
Resources for Our Undergraduates

- 1) Browse Psychology Dept. bulletin boards, ground floor hallway of Ramstad & in Ramstad 109 (Psyc Lab)
- 2) Link to American Psychological Association (APA) Careers in Science Helpful Resources:
<http://www.apa.org/careers/index.aspx>
- 3) Web links on this handout are active links available on our website at <http://www.plu.edu/psychology/faq/>

Psychology as an Undergraduate Major

- Undergraduate Major in Psychology (APA): <http://www.apa.org/education/undergrad/psych-career.aspx>
 Marky Lloyd's PsycWeb starting page: www.psywww.com/careers/websites.htm
 APA's gradPSYCH website: <http://www.apa.org/gradpsych/>
- Halonen, J. (2011). Are there too many psychology majors?
http://www.cogdop.org/page_attachments/0000/0200/FLA_White_Paper_for_cogop_posting.pdf
- Martin, S. (2009). How to find a job with an undergraduate degree in psychology:
<http://www.apa.org/gradpsych/features/2009/first-job.aspx>
- Walton, A. G. (2012). Are you on the right path? Five bad reasons to go to psychology grad school—and a few good ones:
<http://www.apa.org/gradpsych/2012/11/right-path.aspx>
- Landrum, E. (2009). *Finding jobs with a psychology bachelor's degree: Expert advice for launching your career.* Washington, DC: APA. (Available in the PLU library)
- Schultheiss, D. E. P. (2008). *Psychology as a major: Is it right for me and what can I do with my degree?* Washington, DC: APA. (Available in the PLU library)

Graduate School: Some frequently asked questions about graduate study in psychology:

APA online at <http://www.apa.org/education/grad/faqs.aspx>

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| o What will I learn at the graduate level? | o What are the admissions requirements for graduate programs in psychology? |
| o How do I determine which program is best suited for me? | o What does a typical application include? |
| o What types of employment opportunities are available to me with a degree in psychology? | o What is accreditation? |
| o Should I apply to a master's or doctoral degree program? | o How much does graduate school cost and how can I pay for it? |
| o What is the difference between a PhD and a PsyD? | |

APA video series of 12 videos (each 20-25 minutes): <http://www.apa.org/education/grad/application-video-series.aspx>

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| 1. Getting Started and Introducing the Fundamentals | 7. Identifying Compatible Graduate Programs |
| 2. Reviewing Career Options in Psychology | 8. Writing Personal Statements |
| 3. Constructing Your Time Line | 9. Securing Letters of Recommendation |
| 4. Getting the Necessary Courses, Research, and Experiences | 10. Completing Your Applications |
| 5. Facing and Conquering the GREs | 11. Mastering Graduate Interviews |
| 6. Understanding Admission Criteria and Acceptance Rates | 12. Making Final Decisions |

Bonus Feature: [Best Advice for Getting into Graduate School in Psychology](#)

Download the [supplemental handouts](#) (PDF, 663KB), adapted from "Graduate Study in Psychology," "Insider's Guide to Graduate Programs in Clinical and Counseling Psychology" and Norcross & Hogan's' original research.

Ph.D. in Psychology

Academic Careers: Surviving and Thriving in Academia:

<http://www.apa.org/pi/oema/resources/brochures/surviving.aspx>

2005-2013 Demographics of the US Psychology Workforce:

<http://www.apa.org/workforce/publications/13-dem-acs/index.aspx>

2005 Doctorate Employment Survey:

<http://www.apa.org/workforce/publications/05-doc-empl/index.aspx>

Non-Academic Careers:

<http://www.apa.org/careers/resources/profiles/non-traditional.aspx>

Other frequently asked questions:

<http://www.apa.org/workforce/about/faq.aspx>

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| o How do I find information regarding salaries in psychology? | o How many ethnic minorities are enrolled in graduate psychology programs? |
| o How do I find employment data for psychologists? | o What information is available on gender and ethnic diversity within graduate psychology programs? |
| o How long does it take to complete a doctoral degree in psychology? | o What do I need to know about debt, salary, and career trends in psychology? |
| o What percentage of undergraduate psychology majors continue on to earn graduate degrees in psychology? | |