**Why Major in Psychology?**

**What jobs can I get with a psychology degree?** The jobs listed are available to psychology majors:

- Counselor
- Case Manager
- Substance Abuse Counselor
- Clinical Psychologist
- Counseling Psychologist
- School Psychologist
- Forensic Psychologist
- College Professor
- Survey Researcher
- HCI/UX Evaluator
- Occupational Therapist
- Data Analyst
- I/O Psychologist
- Psychometrician
- Neuropsychologist
- Statistician
- Human Factors Specialist
- Lawyer
- Academic Recruiters
- Air Traffic controller
- Sport Psychologist
- Health Psychologist
- Rehabilitation Assistants
- Behavior Analyst

**Where can I work?** What type of companies hire degreed psychology majors? Here are several types of companies and organizations.

**Human Services:** **Possible Jobs:** Alcohol/Drug Abuse Counselor, Family Services Worker, Rehabilitation Advisor, Mental Health Technician, Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, Youth Counselor

**Who’s Hiring?:** Federal and State Governments (Departments of Health and Human Services, Justice, Veterans’ Administration), Mental Health Centers, Senior Citizens’ Centers, Hospitals, Non-profit Organizations (United Way, YMCA, Religiously Affiliated Service Organizations)

**Justice Administration:** **Possible Jobs:** Corrections Officer, Parole Officer, Law Enforcement Officer, Child Protection Worker

**Who’s Hiring?:** Federal, State, and Local Law Enforcement Agencies, Group Homes, Social Services

**Community Relations:** **Example Jobs:** Director of Volunteer Services, Urban Planning Assistant, Community Outreach Worker, Public Affairs Coordinator, Public Information Specialist

**Who’s Hiring?:** Federal, State, and Local Government Agencies, Non-profit Organizations (United Way, YMCA, Religiously Affiliated Service Organizations)

**Research:** **Possible Jobs:** Behavior Analyst, Statistical Assistant, Historical Research Assistant, Data Analysts

**Who’s Hiring?:** National Institute of Education, Federal Government (Department of Health and Human Services), Non-profit Organizations, Research Institutes

**Industrial/Organizational:** **Possible Jobs:** Administrator, Human Resources Recruiter, Director of Fundraising, Occupational Analyst, Public Relations, Advertising Agent, Marketing Representative/Researcher, Managers, Data Analysts

**Who’s Hiring?:** Human Resources Departments of Companies, Government Personnel Agencies, Marketing Firms, Corporations, Retailers, Consulting Firms

**Education:** **Possible Jobs:** Professor, Academic Advisor, Academic Recruiters, Daycare Teacher’s Aide

**Who’s Hiring?:** Universities, Community Colleges, Daycare facilities, Head Start programs

The following information is courtesy of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

- The median yearly salary in 2012 was $83,580 for industrial-organizational psychologists; $67,650 for clinical, counseling, and school psychologists.
- Over the next 10 years, the job opportunities for persons with psychology degrees are expected to grow by 12%.
- Industrial-organizational psychologists are predicted to have the highest projected growth in jobs of any occupation at 53% increase for the period 2012 – 2022 according to the Occupational Outlook Handbook.

The Department of Psychology assists students to achieve their personal and professional potential through training in scientific methods and discipline-specific knowledge in the study of behavior, mental processes, and physiological processes, promoting a spirit of active inquiry and critical thinking, and fostering a sense of social responsibility in the global community.

The University of North Alabama offers an undergraduate degree in Psychology, a minor in Human Computer Interaction/User Experience – Evaluation, and a Certificate in Applied Behavior Analysis and an active research program. For more information, go to www.una.edu/psychology.