follow the links provided below.

[BA in Psychology](#)

[BS in Psychology](#)

Related Career Titles

Entry-Level (Bachelor's Degree):

Qualified Mental Health Practitioner

Mental Health Associate

[Psychiatric Aide](#)

Community Coordinator

Residential Trainer

Mental Health Technician

Outreach Specialist

Data collector/Analyst

[Field Interviewer](#)

Research Assistant

Family Support Worker

Home Based Assistant

[Community Health Worker](#)

[Patient Representative](#)

Human Services Program Specialist

Behavioral Health Technician

Hospice Coordinator

Occupational Therapist Aide

[Social Services Assistant](#)

Family/Child Service Worker

Non-Profit Manager

Director of Volunteer Services

Day Care Supervisor

[Human Resource Specialist](#)

[Employment Interviewer](#)

[Training and Development Specialist](#)

[Recruiter](#)

Labor Relations

Customer Service

[Probation Officer](#)

[Correctional Treatment Specialist](#)

[Corrections Officer](#)

Youth/Juvenile Corrections Officer

Sales associate

[Sales Manager](#)

[Credit/Loan Counselor](#)

[Market Research Analyst](#)

Management Trainee Public Relations

Academic Advisor

Veteran's Advisor

University Residence Life

[Law Enforcement Officer](#)

High School Teacher

Fund Raising

Jobs Requiring Additional Experience (Master's, Doctorate, Certifications)

[Research Psychologist](#)
[Experimental Psychologist](#)
[Psychometrician](#)
[Psychologist](#)
[Clinical Psychologist](#)
[Counseling Psychologist](#)
[Psychiatrist](#)
[Mental Health Counselor](#)
[Social Worker](#)
[Developmental Psychologist](#)
Adolescent Specialist
[Child and Family Therapist](#)
[Child, Family and School Social Workers](#)
[School Psychologist](#)
[Guidance Counselor](#)
[Middle and High School Counselor](#)
[Play Therapist](#)
[Geriatric Psychologist/Gerontologist](#)
[Marriage and Family Therapist](#)
[Substance Abuse Counselor](#)
[Rehabilitation Counselor](#)
[Recreation Therapist](#)
[Sport Psychologist](#)
[Community Psychologist](#)

[Social Psychologist](#)
Crisis Counselor
[Military Psychologist](#)
[Spiritual Psychologist/Counselor](#)
Animal Assisted Therapist
[Physiological Psychologist](#)
[Neuropsychologist](#)
[Neuropsychopharmacologist](#)
[Survey Researcher](#)
Career/Vocational Counselor
[Industrial/Organizational Psychologist](#)
[Consumer Psychologist](#)
[Educational Psychologist](#)
Behavior Analyst
[Medical/Healthcare Social Worker](#)
[Child Life Specialist](#)
[Occupational Therapist](#)
[Health Psychologist](#)
[Speech-Language Pathologist](#)
Social Researcher
[Forensic Psychologist](#)
[Art and Music Therapist](#)
[College or University Professor](#)
Community College Professor

Possible Work Settings

Advertising Agencies
Assessment Clinics
Assisted Living Centers
Child Protective Services
Colleges and Universities
Community Counseling Agencies
Community Shelters
Day Care Centers
Department of Health & Human Services
Employee Assistance Programs
Federal, State and Local Government
Agencies and Departments
Group Homes
Hospitals & Clinics

Human Resources Department of
Companies
Mental Health Organizations
Non-profit Organizations
Nursing/Retirement Homes
Private Practice
Public Health Service
Public Relations and Trade Associations
Public and Private Schools
Religiously-Affiliated Service Organizations
Social Services Agencies
Prisons & Correctional Institutions
Substance Abuse Clinics
United Way Agencies

Examples of Employers Recruiting UNT Psychology Majors:

Adapt of Texas	Habitat for Humanity
Alcon Labs	LifePath Systems
American Cancer Society	NYC Teaching Fellows
AXA Advisors, LLC	r2 Technologies, Inc.
Bellevue Public School District	San Antonio ISD
Big Brothers /Big Sisters	Tarrant County MHMR
Denton County MHMR	Tarrant County Community College
Early Childhood Intervention	Texas Youth Commission
Fastenal Company	The Monarch School
FedEx Express	University of North Texas
Denton County Friends of the Family	University of Texas at Dallas
Gladney Center for Adoption	York County School Division
Goodwill Industries of Dallas, Inc.	

