



EXPERIENCE MAP

Psychology



**FUTURE FULL
OF PROMISE.**



University
of Windsor

GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY

PSYCHOLOGY

PSYCHOLOGY WITH THESIS

CHILD PSYCHOLOGY

DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY

DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY WITH THESIS

CONCURRENT PSYCHOLOGY/EDUCATION/ECE

COMBINED DISABILITY STUDIES AND PSYCHOLOGY

INTERDISCIPLINARY ARTS AND SCIENCE

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Skills and Knowledge of Psychology Graduates

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

General and Honours Psychology – These degrees can help you answer questions such as what makes people think and act the way they do? What causes people to interact with each other in functional and dysfunctional ways? To what extent do our personality and environment influence our behaviour?

Honours Psychology with Thesis – This program will prepare you to apply for MA and PhD degrees in psychology. Graduate study in psychology can lead to careers such as clinical psychologist; research and practice in business, university, government, health or other settings. Thesis work offers students the opportunity to explore interesting questions in depth and work closely with a faculty member.

Child Psychology – This program is for you if you wish to focus on child and adolescent development. Courses emphasize different lifespan periods and various aspects of typical and atypical development.

Developmental Psychology – In this program, you'll focus on child, adolescent and adult development. Courses emphasize different developmental periods and characteristics of both typical and atypical development over the lifespan.

Developmental Psychology with Thesis – This program will prepare you to apply for MA and PhD degrees in psychology. Graduate study in psychology can lead to careers such as child psychologist in private practice or an organization; psychology teaching; research and practice in university; government; health and social services. Thesis work offers

students the opportunity to explore interesting questions in depth and work closely with a faculty member.

Concurrent Psychology BA/BE/diploma in ECE – Offered jointly over five years in co-operation with St. Clair College, this joint program will prepare you to teach at the preschool and primary-junior levels (K-6).

Combined Disability Studies and Psychology – This program provides students with a focus on psychological and social models of disability and the knowledge and experience-based practice they can use to advocate for social justice, anti-oppressive needs, and accessibility for people with disabilities.

FUNCTIONAL KNOWLEDGE

- Understanding and assessing the psychological, emotional, cognitive, and social determinants of human behaviour
- Identifying, interpreting, and communicating key issues relevant to individuals, groups and society
- Understanding and applying behavioural components of psychological theory
- Appreciating the respective roles of various governmental, community, and health-care institutions
- Being sensitive to and understanding key psychological problems and the broader human condition
- Conducting qualitative/quantitative psychological research; gathering information, assessing and analyzing data, and establishing links

Degree Title / Program	Minimum Average	Admission Requirements
PSYCHOLOGY	70%	ENG. required.



- Courses of study specific to each program
- Activities and experiences that complement coursework (Outstanding Scholars, peer mentoring, VIP)
- Activities falling outside of the scope of set curriculum (Part-time job, clubs, volunteering, athletics)

Build your Skills and Experience

Your UWindsor experience is more than attending classes. It is a combination of academics, co-curricular activities, and extracurricular involvement. By making the most of all three elements of your university experience, you will maximize your opportunities to build your skills, broaden your personal network, and clarify your long term academic and career goals.

Career Planning Guide

Intentional career planning will help you prepare for your next step after graduation. It is a fluid, dynamic, and continuous process, meaning you can move on or return to an earlier stage at any time. You can even work through simultaneous cycles, like one for your long-term dream job and another for a summer job.



Explore Opportunities Using This Guide

Explore a selection of opportunities recommended for students in your program. This chart shows some of your many options – you don’t have to do everything on it or limit yourself to it. Engage in opportunities from each of the three categories to set yourself up for success:

- **Academics**
 - Your coursework
- **Experience**
 - Ways to get involved
- **Career**
 - Plan ahead for what’s next

HIP High-Impact Practice (HIP)

A HIP is an enriching educational experience that can be life-changing and often includes learning outside of the classroom while encouraging meaningful interaction and collaboration, such as:

- Co-op, internship or field experiences
- Research with faculty
- Culminating senior experience
- Capstone courses
- Service-learning
- Learning communities
- Study abroad

	First Year	Middle Years	Final Year
Academics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gain foundational knowledge while receiving small group mentorship from faculty and upper-level peers by taking Introduction to Psychology as a Behavioural Science and Introduction to Psychology as a Social Science• Review course and program degree requirements• Meet with an academic advisor• Consider combining your Psychology degree with another area of study• Receive peer mentorship and advising from the Psychology Students’ Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enrol in social, child and other specialized psychology courses to explore different interests• Meet with an academic advisor each semester to keep your courses on track• Investigate the possibility of becoming a mentor to first year students• Look into volunteering to work in a professor’s research lab HIP• Apply to an Honours Psychology program with thesis by Fall of 3rd year if interested HIP• Consider declaring a minor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meet with an academic advisor to go over degree requirements• Complete all required courses for your degree• Apply to graduate through MyUWindsor Portal• Work with a faculty member on a thesis, research project or publication HIP• Look into research or teaching opportunities with department professors and graduate students HIP• Take a field work, internship, or practicum course to optimize your senior experience HIP
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Become a member of the Psychology Students’ Association• View available internships or field placements for your program of study HIP• Apply for a co-curricular experience such as VIP HIP• Investigate research opportunities as part of the Outstanding Scholars program HIP• Take part in psychology research studies through the Psychology Research Participant Pool HIP• Research student exchange opportunities for middle years HIP• Participate in the Bystander Initiative workshop to gain skills that will help you be an effective and supportive ally to prevent sexual assault on campus	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Join a professional association in your field such as the Ontario Psychological Association• Participate in the UWill Discover undergraduate research conference HIP• Look for a leadership role in a club, society or campus organization such as the Peer Support Centre, LEAD or Students Orienting Students (SOS)• Attend a Psychology Students’ Association event such as the meet the professor night or annual gala• Apply for student exchange HIP• Expand your skills by taking on a summer, part-time or volunteer position• Look for a leadership role in a club or society	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Apply to become a student representative on the Departmental Council or Undergraduate Studies Committee• Conduct field research with a faculty member HIP• Become a tutor for Students Offering Support (SOS) HIP• Become a peer mentor for students enrolled in Introduction to Psychology• Take a Practicum course in Psychology, Developmental Psychology or Social Change HIP
Career	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create a list of things that you enjoy, areas in which you excel, and your skills• Meet with a career advisor in Career Development and Experiential Learning (CDEL) for help developing a plan for your future years• Consider a career assessment workshop or appointment to help you identify possible career paths• Get involved with a part-time job, volunteer opportunity, campus group, or research assistantship• Attend CDEL workshops to learn how to find a summer or part-time job and write a resumé and cover letter• Drop in to meet with one of CDEL’s peer advisors to get answers to your career and job search questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research career fields and occupations with the help of a CDEL career advisor• Explore opportunities and meet employers through job fairs and employer networking events• Explore further educational opportunities by attending the Graduate and Professional Schools Fair and researching admission requirements for programs you are interested in• Attend CDEL’s Using Social Media to Leverage Your Career workshop• Create a LinkedIn profile and have it critiqued• Take part in informational interviews and use sources like LinkedIn and Ten Thousand Coffees to meet people in your targeted profession• Search job postings to learn what skills, knowledge, and credentials you will need for potential careers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If you are considering applying to graduate or professional school, be aware of early application deadlines• Meet with CDEL to prepare application documents like a resumé, cover letter, CV, or personal statement for jobs and education programs you are applying to• Attend an Interview Skills Workshop and Job Search Tips Workshop• Use InterviewStream to practice your interview skills online• Set up an in-person mock interview with a career advisor for professional school or job applications• Meet employers at the annual job fair in January• Compose a portfolio of relevant academic and work experience

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Life After Graduation

270

Number of Psychology
Graduates (2017)

95.7%

Employment rate of graduates
2 years following degree
completion (OUGS Social Sciences, 2014)



“As a student in a dual major program, the faculty of Psychology has allowed me to discover my potential through research, academic practicums and hands-on learning experiences. I have been able to get involved through student organizations, facilitate classroom discussions and work alongside professors while delivering curriculum. I am grateful for the opportunities, work involvement and influential individuals I have met along the way. I hope the skills, knowledge and strategies I have gained carry with me in the field of work!”

Leonardo Anthony Pisciueneri - BSc Biology & Psychology



COMMON INDUSTRIES FOR PSYCHOLOGY GRADUATES

- **Academia:** Advanced psychological research and teaching
- **Business:** Research and analysis, human resources, project management
- **Education:** Advising, counselling, corporate training
- **Government:** Research and policy development
- **Healthcare:** Administration, counselling
- **Law and law enforcement**
- **Immigration and community integration**
- **Psychology practice:** Private, healthcare, corrections
- **Social service and community agencies**

CAREER TRACKS*

Addictions counsellor
Behavioural psychologist
Child and youth worker
Child psychologist
Communications specialist
Consultant
Demographer

Disability service worker
Doctor
Forensic psychologist
Gerontologist
Health educator
Journalist
Law enforcement officer

Lawyer
Mediator
Mental health worker
Operations director
Policy analyst
Project manager
Psychiatrist

Psychologist
Public official
Rehabilitation counsellor
Research co-ordinator
Social worker
Teacher
University professor

*Additional education and/or training required for some of these careers

CAREER-READINESS COMPETENCIES



Critical Thinking and Problem Solving

Using strategic and creative thinking to make decisions and evaluate solutions



Teamwork and Collaboration

Working as a productive member of a group and collaborating with others to achieve set goals



Professionalism and Work Ethic

Demonstrating personal management practices and a high level of integrity and ethical behaviour



Communication

Appropriate and effective articulation of ideas and information to a range of audiences



Campus Resources

- Research scholarships and bursaries through the **Student Awards and Financial Aid Office**
- Visit **Leddy Library** and the **Writing Support Desk** for help with academic assignments
- Explore mentorship opportunities through the **Connecting4Success (C4S)** and **Bounce Back** programs
- Improve study skills through the **Skills to Enhance Personal Success (STEPS)** program
- Get advice and support about your academic status by making an appointment with **Academic Advising**
- Seek out assistance with academic accommodation from **Student Accessibility Services**
- Discover ways to get involved on campus through the **Student Success and Leadership Centre**
- Look into the **Ignite: Work Study** program for on-campus employment opportunities
- Apply to **VIP** to get involved in a community service learning experience
- Get assistance developing your career plan and job search skills from **Career Development and Experiential Learning**
- Consult with the **EPICentre** if you are interested in starting your own business
- Broaden your cultural awareness through the **International Student Centre** and **Student Exchange Office**
- Find support for Indigenous learners and broaden your understanding of Indigenous culture by visiting **Turtle Island**
- Tend to your health and wellness with support from **Student Health Services** and **Lancer Recreation**
- Receive confidential mental health counselling delivered by trained professionals at the **Student Counselling Centre**
- Seek personal support or learn more about sexual violence education through the **Sexual Misconduct Response and Prevention Office**

Student Recruitment

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