

B.A. Psychology | Major Map

CAREER OUTCOMES FROM 2016-19

Based on information from 95% of graduates

100% Secured Employment

88% Admitted into Graduate or Professional School

POSSIBLE DESTINATIONS OF GRADUATES

Augustana's broad-based curriculum prepares you for diverse occupations and rapidly changing labor markets.

POPULAR CAREERS

- **Human Services:** counselor, psychotherapist, art/music therapist, grant writer, psychiatric aide
- **Human Resources:** training & development managers, equal opportunity representative
- **Education:** teacher, student counselor
- **Research:** market researcher, data analyst, experimental psychologist, neuroscientist
- **Business & Industry:** real estate agent, sales agents, public relations specialist, marketing manager

POPULAR EMPLOYERS

Federal government agencies, nursing homes, outpatient clinics, psychiatric facilities, school districts, universities, staffing & employment service providers, hospitals, consulting firms, manufacturers, retail stores, public relations departments

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

• Practicums

- Children's Inn
- Volunteers of America
- Kidz Count
- Carroll Institute
- Arch Residential Treatment Center
- National Alliance on Mental Illness
- Southeastern Behavioral Health
- LifeScape
- Southwestern Youth Services
- Avera Behavioral Health

• Research Opportunities

- Mentored research with psychology faculty members
- Independent research

• Example Research Topics

- Effect of Smartphone Use on Creativity
- Measuring One's Personal Relationship to God

• Service Learning

- Volunteer at The Banquet, Children's Inn, Luther Manor, Sanford Health or Avera Health

• Study Away

- Explore topics including multicultural psychology, environmental psychology and history of psychology



WHY STUDY PSYCHOLOGY?

Psychology is the scientific study of human behavior and mental processes. It focuses on questions relating to why people behave, feel and think the way they do. Courses in the psychology department introduce students to the methods and findings of psychological research, but also provide students with opportunities to explore the application of psychological theories. Our students are encouraged to enrich their education by studying psychology abroad, getting involved in research, gaining hands-on experience in a practicum and joining Psychology Club. A psychology major can open the door to a variety of career paths. Students are required to complete several core courses in psychology, but also have the flexibility to take electives that allow them to tailor their education to their career goals. Students may focus their education by completing an optional emphasis within the major.

