

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 that 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.

Researching Job Titles and Careers

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

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

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

Career Insider: Vault Guides http://career.uga.edu/resources/online_resources (Under the “Resources” tab and select “Online Resources”)

Candid Career http://career.uga.edu/resources/online_resources (View professionals speaking about their careers under the “Resources” tab and select “Online Resources”)

Possible Job Titles

Account Executive	Cinematographer	Medical Assistant
Administrative Assistant	College Advisor	Medical Translator
Admissions Assistant	Creative & Social Media Employee	Nurse
Assistant Digital Strategist	Data Collections Specialist	Paralegal
Assistant Manager	Event Planner	Police Officer
Associate Producer	Financial Advisor	Rehabilitation Technician
Behavioral Health Provider	Human Resource Coordinator	Sales Associate
Booking Agent	Human Resource Talent Scout	Student Affairs Specialist
Brain Trainer	IT Consultant	Talent Acquisition Specialist
Campaign Assistant	Lab Coordinator	Teacher
Childlife Specialist	Marketing Communications	Technical Writer

Possible Employers

Advantage Behavioral Health	Deloitte	Insight Global
AIG	Dow Jones	LearningRx
Atlanta Ctr. for Medical Research	Eagle Ranch	LG Hausys
Athens Neurological Associates	Engauge	Liberty Square Pharmacy
Athens Regional Medical Ctr.	EOS Marketing & Communications	Life Is My Movie Entertainment
Avatar Events Group	Fulton County Schools	Marcus Autism Center
Beena Vision	Georgia College Advising Corp.	Nextstar Communications
Benchmark Human Services	Georgia Pediatric Pulmonology Ass.	Nimbleslick Entertainment
Children’s Ctr. for Digestive Healthcare	Grady Health System	Owens Institute for Behavioral Research
Chris Murphy Music	Greenleaf Management	Pathways Transition Programs
Civitan’s Camp Big Heart	Guest Services, Inc.	Rehab Services of Tifton
Cox Media Group	HC Architecture	Teach for America
Coxx, Curry & Associates	Hines	Youth Villages
DeKalb County Schools		YMCA

To learn what types of positions and companies UGA students are working with, see the UGA Career Center Post Graduation Survey at www.career.uga.edu/gradsurveyresults/ and search for alumni on Linked In at www.linkedin.com.

Campus Resources

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

Research Opportunities:

CURO – Center for Undergraduate Research Opportunities - <http://curo.uga.edu/>

To find additional clubs and organizations, go to the **Center for Student Organizations at-** <http://stuorgs.uga.edu/find/index.html>

Connect with your Career Consultant <http://career.uga.edu/contact#careerconsultants>

Employment Websites

GENERAL:

CareerSearch http://career.uga.edu/resources/online_resources (Research employers by location and/or industry)

DAWGlink www.career.uga.edu/ (login with your UGA MyID and password)

GoinGlobal (To access GoinGlobal, login to your DAWGlink account)

Idealist www.idealists.org/ (nonprofit jobs)

USAJobs www.usajobs.gov/ (federal jobs)

MAJOR/CAREER SPECIFIC:

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

Careers in Psychology - <http://careersinpsychology.org/>

Federal Career Opportunities - www.usajobs.gov

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

Mental Health America - www.nmha.org

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

National Board for Certified Counselors - www.nbcc.org

Psychology School Guide - <http://www.psychologyschoolguide.net/>

Psych Web - www.psywww.com

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

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

LICENSURE INFORMATION:

Professional Counseling: National Board of Certified Counselors - <http://www.nbcc.org/stateLicensure>

Clinical Counseling: National Board of Certified Counselors - <http://www.nbcc.org/Specialties/CCMHC>

School Counseling: National Board of Certified Counselors - <http://www.nbcc.org/specialties/NCSC>

Social Work: Association of Social Work Boards - <http://www.aswb.org/index.asp>

Marriage & Family Therapy: Association of Marital & Family Therapy - <http://www.amftrb.org/exam.cfm>

Occupational Therapy: National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy - <http://www.nbcot.org/>

Music Therapy: Certification Board for Music Therapists - <http://www.cbmt.org/>

Professional Information Resources

Find professionals on LinkedIn who have graduated from UGA with their psychology degree. See what they are currently doing and how they got there! To find UGA alumni, join the University of Georgia Alumni Association Group on LinkedIn.

Tip: Join LinkedIn groups that are related to your career interest. Need help finding groups? Check out the Groups You May Like link under the Interests/Groups tab. Review the groups that professionals in your field of interest have joined and consider joining them as well.

Additional Career Consultant Recommendations:

Researching Careers: Regardless of the career that you desire to pursue, talking with professionals in that field is essential and can help validate your decisions. Use the Informational Interview guidelines in the UGA Career Guide to learn more about how to connect with individuals in your areas of interest.

Graduate School: If you are interested in going to graduate school, check out these graduate school prep resources on the UGA Career Center's website - http://career.uga.edu/graduate_school/

For additional graduate school help, meet with your Career Consultant at the UGA Career Center.