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to you?

This symbol, Ψ , the Greek letter Psy, is often used as an abbreviation for the word PSYCHOLOGY. To many students, the profession of Psychology is "all Greek." To help familiarize students with the field, here are answers to some questions high school students frequently ask.

WHAT IS PSYCHOLOGY? Psychology is the science which studies individual behavior, draws conclusions from such study, and applies understandings gained in the service of man.

WHERE DO PSYCHOLOGISTS WORK? In schools and colleges; for federal, state and local governments; for the Armed Forces; in business and industry; and for private philanthropic, charitable, and research foundations. Some are self-employed as clinicians or consultants in private practice.

WHAT DO PSYCHOLOGISTS DO? Some teach; some provide counseling services; some help with selection and training of industrial personnel, on-the-job adjustment of employees, and increasing worker efficiency; some are concerned chiefly with administering psychological tests, others with diagnosing difficulties and providing therapy; some are scientific researchers; some are engaged in such specialized programs as the selection and training of astronauts. There is a great variety in the types of positions available for psychologists, and the settings in which they may work.

WHAT IS THE OUTLOOK FOR EMPLOYMENT? Excellent, for the well-trained individual. The number and types of positions are increasing in number far more rapidly than they can be filled. Opportunities for employment are not limited to any one geographic area

HOW DO I BECOME A PSYCHOLOGIST? First one must earn a bachelors degree with a major in psychology; then one must earn at least a Master's Degree in psychology. Many jobs now require a Ph.D. Degree in psychology and over 60% of all psychologists now have earned this degree. Psychologists with Ph.D. Degrees, on an average, earn two to three thousand dollars a year more than do psychologists with a Master's Degree. Most graduate students receive financial help from universities and other sources, either in the form of part-time employment or in the form of fellowships and scholarships.

WHAT DOES EAST CAROLINA COLLEGE OFFER IN PSYCHOLOGY? ECC offers the A.B. Degree with a major in psychology. Its requirements include a background in the liberal arts as well as preparation in psychology and a related minor field. The M.A. program at ECC consists of one full school year, in which course work is almost entirely in psychology. The exact M.A. courses taken depends on the field of psychology in which one plans on working. Specializations at East Carolina in the Department of Psychology include, in addition to a Master's Degree in General-Theoretical, a two-year program in clinical, and a two-year Master's Degree in School Psychology.

For the school year of 1963-64, over two hundred-fifty undergraduates are majoring in psychology. Also, approximately twenty-five graduate students are enrolled. The usual areas of psychology are included among the fourteen staff members in the department.

Exciting plans for the future include a new building (by school year 1964-65) with excellent facilities for research and teaching. New programs are also planned.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH THE AB DEGREE ALONE? Most positions directly related to the field of psychology require the MA as the minimum education. However, AB graduates from ECC are working as social case workers, interviewers in both government and industry, and other similar fields. Many areas not considered "psychological" also attract psychology majors. For example, many employers prefer people with psychology backgrounds for jobs in sales, personnel, public relations, labor relations, the ministry and law.



WHERE CAN I GET FURTHER INFORMATION
ABOUT A CAREER ON TRAINING IN
PSYCHOLOGY?

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