

What Can I Do with a Degree in Psychology or Sociology?

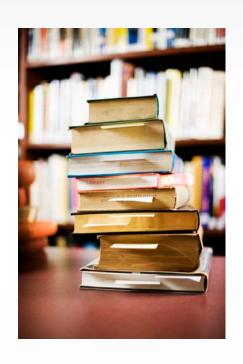
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Develop an Action Plan



What made you choose psychology/sociology?
Where do you want to be after graduation?
Where do you envision yourself working?
What skills are needed and when do you need to develop them?

What experiences would be helpful or necessary? How much time you can commit to developing your skills?

YOUR MAJOR DOES NOT DEFINE YOUR CAREER



The Question Is...

Ask not what you can do with your major but, What do **YOU** want to do with your major?





Direct Care

Bachelors Level Options

Qualified Mental Health Professional

Screening Interventionist

Early Interventionist

CPS Investigator

Case Coordinator

Crisis Worker

Rehabilitation Specialist

(Juvenile) Probation officer

Psychometrist- psychological testing

Things to Consider:

Age

Population

Environment

How you prefer to help others

Master's/Doctoral Level

Psychologist

Counselor

Social Worker

Behavior Analyst

Marriage and Family

Substance Abuse

Clinical Psychologist

Correctional Psych/Coun

School Counselor/Psychologist

Play Therapist

Art/Music/Movement Therapist



Careers in Business

Industrial/Organizational Psychologist

Human Resources

- Recruiter
- Training and development
- Employee Relations

Marketing

- Market Research
- Marketing Sales
- Entertainment Marketing
- Brand Management
- Social Media Marketing

Management Trainee

Communications Specialist

Sales Representative

• Inside Sales

Operations Manager

Public Relations

Customer Service



Research Careers

Universities, Government offices, Private corporations

Common Bachelors Degree Job Titles Job Roles with Graduate Degrees

Research Assistant Social Psychologist

Research Study Coordinator Research Psychologist

Research Analyst Litigation Consultant

Project Assistant Conservation Psychologist



Health Care

Practitioner Roles

Occupational Therapist

Physical Therapist

Physician

Physician Assistant

Psychiatrist

Helping Roles

Child Life Specialist

Medical Social Worker

Genetic Counselor

Patient Care Liaison

Public Health

Community Health Worker

Environmental and Occupational

Health Scientist

Maternal and Child Health

Healthcare Management and

Policy

Health Care Administration

Research

Neurology

Pharmacology

Psychophysiology



Education

Teaching Elementary or Secondary School

Higher Education:

- Professor
- Advising
- Financial Aid
- Admissions
- Career Services
- Orientation and Transitions
- Multicultural Affairs
- Residence Life





Non-Profit

Types of Organizations

Mental Health
Education
Physical Health
Culture and the Arts
International

Entry Level Positions

Volunteer Manager
Outreach Specialist
Fundraising Coordinator
Service Coordinator
Special Events Coordinator





How can you choose?

Know yourself

Understand what your career deal breakers are (values)
Identify what work environments fit your personality
Learn what you're good at, what you're not and what you can realistically improve

Know your employers

Learn more about the specifics of possible jobs (O*NET, OOH)

Learn what it takes to get hired and to succeed (Informational Interviews, Job Posts)

Gain the required education, skills and experience (Classes, Internships, Research, Parttime work)



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Career Exploration Resources

1. Grow your Knowledge of Career Options

What careers exist in your field

<u>Learn career specifics</u> (tasks, requirements, pay)

<u>Find out who offers job opportunities</u>

2. Speak With Professionals in the Field

In person and online options

3. Address Skill Gaps

Education (degree, classes, certificates)
Research
Internships
Volunteer opportunities
Student Organizations



Top 10 Skills Employers Seek

- 1. Ability to make decisions and solve problems
- 2. Ability to work in a team structure
- 3. Ability to verbally communicate with persons inside and outside the organization
- 4. Ability to obtain and process information
- 5. Ability to plan, organize, and prioritize work
- 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 2014, National Association of Colleges and Employers



Available Career Assessments

Online Career Center Assessments

MyPlan

Counseling & Testing Assessments

- Strong Interest Inventory
- Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI)







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