Psychologists study human and animal behavior and related mental, physiological and social processes in an attempt to understand the dynamics of behavior. They apply this knowledge to the prevention and solution of both individual and social problems. Students can choose one of four tracks: Clinical-Counseling, Industrial-Organizational, Paralegal, and General. The facilities for psychology majors include computer labs for teaching statistics and research methods, a small library, and specialized research labs in visual perception and cognition.

A degree in psychology is ideal for students who wish to pursue graduate studies and/or careers in business, government, non-profits organizations, social service and criminal justice agencies, and community development and action groups. Employers recommend one or more internships to be successful and competitive when entering this field.

Career types associated with Psychology
(Is this a good fit for you? Are you…)
Investigative - “Thinker”
Social - “Helper”
Enterprising - “Leader”

Common interests of Psychology majors
• Participating in charitable outreach efforts and raising funds for social concerns
• Joining school clubs and organizations
• Serving as a peer counselor, tutor, or hotline assistant
• Working part-time or volunteering in a community service agency
• Reading about social issues and attending lectures and conferences related to psychology

For more information about the major
Contact the Psychology Department, 384 Old Main, 610-683-4455, or visit www.kutztown.edu/Psychology

KU Majors related to Psychology
Anthropology, Biology, Business Management, Marketing, Criminal Justice, Philosophy, Sociology, Social Work

Investigative students may also be interested in:
Biochemistry, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Economics*, German Studies, International Studies*, Mathematics, Multicultural Studies*, PA German Studies*, Physics, Sec Edu- Math/Science, Spanish, and Women’s Studies*

* minor only
FOUR STEPS TO SUCCESS

EXPLORE

1ST YEAR

- Enroll in the Career Exploration Certificate.
- Attend info sessions to learn about career development and personal branding.
- Take a career assessment to identify and confirm interests.
- Get involved in campus clubs and organizations.
- Develop basic workplace skills through jobs or volunteer work.
- Talk with professors, family, and friends about career ideas.
- Conduct informational interviews with professionals working in fields of interest.
- Develop a relationship with your professors and faculty advisor.

DISCOVER

2ND YEAR

- Meet with CDC career coach.
- Attend info sessions to learn about resume writing, and internships.
- Confirm your choice of major and consider options for double major or minor.
- Research careers of interest.
- Complete a job shadowing (externship) experience.
- Seek meaningful employment or volunteer work in a field related to your major.
- Explore options for undergraduate research and study abroad.
- Write a resume and have it reviewed by the CDC.
- Manage your online presence.

EXPERIENCE

3RD YEAR

- Enroll in the Career Success Certificate.
- Complete an internship and/or undergraduate research.
- Attend info sessions about internships, interviewing, job search strategies, and grad school.
- Build a LinkedIn profile and continue to monitor your online presence.
- Complete a mock interview.
- Build skills through research projects, part-time employment, and volunteer work.
- Participate in Careers Cafe & networking programs.
- Attend internship & job fairs.
- Take on a leadership role in a student organization or work.
- Consider graduate school options and prepare for admissions tests.

IMPLEMENT

4TH YEAR

- Attend your senior kick-off and other info sessions to prepare for job search/grad school.
- Update your resume and LinkedIn profile.
- Create cover letter drafts.
- Gain experience through internships and/or undergraduate research.
- Secure references for job/grad school applications.
- Create your "30 second" commercial.
- Meet with CDC to develop job search strategies.
- Research employers.
- Network with professionals through events and social media.
- Join a professional organization in your discipline.
- Attend the senior etiquette dinner.
- Participate in job fairs and on-campus interviewing.

Sample Career Titles

Psychology majors can be found working in a wide variety of career fields. Here are just some career titles that may be of interest. Please note that some jobs may require further education and training.

To learn more about these careers, visit http://online.onetcenter.org or www.bls.gov/oco.

- Activity Leader
- Admissions Evaluator
- Animal Trainer
- Art Therapist
- Career Planning Professional
- Child Psychologist
- Student Affairs Professional
- Community & Social Service Worker
- Community Relations Director
- Correctional Caseworker/Officer
- Counselor: Alcohol/Drug
- Counselor: Career
- Counselor: Crisis Intervention
- Counselor: Employment Agency
- Counselor: Occupational
- Counselor: School
- Counselor: Vocational/Voc. Rehab
- Criminologist
- Employee Assistance Director
- Employee/Labor Relations Mgr.
- EEO/AA Specialist
- Financial Advisor
- Financial Aid Director
- Forensic Psychologist
- Halfway House Parent
- Health Educator
- Hospice Coordinator
- Hotel Manager
- Human Resources Administrator
- Industrial Psychologist
- International Student Advisor
- Job Analyst & Developer
- Labor Relations Specialist
- Lawyer
- Market Research Analyst
- Marketing/Sales Manager
- Mental Health Professional
- Minority & Race Relations Specialist
- Motivational Speaker
- Music Therapist
- Neuropsychologist
- Occupational Therapist
- Outplacement Specialist
- Paralegal
- Personnel Manager
- Physical Therapist
- Police Officer
- Prisoner Classification Interviewer
- Probation Officer
- Psychiatric Nurse
- Psychiatric Social Worker
- Psychiatrist
- Psychologist
- Public Health Statistician
- Public Opinion Surveyor
- Public Relations Specialist
- Recreation Specialist
- School Psychologist
- Social Service Administrator
- Statistician Analyst
- Teacher
- Technical Writer/Communicator
- Television/Media Researcher
- Therapeutic Staff Support Person
- Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor
- Wage/Benefits Analyst
- Youth Corrections Officer
Common Internship Sites and Employers

Psychology majors often find internships and employment in the following fields/industries:

- Business & Industry
- Communications Media
- Community Agencies
- Correctional Facilities
- Educational Institutions
- Mental Health Agencies
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Private Practice
- Rehabilitation Agencies & Hospitals
- Research Foundations
- State/Federal Government

Useful Websites for Psychology Majors

Whether you are researching related career fields, applying for internships or jobs, or planning to join a professional association, these websites are for you!

**Industry Information & Job/Internship Search Sites**

- All Psychology Schools
  www.allpsychologyschools.com
- Careers in Federal Government
  www.makingthedifference.org
- Explore Health Careers
  http://explorehealthcareers.org
- Human Service Careers
  www.hscareers.com/careercenter
- LaSalle Non-Profit Center
  www.lasallenonprofitcenter.org
- MentalHelp.Net
  www.mentalhelp.net
- Online Psychology Career Center
  www.socialpsychology.org
- Opportunity Knocks
  www.opportunitynocs.org
- PsychWeb
  www.psychweb.com
- Psychology—Online Resource Center
  http://psychcentral.com
- Social Service Jobs
  www.socialservice.com

**Professional Associations**

- Academy of Medical Psychology
  www.amphome.org
- American Association for Marriage & Family Therapy
  www.aamft.org
- American Board of Sport Psychology
  www.americanboardofsportpsychology.org
- American Counseling Association
  www.counseling.org
- American Psychological Association
  www.apa.org
- Association for Psychological Science
  www.psychologicalsociety.org
- Association of Black Psychologists
  www.abpsi.org
- Association of Women in Psychology
  www.awpsych.org
- National Association of School Psychologists
  www.nasponline.org
- Society for Industrial & Org. Psychology
  www.siop.org
- Society for Human Resource Management
  www.shrm.org
Building Your Resume for a Career in Psychology

Building a strong resume for your career field starts long before you ever start your job search. Employers want to hire graduates who not only have the necessary educational background but also have experience applying that knowledge.

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QUALIFICATIONS
- Fluency in Spanish and English
- Experience with diverse populations
- Exceptional communication and interpersonal skills
- Strong problem solving and analytical skills
- Dedicated to continued education and self-care
- Proficient in SPSS, Microsoft Office and Linux

EDUCATION
Kutztown University of Pennsylvania
Major: Psychology, Minor: Criminal Justice
GPA: 3.88
Fall 20xx, Spring 20xx, Spring 20xx

INTERNERNship EXPERIENCE
The Mitchell Clinic
Observation Program Intern
- Assisted with intake and completion of adult clients with dual diagnoses
- Aided in translation for Spanish-speaking clients

Community Service Foundation
Day Treatment Intern
- Confronted student issues using empathy and positive regard
- Coordinated with community-based agencies to provide targeted student supports and services
- Mediated student conflicts and utilized restorative practices
- Consulted with supervisor to discuss best practices, student progress, and individual concerns
- Shadowed day treatment team and observed application of restorative practices

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE
The Influence of Socioeconomic Status on Adolescent Self-Esteem
Kutztown University, Dr. Psychology
- Collected and analyzed data
- Attended in article organization
- Co-presented findings at Pennsylvania Psychological Association Annual Conference, Pittsburgh, PA, May 20xx

WORK EXPERIENCE
Sunshine Youth Summer Camp
Camp Counselor
- Implemented developmentally appropriate activities for campers ages 4-13
- Communicated with parents and caregivers regarding child progress and behavior
- Encouraged camper expression through art projects, physical activities and musical performances
- Supervised educational field trips to zoo and local museums

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT
American Psychological Association
Pennsylvania Counseling Association
Psi Chi, National Honors Society in Psychology
Kutztown University Psychology Club
Career Success Certificate, Kutztown University Career Development Center
Career Exploration Certificate, Kutztown University Career Development Center
Fall 20xx

Learn more about your field and develop the necessary skills for employment by gaining hands-on experience through clinical practice.

Utilize summer breaks to acquire valuable experience via volunteer or employment opportunities related to your major.

Develop professionally through campus involvement and professional memberships. This illustrates responsibility, leadership abilities and time management skills.