

MAJOR TO CAREER GUIDE

Psychology College of Liberal Arts

Mission of the College of Liberal Arts

The College of Liberal Arts offers a rich variety of courses, majors and interdisciplinary programs in the humanities and the social sciences. Being well educated involves developing an array of intellectual skills, having the ability to use a variety of methodologies to understand our changing world, and having a broad base of diverse knowledge. Our courses and degree programs are designed to provide such a foundation and to create life-long learners who can adapt to the inevitably changing environments they will encounter.

Visit this site for more information:
<http://www.unlv.edu/liberalarts>

About the Psychology Major

Psychology is the study of human and animal behavior, including human emotions, thoughts, and motives. The B.A. degree in Psychology at UNLV provides essential experiences and education in a variety of skills, including problem solving, working effectively with people, and organizing and collecting evidence on which to base important decisions. Job opportunities for psychology majors include service and research careers related to health and mental health, management, and sales. Psychology is also excellent preparation for a variety of career paths that involve graduate school.

Organizations Hiring Psychology Majors

- Advertising & public relations firms
- Corporations of all sizes and industries
- Federal, state and local governmental agencies
- Higher Education (e.g., Colleges & Universities)
- Hospitals and medical centers
- Non-profit agencies

UNLV Academic Advising For Psychology Majors

Academic Advisors meet with students about their academic goals and assist in constructing a plan for graduation. Advisors can also help students understand how their experiences at UNLV can lead to a career in their desired field.

College of Liberal Arts Wilson Advising Center
Phone: 702-895-1997
Campus Location: WRI B131
<http://liberalarts.unlv.edu/WAC/>

Psychology Career Options

- Advertising Agent
- Career Counselor
- Community Organization Worker
- Consumer Affairs Advocate
- Criminology
- Educator
- Educational Administrator
- Employment Counselor
- Guidance Counselor
- Hospital Administrator
- Human Resources Administrator
- Human Services Worker
- Job Analyst
- Judge, Lawyer
- Market Research Analyst
- Member of Clergy
- Mental Health Worker
- Occupational Therapist
- Personnel Manager
- Police or Probation Officer
- Psychiatrist
- Psychologist
- Psychometricist
- Rehabilitation Counselor
- Researcher
- Residence Counselor
- Social Caseworker
- Special Education
- Speech Pathologist
- Therapist
- Vocation/Rehabilitation Counselor

Honor Society in Psychology

Psi Chi is the International Honor Society in Psychology.

Psychology Club is an organization for students who are interested in psychology and who want to be involved.

Psi Chi & Psychology Club: <http://psychology.unlv.edu/psichi.htm>

Some Professional Associations in Psychology

American Psychological Association: <http://www.apa.org>

Western Psychological Association <http://www.westernpsych.org>

Graduate Programs in Psychology

The Psychology Department at UNLV offers Ph.D. programs in Clinical and Experimental psychology. The Department admits to graduate study only those students who expect to pursue a doctoral degree in Psychology.

<http://psychology.unlv.edu>

Also visit the UNLV Graduate College website at:
<http://graduatecollege.unlv.edu>

Helpful Career Information

Employers rate candidate soft skills/qualities in order of importance

- 1 Ability to verbally communicate with persons inside and outside the organization
- 2 Ability to work in a team structure
- 3 Ability to make decisions and solve problems
- 4 Ability to plan, organize and prioritize work
- 5 Ability to obtain and process information
- 6 Ability to analyze quantitative data
- 7 Technical knowledge related to the job
- 8 Proficiency with computer software programs
- 9 Ability to create and/or edit written reports
- 10 Ability to sell or influence others

Source: Job Outlook 2013

Courtesy of the National Association of Colleges and Employers

Visit the Career Occupational Handbook to learn more about a specific occupation:

<http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>

The OCH covers hundreds of occupations and describes: What They Do, Work Environment, How to Become One, Pay, and more. Each profile also includes BLS employment projections for the 2010–20 decade.

Career Exploration/Planning

FOCUS 2: UNLV's computerized assessment that profiles your interests, abilities, and values and helps you find a career that's right for you.

<http://hire.unlv.edu/careerAssessment.html>

Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI): Assessment designed to identify how you are energized, how you take in information, how you make decisions, and how you approach life.

<http://hire.unlv.edu/careerAssessmentMBTI.html>

Strong Interest Inventory: Generates an in-depth assessment of your interests among a broad range of occupations, work and leisure activities, and educational subjects.

<http://hire.unlv.edu/careerAssessmentStrong.html>

UNLV Career Services

Career Services encourages ALL UNLV students to take advantage of their services, which include:

- Assistance with developing a career plan and choosing a major
- Career counseling and guidance on building a RESUME
- Preparing for an interview, assistance with job searching and networking.

Phone: 702-895-3495

Campus Location: SSC-A 2nd Floor

<http://hire.unlv.edu/>

Internship Opportunities

UNLV CareerLink is a free, online recruiting system that helps students, alumni, and employers connect in a variety of ways.

Students can use CareerLink to search for: job and internship listings, on-campus recruiting interviews, employers information sessions, resume book database, and dates for career fairs.

<http://hire.unlv.edu/careerlink.html>

MEDIAN SALARIES BY DISCIPLINE 2010-2012

Career	Salary Range	Median Salary
Advertising Executive	\$41,480 - \$166,400	\$83,890
Hospital Administrator	\$51,280 - \$144,880	\$84,270
Human Resources Administrator	\$61,560 - \$166,400	\$99,180
Probation Officer	\$30,920 - \$80,750	\$47,200
School and Career Counselor	\$31,630 - \$86,250	\$53,380
Social Caseworker	\$26,710 - \$70,390	\$42,480

Salary range can depend on level of education

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2012-13 Edition*, <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>

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