What you can do with your PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR



Psychology Major Skills



Critical Thinking

You define, analyze, and solve complex problems, identify factors that contribute to outcomes, analyze the connections, and develop solutions.



Research

You know how to define a problem, identify strengths and weakness of data sources, research methods and approaches using scientific reasoning, report findings, and make recommendations.



Data Collection & Analysis

You identify and collect relevant data, and use insight, knowledge, reasoning and technical skills to analyze those data sets and develop logical solutions.



Inclusivity

You acquire an appreciation and respect of cultural and individual differences, divergent opinions, backgrounds, and experiences.



Communication

You effectively communicate ideas and information verbally, visually and in writing using a wide variety of media.



Technology

You gather and manipulate information, construct ideas, and use emerging technology to achieve goals.

Supplement Your Skills With



Career & Self Development



Experience Fostering Professional Equity & Inclusion



Leadership & Teamwork



Gain Experience: Research, Internships, Part-Time Work & Volunteerism

Chart Your Path Forward

Activate Your Handshake Account

for connections to jobs, internships, employer & alumni networking.

Explore Career Communities

to discover a wide variety of fields where you can turn your major into success.

Get Career & Internship Advising

from SuccessWorks to make a plan, whether you're a first-year student or about to graduate.

Get Started: successworks.wisc.edu

Put your Psychology major to WORK

Common Alumni Job Titles

Healthcare & Wellbeing

- Clinical Psychologist
- Counselor/Therapist
- Registered Nurse
- Occupational Therapist

Consulting, Finance & Business Roles

- Account Executive/Manager
- Attorney
- Business Owner/Founder
- Consultant
- Project Manager

Non-Profit & Education

- Director
- Professor
- Project Manager
- School Psychologist

Scientific Research

- Clinical Research Coordinator
- Research Specialist/Associate

Common Employers of Alumni

- Advocate Health Care
- Alina Health
- Amazon
- American Family Insurance
- Aurora Healthcare
- Children's Wisconsin
- Epic
- Exact Sciences
- Kaiser Permanente
- Madison Metropolitan School District
- Medical College of Wisconsin
- Northwestern Mutual

- Rogers Behavioral Health
- SSM Health
- State of Wisconsin
- UnityPoint Health
- University of Wisconsin-Madison
- US Department of Veteran Affairs
- UW Health
- WI Department of Health Services

Recent Grads' Career Plans

- **56%** Employment
- **42%** Continuing Education or Grad School
- 2% Volunteering or Service Programs

Industry of Employment

- 1. Healthcare
- 2. Education
- 3. Information Technology
- 4. Finance
- 5. Government

6. Nonprofit

- 7. Life Sciences
- 8. Legal
- 9. Retail & Services
- 10. Insurance

Where Alumni Live & Work

36% Wisconsin

12% Illinois

8% Minnesota

7% California

5% New York

43% Other



"I constantly rely on the skills and knowledge I gained from my Psychology studies.

A practice and study of how people work has been valuable in many areas, including training, design, communications, and management. Understanding how research is designed and conducted has been valuable in making data-driven decisions and in general as a citizen living in the information age."

David McHugh, 2008

Director of Instructional Technology Services Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction Madison, WI



"As a Psychology major, I learned about the complexity of human behavior and what motivates people to act as they do. Applying this knowledge in the workplace allowed me to successfully develop employees, work teams, and organizations. An unexpected benefit of my major was having the necessary building blocks to coach and mentor others."

Dr. Andrea Konz, 1982

Management Consultant, Lecturer Konz Consulting, UW-Madison Franklin, WI

Career Communities for Psychology Majors

SuccessWorks has eight Career Communities to connect you with career advising, resources and programs. Here are a few suggestions on where Psychology majors can start.

Not inspired by these options? Visit SuccessWorks to explore more widely.

- Healthcare & Wellbeing
- Non-Profit & Education
- Technology, Data & Analytics
- Consulting, Finance & Business Roles
- Scientific Research

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