*To find other social service providers in the Denton County follow the link below
<http://dentoncounty.com/socialservices.asp>

Skills Used and Developed in the Psychology major

Human development and behavior	Observe, analyze and interpret information
Understanding of group dynamics	Resolve or mediate conflicts
Written and oral communications	Promote healthy relationships
Active listening	Psychometric Skills
Interpersonal skills	Statistical Analysis
Social and Personal Skills	Engage in ethical practice
Critical and inferential thinking	
Problem-solving	

Websites for Exploring Psychology Careers

Finding Careers with a Psychology Degree: <http://www.learnpsychology.org/>

Finding Careers with a Bachelor's Degree: <http://psych.hanover.edu/handbook/bachpsy2.html>

American Psychological Association: <http://www.apa.org/education/undergrad/psych-career.aspx>

Psychology Career Center: <http://www.psychologycareercenter.org/careers.html>

Career Corner Stone: <http://www.careercornerstone.org/psychologist/psychologist.htm>

Careers in Psych: <http://careersinpsychology.org/>

PsychWeb: <http://www.psychwww.com/>

Psych Degrees by Area: <http://www.onlinepsychologydegrees.com/>

Online Psych Center: <http://www.socialpsychology.org/career.htm>

Encyclopedia of Psychology: <http://www.psychology.org/links/Career/>

About Behavioral Analysis: <http://www.bacb.com/index.php?page=2>

Student Organizations at UNT (Learn more at UNT [ORGSYNC](#))

Chi Sigma Iota

More Than a Mentor

North Texas Active Minds

North Texas Rehabilitation Association

Psi Chi International Honor Society

Social Services Jobsites

<http://www.socialservice.com/>

<http://jobsinhr.org/>

Professional Organizations

American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, <http://www.aamft.org/iMIS15/AAMFT/>

American Board of Forensic Psychologists, <http://www.abfp.com/brochure.asp>

American Counseling Association, <Http://www.counseling.org>

American Psychiatric Association, <http://www.psych.org/>

American Psychological Association, <http://www.apa.org/>

American Psychological Association of Graduate Students (APAGS), <http://www.apa.org/apags/>

Association for Applied Sport Psychology, <http://www.appliedsportpsych.org/>

Association for Psychological Science, <http://www.psychologicalscience.org/>

Association for Research in Personality, <http://www.personality-arp.org/>
Center for the History of Psychology, <http://www.uakron.edu/chp/>
National Association of School Psychologists, <http://www.nasponline.org/>
Society of Clinical Psychology, <http://www.apa.org/divisions/div12/aboutcp.html>
Society of Counseling Psychology, <http://www.div17.org/>
Society for Human Resource Management, <http://www.shrm.org/Pages/default.aspx>
Society for Personality and Social Psychology, <http://www.spsp.org/>
Society of the Teaching of Psychology, <http://www.teachpsych.org/>
The Association of Black Psychologists, <http://www.abpsi.org/>

Additional Resources

Occupational Outlook Handbook: <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>
O*NET OnLine: <http://www.onetonline.org/>
Eagle Careers: http://careercenter.unt.edu/eagle_network.html
LinkedIn: <http://university.linkedin.com/linkedin-for-students.html>
mySkills myFuture: <http://www.myskillsmyfuture.org/>
USAjobs: <https://www.usajobs.gov/StudentsAndGrads>
CareerOneStop: <http://www.careeronestop.org/>
CareerRookie: <http://www.careerrookie.com/>

Need help figuring all this out? Call the Career Center and make an appointment with your Career Advisor! You can also get help with resume and cover letter writing and interview skills preparation.

**Information for this handout compiled from the following Career Services Departments:*

Central Washington University: <http://www.cwu.edu/career/>

Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne: <http://www.ipfw.edu/offices/career/>

Texas State University: <http://www.careerservices.txstate.edu/>

University of North Carolina Wilmington: <http://www.uncw.edu/career/index.html>

University of North Texas: <http://careercenter.unt.edu/>

University of Tennessee-Knoxville: <http://career.utk.edu/>

University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire: <http://www.uwec.edu/Career/index.htm>