

Augie Psychology Alumni Survey 2009-10

Summary of Results

Our deep thanks to all who participated. A total of 175 alumni reported on their contributions in a wide range of fields. The most frequently listed careers were counseling, school psychology, occupational therapy and education, but we also have alumni bringing their psychology skills to fields as diverse as real estate, ministry, and law (as one alum explained, *"I believe they call attorneys 'counselor' for a reason."*). 40% of alumni respondents earned graduate degrees after Augustana, and 63% volunteer regularly in their communities. Looking back on their Augie experience, here is what some alumni had to say:

"I really believe that my Psychology Degree has helped me in so many areas including personal and professional...it has made me a better co-worker, friend, mother, and wife."

"I look at things with a different perspective than I did before; I am open-minded and less likely to judge before hearing the whole story. I have found my passion in Psychology; I know this is where I am supposed to be..."

"I have been amazed by how much more prepared for graduate school I was than other people in my program. I feel like I got a masters level education at Augie compared to what other people in my program got. The "Augie Advantage" is a real thing. The faculty here are always complimenting on my advanced knowledge. I love it because I am a 4.0."

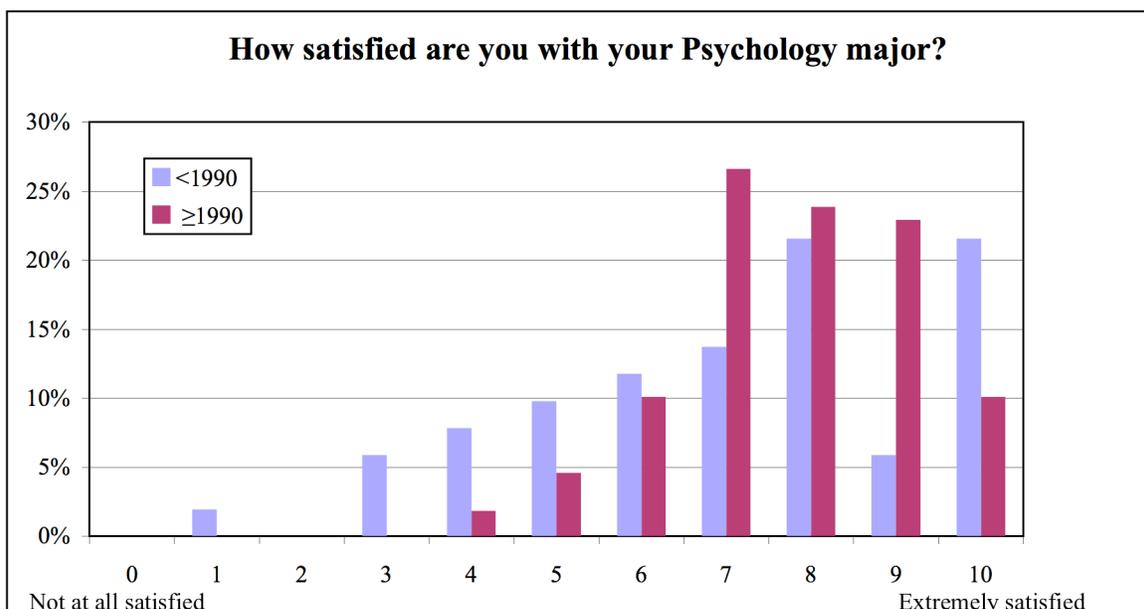
"Top 5" responses from sample survey items

What classes best prepared you for life?

Research Methods
Human Relations
Abnormal Psychology
Behavior Modification
Child Psychology

What skills/knowledge did the major help you develop?

Critical thinking skills
Interpersonal skills
Knowledge of psychology
Personal development
Values (ethics, skepticism, respect, etc.)



The survey also helped us identify areas for improvement. In particular, alumni encouraged us to provide more career preparation opportunities (inc. for graduate school). We are working to incorporate these suggestions, and hope in the near future to be organizing events (possibly even a seminar on Careers in Psychology). Be on the lookout for invitations! We are so grateful for your continuing support.

Thank You!