PSYCHOLOGY

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Psychology
IUPUI School of Science

About the Major

Psychology is the science that studies the behavior and mental processes of animals and humans. This field attempts to describe, understand, predict, and positively change behavior and mental processes through research and applied knowledge. Overall, the goal of psychology is to improve the quality of life.

Sample Coursework

- Psychology of Women
- Introduction to Counseling
- Ethics & Diversity
- Life Span Development
- Motivation
- Cognition
- Child & Adolescent Behavior

Employment and Graduate School Information

Employment Outlook
Overall employment of psychologists is projected to grow 12 percent from 2012 to 2022, about as fast as the average for all occupations. Employment growth will vary by specialty. Employment of clinical, counseling, and school psychologists is projected to grow 11 percent from 2012 to 2022, about as fast as the average for all occupations. Greater demand for psychological services in schools, hospitals, mental health centers, and social services agencies should drive employment growth. Employment of industrial-organizational psychologists is projected to grow 53 percent from 2012 to 2022, much faster than the average for all occupations. Organizations use industrial-organizational psychologists to help select and keep employees, increase productivity, and improve office morale (http://www.bls.gov/ooh/life-physical-and-social-science/psychologists.htm#tab-6).

Salary Expectations
The median annual wage for psychologists was $69,280 in May 2012. The median annual wages for psychologist occupations in May 2012 were as follows: Industrial-Organizational Psychologists $83,580, Clinical, Counseling, and School Psychologists $67,650, and Psychologists $90,020.

(This section is intended for informational purposes, not prediction of actual salary. Salary information is based on national salary ranges which are greatly impacted by location and relative cost of living.)

Graduate/Professional School Opportunities
Psychology graduates may choose to pursue graduate/professional school in the following areas: Clinical Psychology, Counseling Psychology, School Counseling, Medicine, Industrial/Organizational Psychology, and Occupational Therapy.

Where Could I Work?

- Social Work
- Teaching
- Medicine
- Non-Profit Community Agencies
- Mental Health

Where Can I Get More Information?

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