

PSYCHOLOGY

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

ASPIRE

EXPERIENTIAL MAJOR MAP

THE VALUE OF A DEGREE IN PSYCHOLOGY

The Psychology Program at West Liberty University develops critical thinking, communication, research, and interpersonal skills valued across careers and graduate programs while providing meaningful experiential learning and career preparation.

THE KNOWLEDGE...

- Human & Animal Behavior
- Critical Thinking & Scientific Reasoning
- Communication
- Research & Data Literacy
- Interpersonal Skills
- Self Regulation & Career Readiness

THE EXPERIENCE...

- Applied Projects
- Field Experiences
- Research
- Community Engagement
- Leadership
- Career Preparation
- Psychology Club
- Psi Chi: International Honors Society

THE POSSIBILITIES...

- Case Manager
- Project Manager
- Sales Associate
- Advocate
- Behavior Consultant
- Psychologist/Social Worker/Counselor
- Human Resources
- Research Assistant
- PA/Med/Law school prep
- And More!

BUILD SKILLS THAT GO ANYWHERE

- Psychological Knowledge
- Critical Thinking & Data Analysis
- Ethics & Inclusive Decision Making
- Written and Oral Communication
- Professional & Leadership Skills

HILLTOP ADVANTAGE

The Hilltop Advantage ensures every student graduates with a degree, meaningful experiences, career ready skills, and a clear plan for what comes next.

FROM OUR ALUMNI

- I would tell incoming students that it is a wonderful field to venture into for so many reasons, and it is valued in nearly every industry that exists. I have formed such close relationships with my peers and instructors. (Holly Tucker)
- The faculty are experienced and supportive, and we have hands on learning opportunities in our classes. The program prepares us well for both graduate school and our future careers. It is one of the best decisions that I have made! (Mark Huff)

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY - PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR

Ψ	FIRST YEAR	SECOND YEAR	THIRD YEAR	LAST YEAR	PATHWAY TO SUCCESS
A: ACADEMIC MASTERY	- Develop relationship with faculty advisor - Create personalized academic 4-year plan - Complete initial program assessments	- Explore research & scholarly activity opportunities - Complete ethics training certification - Participate in academic poster presentations - Utilize statistical software	- Choose restricted electives matching your career aspirations - Participate in research or scholarly activity - Complete practice Major Field Test - Engage in anatomical dissection activities	- Synthesize & critically evaluate research findings and communicate conclusions through professional written & oral presentations. - Complete Major Field Test in Psychology & other assessments - Disseminate research or scholarly activity at a professional outlet	Build relationships with your advisor and faculty
S: SELF-DISCOVERY & STRENGTHS	- Identify personal strengths, interests, values, & goals through guided reflection activities - Connect personal strengths to academic & career pathways	- Compare potential fields and pathways based on individual interests & goals - Refine academic and career interests through continued self reflection & exploration	Reflect on personal growth & evolving strengths through additional self assessments and experiential learning	- Articulate a clear sense of direction for life after graduation based on individual strengths, interests, and goals - Evaluate personal assumptions and biases through reflection & experiential learning	Develop and maintain your résumé or CV
PI: PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION INTEGRATIVE & EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING	- Explore opportunities for involvement in student organizations & campus activities - Identify career & professional development opportunities - Begin professional portfolio	- Develop a professional résumé & cover letter - Complete at least one job shadowing experience - Identify practicum opportunities aligned with academic & career goals. - Continue building a professional network through career fairs, networking events, conferences, student organizations, etc. - Participate in field trip experiences that extend classroom learning	- Develop a professional curriculum vitae (CV) & personal statement - Apply & complete a practicum that provides supervised experience applying knowledge and skills in a real world setting - Engage with prospective employers through career fairs, on campus recruiting, networking opportunities, & employer interviews	- Apply for full time positions, graduate programs, fellowships, or research opportunities - Present and defend a culminating portfolio that demonstrates academic, personal, & professional development - Identify a community need and apply course knowledge through a community based project - Support the academic & professional development of peers	Build your professional network
RE: RELATIONSHIPS & LEADERSHIP ENGAGEMENT & WELL-BEING	- Engage in student organizations, clubs, or campus activities aligned with personal interests - Identify campus resources that support personal well being & student success - Develop strategies for maintaining well being & balancing academic, personal, & social responsibilities	- Deepen connections with peers, faculty, & the campus community through continued involvement - Take on increased responsibility within student organizations, clubs, or campus activities - Apply strategies and utilize resources to balance responsibilities & support personal well being	- Assume a leadership role in a student organization, campus initiative, or community activity - Develop relationships with alumni, mentors, and other members of the broader community - Balance academic, leadership, and personal responsibilities while prioritizing well-being	- Mentor & support other students through leadership, service, or campus involvement - Contribute student perspectives through advisory boards, committees, or institutional leadership opportunities - Develop strategies for maintaining relationships, personal well being, & work life balance beyond graduation	- Seek meaningful experiential learning opportunities - Prepare for your next step: job &/or graduate study

