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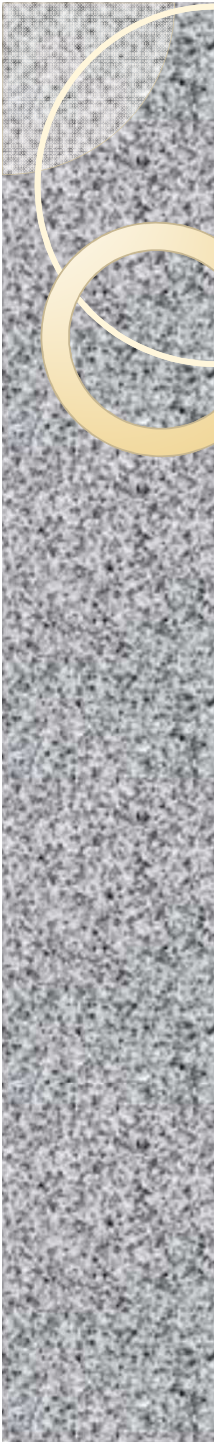
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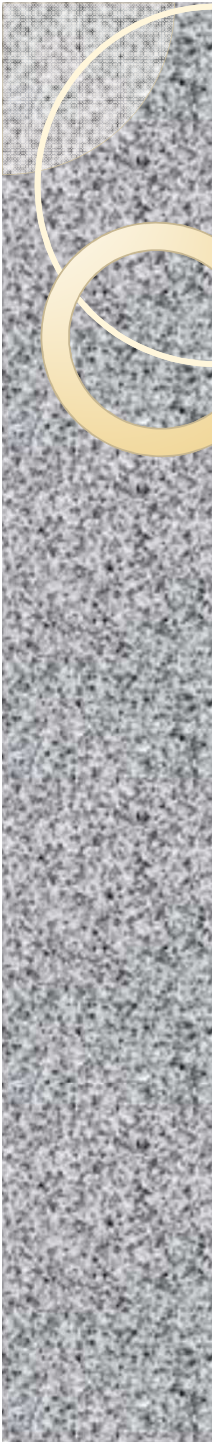
Agenda

- 1:00 – 2:00: General Information Session, Careers in Psychology and Graduate School, Dr. Sunaina Assanand and Dr. Mike Souza, CIRS 1250.
- 2:00 – 2:30: Information Session on the Honours Program, Dr. Sheila Woody, CIRS 1250.
- 2:00 – 2:30: Information Session on the BSc Program, Dr. Boris Gorzalka, Swing 221.
- 2:00 – 3:30: Open House, Kenny Building. Go to offices and labs with a **orange** poster on the door to meet faculty members, graduate students, and staff. **Food will be served in the atrium!**



Career Prospects with an Undergraduate Degree in Psychology

- The skills acquired through the completion of an undergraduate degree in Psychology are valued in diverse employment settings.
- The majority of positions involve the application of skills acquired through your undergraduate training.
- The entry-level positions that Psychology majors obtain are varied.



Examples of Entry-Level Positions Obtained by Psychology Majors

Addictions counsellor
Administrative assistant
Advertising trainee
Child care worker
Corrections officer
Community recreation worker
Counsellor's aide
Cultural diversity consultant
Customs officer
Day care worker
Director of volunteer services
Group home coordinator
Hospice coordinator
Immigration officer
Loans officer
Management trainee
Market research analyst

Mental health worker
Motivational speaker
Nursing home worker
Personnel manager
Program coordinator
Program evaluator
Psychiatric assistant
Public health statistician
Public opinion interviewer
Rehabilitation advisor
Research assistant
Small business owner
Statistical assistant
Technical writer
Youth counsellor
University/college advisor
Vocational counsellor

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- Resources on careers with an undergraduate degree in psychology:

DeGalan, J., & Lambert, S. (2006). Great jobs for psychology majors. Columbus, OH: McGraw-Hill.

Morgan, B. L., & Korschgen, A. J. (2008). Majoring in Psychology: Career Options for Psychology Undergraduates. Boston: Pearson.

Landrum, R. E. (2009). Finding Jobs With a Psychology Bachelor's Degree. Washington: APA


APA website:

<http://www.apa.org/careers/resources/index.aspx>.



Career Prospects with a Graduate Degree in Psychology

- Through graduate studies, individuals develop expertise in one or more subdisciplines of psychology.
- An increasing number of individuals are pursuing a terminal master's degree.
- Nevertheless, the greatest range of employment opportunities and highest paid jobs are available to those who have completed a doctoral degree.

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- Individuals who have completed a graduate degree in psychology are typically employed as researchers, practitioners, and consultants. Settings in which they are employed include:

Academic settings (e.g., colleges, universities).

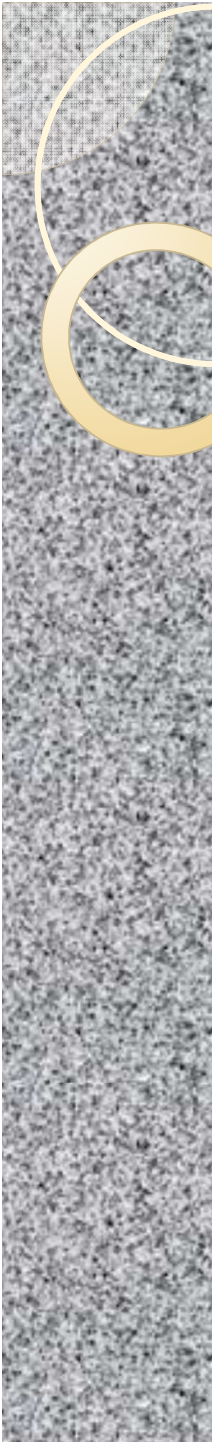
Business and industry (e.g., drug companies, market research companies).

