Psychology
How can I succeed with this major?

HUMAN SERVICES

What can I do with this major?
• Direct Care:
  - Counseling
  - Psychotherapy
  - Case Management
• Administration:
  - Advocacy
  - Programming
  - Community Relations
  - Education

Where do I want to work?
• Obtain essential practical experience through part-time or summer jobs such as camp counselor, tutor, or resident hall advisor.
• Gain experience through volunteering and interning.

How to get there...
• Federal Government
• State Government
• Local government
• Senior citizens’ centers
• United Way agencies
• Social service/nonprofit organizations

RESEARCH

What can I do with this major?
• Social Research
• Market Research
• Data Analysis

Where do I want to work?
• Federal, state and local government agencies
• National headquarters of non-profit organizations
• Universities and colleges
• Market research firms

How to get there...
• Work with a professor on his or her research project.
• Obtain a graduate degree for greater opportunities.

Tips: FYI
• Psychology provides a broad, liberal arts background.
• Some students may choose to study psychology because they enjoy the subject but wish to pursue careers requiring “any major.” In this scenario, it is critical to develop desirable skills through internships, part-time or summer jobs, or volunteer experiences. Some skills valued most by employers include: communication, interpersonal, leadership, teamwork, and computer skills.
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EDUCATION

What can I do with this major?

• Teaching
• Student Affairs
• Administration
• Training
• Adult Learning

Where do I want to work?

• Public and private K-12 schools
• Colleges and universities
• Community instruction offered by government or social service agencies e.g. GED classes, life skills, and parenting

How to get there...

• Obtain a teaching certificate for public school positions. Multiple certifications will increase marketability.
• Earn a doctoral degree for post-secondary teaching.
• Volunteer or work as a tutor.

HUMAN RESOURCES

What can I do with this major?

• Employment and Recruitment
• Labor Relations
• Compensation and Benefits
• Organizational Development
• Training

Where do I want to work?

• Large companies
• Government agencies
• Staffing and employment services
• Large non-profit organizations including hospitals and educational institutions

How to get there...

• Gain relevant experience in human resources by completing an internship.
• Earn a minor in business or supplement curriculum with business courses.
• Earn an MBA or a graduate degree in human resources to attain higher level positions.

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