Psychology majors study the fascinating science of human behavior and mental processes. This includes the study of the mind, the brain, and social interactions, all valuable skills in the workforce as society creates the need for new methods for helping people. They are well-placed to specialize and succeed in a wide variety of jobs in many career industries; licensing will require an advanced graduate credential. Career paths can range from psychotherapy, marketing, and social work to human resources, diversity leadership, counseling, and health areas. Emerging, in-demand jobs with this degree include positions in mental health (such as substance abuse, geropsychology, family therapy), technology (UX Design, gaming, education design) and business consulting (industrial-organizational, diversity/equity/inclusion, market research), among many others. About 49% of graduates pursue an advanced degree.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment for those who majored in psychology is projected to grow 6% from 2021 to 2031, faster than the average for all occupations.

Essential Skills & Characteristics to develop and highlight:

- Critical thinking
- Compassionate
- Attention to detail and organization
- Communication and interpersonal skills
- Leadership
- Open minded
- Well-rounded researcher
- Collaborative

How To Get Started:

- Assess your personal strengths & preferences
- Research opportunities: online/in-person
- Get an internship/relevant work experience
- Expand your psychology & technical network and professional brand
- Join a professional psychology organization
- Connect with professionals through career conversations & job shadowing

Chart Your Path Forward with the Career Success Center

Activate Your Handshake Account

for events, coaching appointments and connections to jobs, internships, employer & alumni networking & more!

www.wcsu.edu/handshake

Explore Career Communities

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

Get Career & Internship Advising

from the Career Success Center to make a plan, whether you’re a first-year student or about to graduate
Put your Psychology major to WORK

Common Alumni Job Titles:
- Anthropologist
- Career Counselor
- Mental Health Counselor
- Psychologist
- Physician
- Social Worker
- Substance Abuse Counselor
- Survey Researcher

Employers of Psychology Majors:
- Danbury Public Schools
- WCSU
- Family & Children's Aid
- Ability Beyond
- Yale New Haven Hospital
- EdAdvance
- Education Connection
- University of Hartford
- Stokes Counseling Services

Recent Psychology Alumni

Employment Sector

47% Health Care and Social Assistance
12% Retail Trade
11% Educational Services
10% Accomodations and Food Services
4% Professional, Scientific and Tech Services
4% Finance and Insurance
3% Manufacturing
3% Administrative and Support

Live & Work

76% Connecticut
14% Middle Atlantic
3% New England Balace
3% South Atlantic
2% Pacific
1% Eastern North Central

Informational & Job Websites

https://wcsu.joinhandshake.com/login
http://www.allpsychologycareers.com/
https://www.psychology.org
http://psychologydegreeguide.org/
https://www.psychologycareercenter.org/salaries.html
http://www.counseling.org/
http://www.apa.org/
http://www.psychologicalsceience.org/
http://www.napp.org/
http://www.profiling.org/
http://www1.salary.com/Psychologist-Salary.html
https://www.liquidcompass.com/institutions/wcsu

Career Communities for Psychology Majors

The Career Success Center has seven 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 our website at www.wcsu.edu/careersuccess/career-communities/ to view more.

Kristen Dovgan
B.A. in Psychology, Ph.D. in Applied Developmental Psychology, Class of 2009
Peer Review Coordinator, Association for Psychological Science, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, University of Missouri-Columbia
“The Psychology faculty at WCSU inspired me to pursue a career in academia through challenging seminars and hands-on research opportunities. As a first-generation college student, I credit my Ph.D. to their support and guidance.”

Elaina Layden
Owner, private practice as a licensed trauma therapist
“I am a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC), National Certified Counselor (NCC) and a business owner of my own private practice. I was inspired by Dr. Barrett to more deeply pursue the field of psychology. This led to more advanced learning (analysis of behavior, mental health disorders, attachment, and childhood trauma) and a great career as a psychotherapist.”