

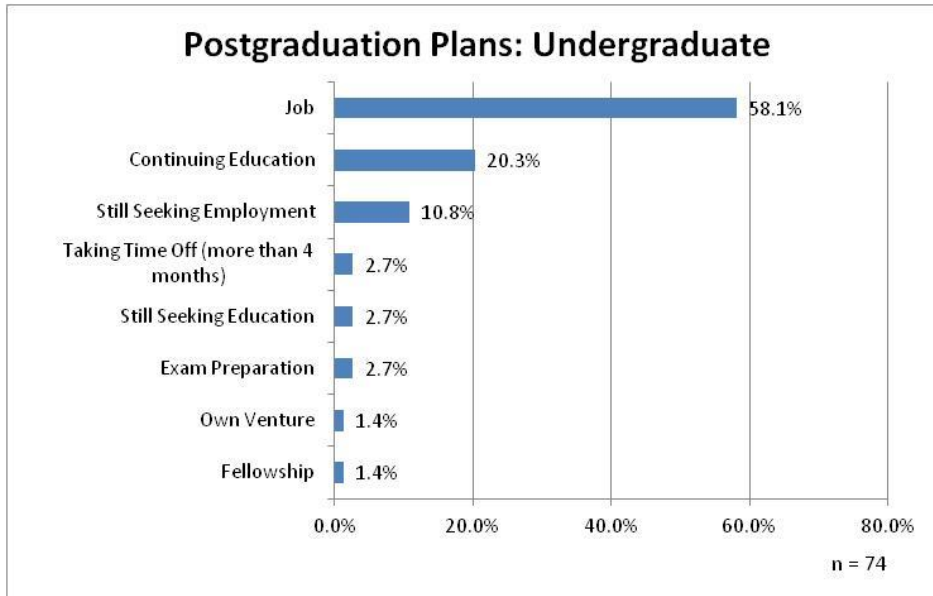
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WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH A DEGREE IN PSYCHOLOGY?

Where do Psychology majors go?

According to the 2015 Graduating Student Survey (with a 63.8% response rate for undergraduates in the Psychology department):

- 79.8% of graduates were employed or were accepted to graduate school or a fellowship
 - 58.1% were employed
 - 20.3% had secure plans to attend graduate school
 - 1.4% had a fellowship



Here are some examples of organizations that hired Columbia Psychology majors recent years:



What jobs do Psychology majors do?

A degree in psychology provides knowledge and skills relevant to a wide variety of jobs across the career spectrum, including:

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- **Human Services:** Counseling, Rehabilitation Services, Testing, Advocacy, Grant Writing, Outreach
- **Research:** Data Analysis, Testing/Test Development, Health Care Research, Administration
- **Education:** Teaching, Higher Education, Student Support, Adult Learning, Community Work
- **Human Resources:** Recruiting, Training, Legal Compliance, Employee Benefits, Payroll Administration
- **Business:** Entrepreneurship, Sales, Finance, Consulting, Management, Organizational Development
- **Communications:** Public Relations, Copywriting, Advertising, Market Research, Journalism, Social Media
- **Law:** Mediation, Labor Relations, Intellectual Property, Immigration Rights, Victim Advocacy
- **Government:** Community Affairs, Public Policy, Program Administration, Intelligence, Foreign Service

Use CCE's [Industry Exploration](#) webpages to learn about these and other fields.

What do employers want?

Most of the skills/qualities sought by employers are transferrable and/or soft skills that students gain through classes, extracurricular activities, internships, volunteer experiences, and/or part time jobs including:

1. *Ability to work in a team structure*
2. *Ability to make decisions and solve problems*
3. *Ability to verbally communicate with persons inside and outside the organization*
4. *Ability to plan, organize, and prioritize work*
5. *Ability to obtain and process information*
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: National Association of Colleges and Employers, 2015 Job Outlook

Your studies can demonstrate relevant coursework and knowledge to a prospective employer. Employers select people who they believe can do the job (have the right skills), want the job (have demonstrated an interest in the field) and are a personality fit for the team and organization.

What value do Psychology majors bring?

According to the Department of Psychology at Columbia, the psychology curriculum helps you to develop the following skills:

- Ability to think critically and objectively
- Ability to write clearly and effectively
- Ability to present a case convincingly
- Ability to develop creative solutions to unique situations
- Ability to utilize appropriate statistical analyses
- Ability to organize, interpret and evaluate empirical data
- Ability to use the scientific approach to evaluate problems
- Ability to act ethically in all aspects of the science and practice of psychology
- Ability to apply psychological concepts, theories, and research findings to real world problems
- Strong command of psychological science, theory, research methods, and experimental design

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What if I'm an international student?

For international students at Columbia under student visas, selecting your major can play a significant role if you plan to work in the US after completion of your degree. Optional Practical Training is a work authorization that allows an international student to work in a job directly related to the student's major area of study either before or after degree completion. Employer sponsored H1B Visas also have similarly strict requirements. Students that have more questions about this should visit the International Student & Scholars Office (ISSO) and view CCE's International Students webpage at <http://www.careereducation.columbia.edu/students/International-Students>

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Graduate Schools

Examples of graduate schools and fellowship programs that have accepted Columbia Psychology majors in recent years include:

- Columbia University
- Cornell University
- New York University
- CUNY--John Jay College of Criminal Justice
- University of Oxford
- Global Jewish Service Corps