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What (else) can I do with a major in Psychology?

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Slides available:
http://psych.unimelb.edu.au/study/careers
What we’ll cover

• Options
  – Employment
  – Graduate/further study - related to Psychology
  – Graduate/further study - new directions

• Resources - to research careers and courses
Other discussions re careers with a Psych major

• University of Melbourne:
  http://psych.unimelb.edu.au/study/careers

• Australian Psychological Society:
Still considering 4th year Psychology?

- Study pathways to becoming a Psychologist: http://www.psychology.org.au/studentHQ/studying/study-pathways/

- Selection into 4th year at Melbourne: http://psych.unimelb.edu.au/study/fourth-year

Psychology in perspective

A highly robust foundation for a great many (if not all) careers, making use of.....

– core understandings about human behaviour
– skills in quantitative reasoning and research methodology
– skills in using ‘evidence’ to inform understanding/decisions
– general rigor in analysis and problem-solving

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Thinking about what would suit you

• What sector is of most interest? ie what sorts of issues? what sorts of clients? for what purpose? eg business, health, education, community, personal development, protective services....

• What type of work activity would suit you? eg service delivery/face-to-face, technical, big picture roles such as policy, research, promotional/advocacy.....
Employment

Most careers require graduate or further study (trend to professional preparation at graduate level); however, there are employment opportunities post-Bachelor degree:

• Jobs in general job market
• Graduate Employment Programs

NOTE: While there are job types typically associated with Psychology, there may be other possibilities for individuals – depending on interests, skills and experiences
Jobs in the general job market - Psychology related

- market and applied social research - consultancies
- human resources – particularly in recruitment
- program, policy and research support in community organisations (Note – casework roles require training which includes face-to-face work and/or significant voluntary experience)
- customer service in human services agencies eg TAC, NGOs)
- student services in higher education eg disability support, student advising
- general management (via management trainee programs)
- research assistant roles (though more likely with 4th year)
Recent positions acquired by Psych majors – examples

- Human Resources Consultant *(local government)*
- Management Trainee *(bank)*
- Research Assistant *(hospital)*
- Marketing Assistant *(market research company)*
- Project Assistant *(mental health support organisation)*
- Integration Aide *(regional college)*
Recent positions acquired by Psych majors – more examples

• Sleep Scientist (hospital)
• Tutor (residential college)
• Science Demonstrator (high school)
• Weight Loss Consultant (private business)
• Project Coordinator (youth mental health support organisation)
• Welfare Officer (community organisation)
Graduate Employment Programs

- Positions for new grads which include significant training and development; typically for 12-18 months

- Generally offered by large commercial organisations and government

- Tend to recruit students early in final year to commence following January – but recent graduates can apply

More info:
http://careers.unimelb.edu.au/student/find_a_job/professional_and_graduate_work

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Graduate Employment Programs

Organisations recruiting Psychology majors:

• Government Departments – State and Commonwealth – for careers in policy and public sector management

• Commercial organisations specifically targeting Psychology - roles in HR with large corporates eg Qantas, Shell, Telstra, or market and social research with consultancies eg Forethought Research

• Commercial organisations open to all grads - for general business roles and consulting eg banks, management consulting firms
Careers requiring graduate or further study – related to Psychology

Key sectors:
• Community Services and Personal Development
• Protective Services
• Health
• Business
• Education
NOTE: Course examples given in following slides

- Specific courses mentioned are examples only of possible courses

- Important to research courses yourself to get full range of options (see next slide)
Researching courses

To search for courses at any level, at all institutions, anywhere in Australia:

myfuture (government careers reference website):
http://www.myfuture.edu.au/tools-and-resources/study-or-training-options/coursesearch
Community Services and Personal Development

• **Social Work** - UoM course requires 40 hours relevant paid or voluntary work; and 100 points of Social Science studies – broad interpretation of Social Sciences

• **Community Services** eg families, youth, drug & alcohol, disability, mental health - various TAFE Cert IVs or Diplomas

• **Counselling/Psychotherapy** eg Master of Clinical Counselling ACU; private training organisations eg Cairn Millar; some graduate courses may not be suitable for new grads without relevant experience

• **Rehabilitation Counselling** eg Grad Dip available thru La Trobe

• **Careers Counselling** eg Grad Dip available thru RMIT and ACU

• **Genetic Counselling** eg UoM Master of Genetic Counselling – preference given to relevant science study areas

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Useful Links

- **Counselling:**
  - Psychotherapy and Counselling Federation of Australia (‘members’ of this body are counselling associations such as CAPAV below) - [www.pacfa.org.au](http://www.pacfa.org.au)
  - Counsellors’ and Psychotherapists’ Association of Victoria (individual counsellors register with this body and must meet training requirements) - [www.capav.org.au](http://www.capav.org.au)

- **Rehabilitation Counselling:**


- **Careers Counselling:**

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Protective Services

- **Police** - some specialty areas may particularly interest eg Community Policing, Crime Investigation; Tertiary qualifications given ‘bonus points’ in selection process

- **Community Corrections** - Department of Justice

- **Child Protection** - Statutory role with Department of Human Services – Social Work preferred qualification

- **Defence forces** - roles in Communications, Education, Personnel may interest

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Useful Links

• Community Corrections: www.cvcareers.com.au


• Defence Forces: www.defencejobs.gov.au

Health

• **Therapies** – Occupational Therapy, Speech Pathology eg OT available at LaTrobe; Speech at UoM

• **Nursing** UoM Master of Nursing - may need to do online subject ‘*Human Anatomy for Nursing*’

• **Medical Imaging** eg RMIT & Monash – Master of Medical Radiations ‘entry to practice’; requires some Science

• **Audiology** eg UoM Master of Audiology; requires some Science

• **Public Health/Health Promotion** eg UoM Master of Public Health
Useful Links

• Audiology Australia: [http://www.audiology.asn.au/](http://www.audiology.asn.au/)
• Health Information Management Association of Australia: [http://www.himaa2.org.au/](http://www.himaa2.org.au/)
• Public Health Association of Australia: [http://www.phaa.net.au/](http://www.phaa.net.au/)

[The University of Melbourne Careers Employment](http://www.careers.unimelb.edu.au)
Business

- Marketing/Advertising/Public Relations eg UoM’s Master of Management (Marketing)

- Human Resources eg UoM’s Master of Management (Human Resources)

- Occupational Health & Safety eg Master of Applied Science RMIT

- Management Consulting - for new grads, entry generally via Graduate Employment Programs – further study can enhance eg Business
Useful Links

Education

• **Secondary Teaching** - need subjects to cover two ‘learning areas’

• **Primary Teaching** - any degree

• **Early Childhood Education** - any degree
Useful Links

• Secondary teaching - Learning Area Guidelines (study requirements to teach 2 subjects):

• Victorian Institute of Teaching:
Graduate Study - new directions

Many graduate courses in fields less clearly related to Psychology accessible to BA and BSc grads:

• Law/JD

• Urban Planning, Information Systems, Accounting, Finance, Publishing, Journalism, Law... (200pt/2 years Masters)

• Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Engineering... (300pt or 3 year Masters)
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Wednesday 26th August, 1-2pm, Agar Theatre, Zoology
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