

The BA degree with a major in **psychology** from HSU is an excellent background for graduate school and many careers. A number of our students have been accepted into prestigious nationally recognized Ph.D. programs and many have gone on to master degree programs. The psychology major provides the basis for a career as a psychologist or mental health care worker. Typically, those professions require a Ph.D. or MA degree. There are also a number of executives, lawyers, and business professionals who earned a bachelor's degree in psychology before they obtained advanced degrees. If you are not planning on graduate school, psychology graduates still leave with a number of highly marketable skills such as the ability to collect, organize, analyze, and interpret data; write reports and proposals clearly and objectively; communicate effectively and sensitively in both individual and group situations; obtain information about problems through library research and personal contacts; and identify problems and suggest solutions on the basis of research findings. An undergraduate degree is also helpful in many health and mental health service professions.

Related Job Titles

The following list is not meant to be all inclusive; many other job alternatives and titles may exist. Many of the job titles listed require further education.

- Human Services
- Youth Counselor
- Rehabilitation Worker
- Inmate Worker
- Case Worker
- Day Care Center Director
- Behavioral Technician
- Volunteer Services Cord.
- School counselor
- Psychologist
- Industrial Relations Cord.
- Organizational Psychologist
- Personnel Administrator
- Placement Counselor
- Interviewer
- Job Analyst
- Advertising Agent
- Market Research Analyst
- Intelligence Specialist
- Family and Marriage Therapist
- College Admissions
- Employment Counselor
- Survey Researcher
- Community Organization Worker
- Community Planning Splst.
- Police Officer
- Relocation Worker
- Policy Analyst
- Financial Aid Counselor

Possible Employers

Private:

Market Research Firms
Consumer Goods Manufacturing Firms
Private Schools
Retail Stores

Wholesalers
Manufacturing Firms
PR and Advertising Firms
International Companies

Private Practice
Higher Education Institutions
Hotels/Motels/Resorts/Clubs
Corporations

Federal Agencies:

Office of Personnel Management
Census Bureau
Department of Labor
Employment and Training Dept.
Administration for Children and Families
Bureau of Justice Statistics

Census Bureau
Mediation and Conciliation Service
Department of Veterans Affairs
Education Resources Information Center
Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

Dept. of Health & Human Services
Public Health Service
Veteran's Administration
Consumer Protection Agency
Health Resources and Services Administration
Office of Refugee Resettlement

State, County & Local Agencies:

Non-Profit Organizations
Public Health Department
Medical Centers/Hospitals
Health Services Department
Employment Development Dept.

Family Planning
Arbitration
Fair Employment and Housing Dept.
Department of Social Services
Department of Public Health

Department of Health Care Services
Department of Mental Health
Office of Statewide Health Planning
Department of Ageing
Department of Alcohol & Drug Prgms.

A 4-year College Degree is designed to give you the **Top Skills** employers are looking for, According to the **National Association of Colleges and Employers**, those skills and abilities are:

- Effective communication
- Working in a team structure
- Making decisions/solving problems
- Planning/organizing and prioritizing work
- Obtaining and processing information
- Analyzing quantitative data
- Proficiency with computers and software
- Creating and editing written reports
- Selling and influencing others

Marketable Skills In Your Major

Human Relations

- Interpersonal skills
- Behavior modification
- Analyzing behavior

Research

- Organizing and analyzing data
- Summarizing data/information
- Relating theories to data

Communication

- Observing people/data/things
- Influencing/persuading others
- Informing/explaining to others

Creativity

- Trouble shooting
- Defining problem areas
- Setting up systems to analyze data

Academic and Career Advising Center Services

Drop-In hours: Monday – Friday, 10 am – 1 pm : Quick academic and career advice and drop-in resume/cover letter review. Drop-ins are handy for the following types of services:

- Job Search Basics ▪ Basic DARS Review ▪ Quick Resume Review ▪ Declaring a Major/Major Change
- Adding a Minor ▪ Navigating HSU Handshake ▪ How to Use DARS Degree Planner ▪ Cover Letter Review

Academic and Career Advisors (Please call 707-826-3341 or visit Gist Hall 114 to make an appointment)

Our helpful team of academic and career advisors can help you get the most out of your college experience with the following and much more during an individual appointment:

- Academic Planning ▪ Full-time Job Search ▪ DARS Questions
- 4- Year Plans ▪ Major Change Advising ▪ GE Information
- Internship Search ▪ Federal Work Study ▪ Mock Interview
- Volunteer Opportunities ▪ Career Assessment ▪ Adding a Second Major
- Graduate School Application ▪ How to use DARS Degree Planner ▪ Withdrawal or Transfer Advice
- Personal Statement

HSU Handshake (online job database and more!): Search for campus jobs, internships, summer jobs, community service, work-study, etc. Register for workshops and special events. Go to www.humboldt.edu/acac to register on HSU Handshake or call 707-826-3341 for assistance.

Events and Workshops (Contact us for more information!)

- Part-time Job Fair - *August*
- Graduate and Professional School Fair - *September*
- Internship Week - *February*
- Career & Volunteer Expo - *February*
- *Ready, Set, Register!* Semester Bulletin - *Fall/ Spring*
- Educator Fair - *March*
- How to Find Part-Time Jobs Workshop - *March*
- How to Find an Internship Workshop - *On-Going*
- Getting the Most out of Career Expo Workshop - *On-going*
- Research Graduate Schools Workshop - *February*
- Federal Resume & Application Open Labs - *Fall*
- How to Find Internships in Your Home Town Workshop - *Spring*

Looking for professional development opportunities for your on-campus club or organization?

- Request a Career Advisor to give a group presentation on subjects like resume development or job search.