



What can I do with a degree in ...

Psychology

The objectives of the Psychology Department at Morehouse College are: to equip students with an understanding of the basic and evolving theories and concepts in psychology; to provide a strong foundation for understanding the basic principles of research in the behavioral sciences; to prepare students, academically and professionally, for advanced graduate training in psychology and related fields; to provide students with an awareness of the African American experience, and other cultural perspectives as they relate to psychology; to equip students with skills and experiences for understanding and working effectively with the social and psychological problems encountered by African American and other communities; to enhance the liberal arts experience with training in written and oral communication skills; to encourage and provide training in critical and creative thinking; to encourage ethical behavior and a tolerance for ambiguity, reflecting the values of the discipline of psychology; and to foster self-understanding, self-improvement and insight into others' behavior.

Job Types

RESEARCH

Social Research
Market Research
Data Analysis

Where to find them

Federal, state and local government agencies
National headquarters of non-profit organizations
Universities and colleges
Market research firms
Market research departments of consumer goods and manufacturing firms
Consulting firms

Ways to Prepare

- Seek research experience through work with a professor or internships.
- Develop strong quantitative and statistical skills. Take additional math and statistics courses.
- Obtain related experience, through a part-time or summer field service position with a market research firm.
- Get involved in the American Marketing Association.
- Earn a graduate degree in psychology, statistics or marketing for the greatest number of opportunities.

Job Types

EDUCATION

Teaching
Student Affairs
Administration
Training
Adult Learning

Where to find them

Public and private K-12 schools
Colleges and universities
Community instruction offered by government or social service agencies e.g. GED classes, life skills, parenting, etc.

Ways to Prepare

- Obtain a teaching certificate for public school positions. Multiple certification will increase marketability.
- Earn a doctoral degree for post-secondary teaching.
- Secure strong personal recommendations.
- Volunteer or work as a tutor.
- Gain experience working with children or adolescents.
- Acquire related experience on campus as a resident hall advisor, orientation leader, admissions tour guide, or peer mentor.
- Develop strong communication skills and learn to speak well in front of a group.

Job Types

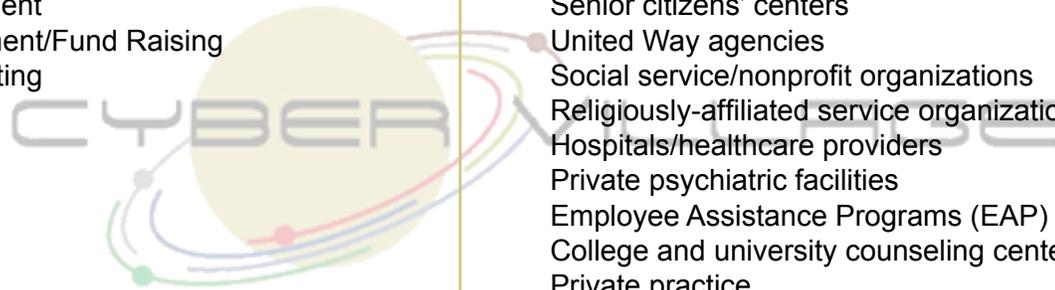
HUMAN SERVICES

Direct Care:

Counseling
Psychotherapy
Case Management
Mental Health Services
Physical Health and Wellness
Crisis Work
Art Therapy
Music Therapy

Administration:

Advocacy
Programming
Community Relations
Management
Development/Fund Raising
Grant Writing



Where to Find Them

Federal government, including Departments of:
-Health and Human Services
-Justice
-Veterans Administration
-VA Hospitals
State government, including Departments of:
-Human Services
-Mental Health & Mental Retardation
Community mental health centers
State psychiatric hospitals
Facilities for mentally impaired
-Justice
Probation and parole
Local government
Senior citizens' centers
United Way agencies
Social service/nonprofit organizations
Religiously-affiliated service organizations
Hospitals/healthcare providers
Private psychiatric facilities
Employee Assistance Programs (EAP)
College and university counseling centers
Private practice

