

Psychology BPhil or BSGS

Overview

Psychologists study animal and human behavior and related mental, physiological and social processes in an attempt to understand the dynamics of behavior. They also apply knowledge already attained to the prevention and solution of both individual and social problems.

Job Outlook

See <http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos056.htm> for more information.

Compensation

See <http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos056.htm> for more information.

Career Options/Tracks

Because psychology provides a comprehensive understanding of human behavior, the scientific background and conceptual abilities of graduates are appealing to a variety of employers. In addition, job opportunities exist for those who can use computers effectively in working on problems whose solutions require psychological knowledge and training (e.g., data processing concerned with the development and evaluation of psychological action and treatment programs).

Advanced Education Options

In order to be a professional psychologist, a student must obtain at least a master's degree in the field. Most areas of study, especially clinical psychology, are becoming increasingly competitive and often require five years or more to obtain a doctorate. A variety of jobs are open to those with bachelor's degrees. Possibilities exist in academic, industrial and government laboratories, in personnel and related work in business and industry, some types of counseling, job analysis, corrections and social service agencies.

Sample Job Titles

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| *personnel assistant | *child care worker |
| *psychologist | *career counselor |
| *clergy person | *activities coordinator |
| *occupational therapist | *social worker |
| *probation officer | *social services caseworker |
| *rehabilitation counselor | *school counselor |

Some Employers of Psychology Majors

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| *schools | *business and industry |
| *state/federal government | *correctional facilities |
| *colleges/universities | |
| *private practice | |
| *mental health agencies | |
| *community agencies | |
| *rehabilitation agencies | |

Other Sources of Information

American Academy of Forensic Sciences

<http://www.aafs.org>

American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy

<http://www.aamft.org>

American Counseling Association

<http://www.counseling.org>

American Mental Health Counselors Association

<http://www.amhca.org>

American Occupational Therapy Association

<http://www.aota.org>

American Psychological Association

<http://www.apa.org>

Chronicle of Philanthropy

<http://philanthropy.com>

Encyclopedia of Psychology

<http://www.psychology.org/links/Career/>

Federal Jobs Digest

<http://jobsfed.com>

Goodworks Directory (Non-Profit)

<http://www.essential.org/goodworks/>

Human Resources

<http://www.jobs4hr.com>

Human Resources Jobs Page

<http://www.nationjob.com/hr>

Jobs in Human Services

<http://www.OpportunityNOCS.org>

MentalHealth.Net

<http://www.mentalhelp.net>

Nonprofit Career Network

<http://www.nonprofitcareer.com>

Nonprofit Jobs Cooperative

<http://www.nonprofitjobscoop.org>

Online Psychology Career Center

<http://www.socialpsychology.org/career.htm>

Psych Web

<http://www.psychwww.com/>

SocialService.Com

<http://www.socialservice.com/>

Social Work and Social Services Jobs Online

<http://gwbweb.wustl.edu/jobs/index.html>

SocialWorkers.org

<http://www.socialworkers.org/>

The Riley Guide

<http://www.rileyguide.com>