

PSYCHOLOGY



ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

Graduates receive a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Psychology. Berea's Psychology program prepares students for post-graduate jobs in psychology-related fields and also provides a firm foundation for graduate-level training. Students might pair their Psychology major with a minor in Sociology, Biology, or Child and Family Studies among others.

OPPORTUNITIES & INTERNSHIPS

- Psychology students can join the official Berea College chapter of Psi Chi, a national honor society associated with renowned organizations like the American Psychological Association (APS) and American Psychological Association (APA).
- Summer Research gives students the opportunity to learn all aspects of empirical research. Students also interact closely with Berea professors on-campus and have completed paid off-campus internships.
- The Senior Research course gives Berea psychology majors an edge that's unique in the world of undergraduate studies. It provides the chance to create a start-to-finish original research project, present it

to their peers, and present at a professional conference. Past conferences include the Kentucky Academy of Science (KAS), Kentucky Psychological Association (KPA), and South-Eastern Psychological Association (SEPA).

- Students can become a departmental teaching assistant, where they will sit in on classes, lead class discussions, make quizzes and assignments, and grade them. These are all invaluable experiences for graduate school applications.

CAREERS & OUTCOMES

Berea graduates are distinguished by the practical experience they gain in the work-study program. Berea Psychology graduates find employment in a wide variety of occupations and career fields, including:

- Advertising & Sales
- Basic & Applied Research
- Business
- Counseling
- Evaluation & Assessment
- Human Resources
- Law
- Psychotherapy
- