

# B.A. Psychology | Major Map

## 2022 GRADUATE CAREER OUTCOMES

Based on information from 90% of graduates

**100%** Secured Employment

**92%** Admitted Into Graduate School or Professional Program

## 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
- LifeScape
- Southwestern Youth Services
- Avera Behavioral Health

## • Research Opportunities

- Mentored research with psychology faculty members
- Independent research

### • Example Research Topics

- History of Psychology & the Unconscious in Germany
- Researchers are Underutilizing Accurate Prayer Measures in Favor of Frequency

- **Service Learning**

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

- **Study Away**

- AU Faculty-Led: History of Psychology & the Unconscious in Austria



## 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, as well as 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 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.

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## EMPHASIS OPTIONS

Business/Human Resources | Counseling/Clinical | Research | Social Services

### FIRST YEAR

### MIDDLE YEAR(S)

### LAST YEAR

## EXCEL ACADEMICALLY

- Review SOPHIA and program requirements with your academic advisor.
- Review your degree audit report, and create a plan of study in Academic Planner.
- Enroll in PSYC 115 & 210.
- Participate in FYS 112 to confirm your major, hear from upper-level students about signature experiences and chart a personalized plan for your engagement.
- Choose or confirm your major(s) or minor(s).

- Explore career options in psychology, and consider declaring an emphasis to help tailor your course selection within psychology.
- Consider an interdisciplinary minor such as children & youth or aging studies to complement your psychology major.
- Contact the Student Success Center to declare any second majors or minors.
- Establish breadth and technical skills in psychology by completing your core courses and taking statistics and research methods.
- Complete a practicum (PSYC 391), or conduct research with a faculty member (PSYC 393).

- Apply to graduate no later than Oct. 1, and review the degree audit provided by the Registrar's Office.
- Learn how to apply your strong foundation in psychology to real-world problems in Senior Seminar (PSYC 400).

## ENGAGE & APPLY YOUR LEARNING

- Access your Viking Central account.
- Participate in campus clubs and organizations such as Lost & Found, Psychology Club, Serving And Learning Together (SALT), or serve as a Viking Advisor.
- Explore membership criteria for Psi Chi, and set your goals to be invited to join this international honor society for psychology majors.
- Explore study-away opportunities at the study-away fairs.
- Create an account in Augie Opportunities.

- Attend the Sophomore Retreat.
- Engage in campus leadership, internships, service and relevant summer employment.
- Apply for Psi Chi Honor Society.
- Connect with employers offering internships at the BIG Career Fair.
- Participate in the alumni mentor program.
- Consider elite scholarship opportunities, such as the Fulbright, Rhodes or Truman.
- Earn the Diversity Advocate Certificate.
- Apply for Knight Internship Funds and ASA transportation funds. Pursue elite fellowships.

- Take standardized exams (e.g., GRE, LSAT, MCAT), and share your application to graduate or professional schools with your advisor and CAP specialist for feedback.
- Attend the BIG (Business, Industry & Government) and Teacher Job Fairs.
- Continue to connect with alumni.
- Participate in mock interviews and networking events.
- Complete the career outcome survey to update us of your employment or enrollment in graduate school.
- Join the Augustana alumni community.

## CHART YOUR COURSE TODAY!

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