

Career Paths After Your BA in Psychology

It is important to remember that our undergraduate major is designed to provide a broad-based liberal education. We firmly believe that the Psychology major provides the student with critical thinking skills relevant to any career, be it in mental health, physical health, science, business, or academia. We do not tailor our programs to any specific occupation. Our students thrive in a wide variety of occupations, as documented in the table on the other side.

Psychology graduates are successful in finding employment or pursuing graduate study. They are comparable to other Arts & Science majors in their representation in a variety of fields, supporting our contention that Psychology is a good liberal education basis for careers in many fields. Surveys by the College of Arts and Science one to five years after students have graduated document the success of our graduates in highly competitive fields.

According to the table on the other side, Percentage of Graduates in Various Pursuits, the profile of the Psychology majors almost mirrors that of the other Arts & science majors. About 60% of the graduates are working, and the most frequent occupational fields include human services, and business. Forty per-cent are in graduate school. Only 13% of the total are in graduate school pursuing an advanced degree in psychology.

In 1990, the College surveyed alumna who had graduated in 1985. Of the 34 respondents, 9% had earned advanced degrees in psychology, 38% in other fields. On average, they were quite satisfied with their current occupations, and reported that the psychology major was “good to excellent” at providing a good liberal education.

To find further information about careers in psychology, a number of resources are available in the Chief Departmental Adviser’s office (102 Benton):

- Careers in Psychology (APA publication). See also www.apa.org
- Getting in: A step by step plan for gaining admission to graduate school in psychology
- Majoring in Psychology? Career options for psychology undergraduates
- Career Guide: Road maps to meaning in the world of work
- Is Psychology the major for you?
- Insider’s Guide to Graduate Programs in Clinical Psychology
- GRE study guides

More information and resources can be found at the Career Planning and Placement Office (228 Hoyt, 529-3831). They have a very useful web site at www.muohio.edu/cppo/.

- Career Counseling
- On-Campus Interview Program
- Video-taped Mock Interview Service
- Job Fairs/Graduate School Fair

Percentage of Graduates in Various Pursuits

Graduate School	Class of 1994		Class of 1995	
	A&S	PSY	A&S	PSY
Education	2.28	5.07	2.24	2.90
Health	1.59	2.52	1.49	0.72
Human Services	2.05	6.72	2.13	10.87
Law	8.20	5.88	7.47	3.62
Medicine & Related	7.06	7.56	7.04	4.35
Other	3.65	1.68	3.20	1.45
Psychology	1.14	8.40	2.13	13.77
Religion	0.23	0.84	0.22	0.75
Journalism/English	0.80	0	1.07	0.72
Veterinary	0.68	0.84	0.21	0
Biology	1.71	0.84	1.28	0
Business	1.48	2.52	0.85	0
Chemistry , Environmental, Pharmacy	1.48	0	0.97	0
Communication	1.94	0.84	1.60	0
Dentistry	1.03	0.84	0.85	0
Engineering	0.34	0.84	0.32	0
Foreign Languages, Geography, Political Science	1.37	0	2.14	0
History, Mathematics, Nursing, Physics	1.37	0	1.50	0
Subtotal	38.38	45.39	36.71	39.15
Employment:	A&S	PSY	A&S	PSY
Business	12.30	10.08	13.45	18.12
Communications	6.61	0.84	5.34	0.72
Education	3.53	3.36	3.84	2.17
Finance, Banking	3.64	4.20	2.35	5.80
Health	1.37	2.52	1.28	1.45
Human Services	5.13	15.97	4.59	17.39
Hospitality/Tourism	0.34	0.84	0.43	0.72
Marketing/Sales	9.79	6.72	10.67	6.52
Office Support	2.16	1.68	2.35	1.45
Scientific Research	2.85	1.68	3.52	1.45
Service Delivery	2.73	2.52	1.92	2.17
Military	2.62	0.84	2.24	0
No Specifics	0.34	0	0.75	0.72
Computer Science/Engineering	1.71	0	1.71	0.72
Government, Law, Religion	3.41	0	4.58	0
Other	0.46	0.84	1.39	0
Subtotal	58.09	52.09	60.41	59.40
Unemployed				
Salary Categories	A&S 1994	PSY 1994	PSY 1995	
	n=294	n=35	n=46	
Under 10,000	2.72	0	0	
10,000-14,999	8.5	14.28	8.70	
15,000-19,999	13.27	20.0	15.22	
20,000-24,999	27.55	20.0	45.65	
25,000-29,999	24.83	25.7	26.09	
30,000+	24.83	20.0	4.35	