Ways to Prepare

- Obtain essential practical experience through part-time or summer jobs such as camp counselor, tutor, or resident hall advisor.
- Complete an internship for academic credit.
- Gain experience through volunteering with organizations such as crisis hotlines, Big Brother/Sister, Special Olympics, service fraternities or sororities, etc.
- Many entry-level helping positions require one year of related experience. Volunteer experience and internships can typically fulfill this requirement. Learn to work well with different types of people.
- Develop strong communication skills.
- Cultivate the desire to help others.
- Become fluent in a foreign language to serve clients who may not speak English.
- Be willing to relocate for increased job opportunities.
- Become familiar with government hiring procedures.
- Acquire knowledge of government and community resources available for those in need.
- Obtain a graduate degree in psychology, counseling, or social work for positions involving substantive counseling or psychotherapy, or for advancement into administrative/supervisory positions.
- Many specialties exist at the graduate level, for example school counseling, mental health counseling, counseling psychology, etc. Pursue particular degrees depending upon interests and career goals..
- Maintain an excellent academic record and seek experiences valued by graduate programs.

Job Types

HUMAN RESOURCES

Employment and Recruitment
Labor Relations
Compensation and Benefits
Organizational Development
Training

Where to Find Them

Large companies
Government agencies
Staffing and employment services
Large non-profit organizations including hospitals
and educational institutions

Ways to Prepare

- Gain relevant experience in human resources by completing an internship.
- Earn a minor in business or supplement curriculum with business courses.
- Seek leadership positions in student organizations.
- Develop strong computer skills.
- Earn an MBA or a graduate degree in human resources to attain higher level positions.

Job Types

BUSINESS & INDUSTRY

Sales
Customer Service
Management
Insurance
Claims Management
Underwriting
Real Estate
Sales
Property Management
Public Relations

Where to Find Them

Service providers
Wholesalers
Manufacturers
Retail stores including:
Department stores
Specialty stores
Discount stores
Super retailers
Online retailers
Call centers
Financial institutions
Insurance companies
Real estate companies
Property management firms
Apartment complexes
Public relations departments of large
businesses or nonprofit organizations

Ways to Prepare

- Develop career goals and seek relevant experiences to prepare for those goals.
- Earn a minor in business, or supplement curriculum with business or communication courses.
- Obtain relevant experience through internships or part-time jobs.
- Work a part-time or summer job in a retail store.
- Demonstrate a willingness to take on additional responsibilities such as “assistant manager.”
- Participate in student organizations and seek leadership roles.
- Learn to work well with different types of people. Develop a strong commitment to customer satisfaction.
- For sales, develop the ability to work well under pressure and be comfortable in a competitive environment.
- Be willing to start in a management-trainee program or other entry-level positions.
- When job searching, seek employers interested in hiring “any major.”
- Understand the top skills employers desire and be prepared to demonstrate them, such as communication (oral and written), computer, interpersonal, leadership and teamwork, etc.

Additional Information

- Psychology provides a broad, liberal arts background.
 - Some students may choose to study psychology because they enjoy the subject but wish to pursue careers requiring “any major.” In this scenario, it is critical to develop desirable skills through internships, part-time or summer jobs, or volunteer experiences. Some skills valued most by employers include: communication, interpersonal, leadership, teamwork, and computer skills.
 - Other students may major in psychology because they want to work in a related field. Many entry-level helping positions are available, however the amount of direct client contact is limited for those who have a bachelor’s degree. Students may wish to pursue graduate education in psychology, social work, counseling, college student personnel, or other related fields to increase opportunities and earning potential. Research career fields to learn what type of degree (master’s or doctoral) and subject area are most appropriate. The following list provides some examples:
 - Master’s Degree
 - Licensed Clinical Social Worker
 - Professional Counselor
 - Educational, Vocational, and School Counselors
 - Substance Abuse and Behavioral Disorder Counselors
 - Rehabilitation Counselors
 - Licensed Marriage & Family Therapists
 - Doctoral Degree
 - Counseling Psychologist
 - Licensed Clinical Psychologist
 - Experimental Psychologist
 - School Psychologist
 - Sport Psychologist
 - Industrial/Organizational Psychologist
 - For those wishing to pursue graduate education, maintain a high grade point average, secure strong faculty recommendations, and gain experience through volunteer or work opportunities. Assist a faculty member with his or her research.
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The field of psychology is constantly changing, and the information listed above does not exhaust possible career options. Be sure to speak with your department chair or academic advisor for further guidance on course selections, as well as career planning.