What Can I Do With a Major In…

**Psychology**

http://www.unt.edu/pais/insert/upsyc.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**

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

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

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
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/

**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 Counseling Association, Http://www.counseling.org
American Psychological Association of Graduate Students (APAGS), http://www.apa.org/apags/
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/

Additional Resources

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