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**

### 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