Government (e.g., military settings, federal and provincial governmental agencies).

Hospitals and clinics.

Independent practice (e.g., clinical practice, consulting practice).

Research institutes.



Examples of Positions Obtained by Master's and Doctoral Graduates in Psychology

Clinical psychologist, Back in Motion

Clinical psychologist, Women's and Children's Hospital

Clinical psychologist, private practice

Forensic psychologist, Correctional Services of Canada

Forensic psychologist, East Coast Forensic Psychiatric Hospital

Dean, Adler School of Professional Psychology

Director, St. Paul's Eating Disorders Clinic

Officer, Canadian Security Intelligence Service

Private consultant, physical activity and the work place

Private consultant, statistics and research methodology

Senior Vice President, NRG Market Research Company

Researcher, BC Centre of Excellence for Women's Health Research,
BC Women's Hospital

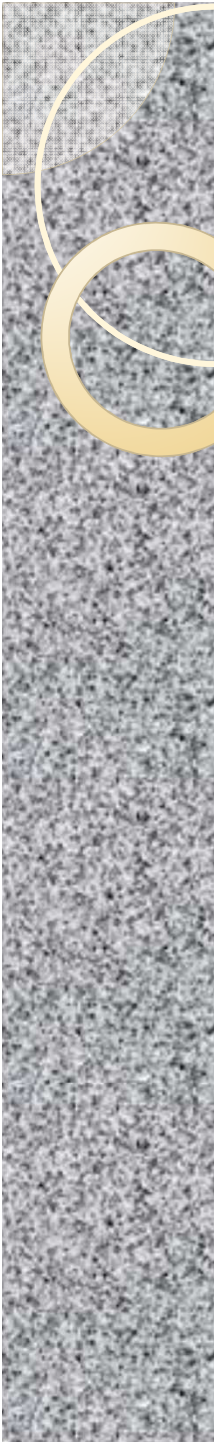
Researcher, Canadian Department of Justice

Researcher, Microsoft

Researcher, RAND

Trial consultant

University/college professor

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- Resources on careers with a graduate degree in psychology:

Kuther, T. L., & Morgan, R. D. (2007). Careers in Psychology: Opportunities in a Changing World. Belmont, CA: Thomson Wadsworth.

Sternberg, R. J. (Ed.). (2006). Career paths in psychology: Where your degree can take you. Washington: APA.

Super, D. E., & Super, C. M. (2001). Opportunities in Psychology Careers. Columbus, OH: McGraw-Hill.

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What do I need to get into Graduate School?

1. **Strong marks:** aim for 80%+ average in last 2 years.
An honors degree can be helpful.
2. **Graduate Records Exam (GRE):**
 - General - Aim for scores above the 80th percentile.
 - Psychology - Aim for scores above the 90th percentile.
3. **Three reference letters** from 3 individuals who can comment on your academic ability and qualifications.
 - *Must be able to comment on your academic ability and research potential*



What do I need to get into Graduate School?

4. **General application:**

- Identify the program to which you are applying
- Identity a faculty mentor you would like to work with
- Statement of Intent (experience/research interests).
- Curriculum Vitae

5. **Securing external funding**

- SSHRC, NSERC, CIHR, MSFHR can help **a lot**.



Life as a Masters Student

Masters Degree (2 years)

Experimental vs. Clinical (Clinical = more requirements)

Courses:

- Experimental 7 courses (at least 2 of which are statistics).
- Clinical 11 courses (at least 2 of which are statistics).

Thesis:

- Masters thesis and defense

Write manuscripts for publication and grants to obtain funding, travel to and present at conferences

Expected income: \$16,000 - \$40,000

**upper limit is with multiple funding sources and TA work.*



Life as a Doctoral Student

PhD (4 years)

Clinical = more requirements (summer practicum, internship).

Courses:

- Experimental = 4 courses vs. clinical = 6 courses.

Dissertation:

- Proposal, dissertation and defense

Comprehensive Exams:

- Review paper, grant proposals and/or oral and written examinations.

Write manuscripts for publication and grants to obtain funding, travel to and present at conferences

Expected income: \$17,000 - \$60,000

**upper limit is with multiple funding sources and TA work.*



Life as a Professor

Teaching

- Undergraduate and graduate-level courses

Research (designing and supervising)

- Supervising graduate, undergraduate students

Administrative Duties

- Serving on Departmental and University Committees

Writing

- Manuscripts, Book Chapters, Grants

Reviewing grants and manuscripts for publication

Expected Income: \$50,000 – \$100,000+



More Information on Graduate School

- Graduate Guide 2005-2006:
<http://www.cpa.ca/students/cpagraduateguide/>.
- “The Complete Guide to Graduate School Admission” by Patricia Keith-Spiegel is an excellent source of information about applying to graduate school.
- Dr. Margaret A. Lloyd's *Careers in Psychology* site includes a wealth of information about applying for graduate school www.psychwww.com/careers/index.htm.



Undergraduate Advising

- Registration and Program Requirements:
Jennifer Janicki (drop-in hours or by appointment).
- Graduate school admissions and careers in psychology:
Dr. Sunaina Assanand (by appointment).
- Book advising appointments with Julie Hodge,
(604) 822-6547, undergrad@psych.ubc.ca.

Psychology Students' Association (PSA)



- We are the *only psychology club* at UBC
- Annual membership fee and benefits
- Some of this year's events:

Welcome Back Event, Study tips workshop, Study Days, Careers Panel, GRE Night – Jeopardy Style, Wine & Cheese Night with Professors, 15th Annual Undergraduate Research Conference and more!

Kenny 2007 (weekly office hours)

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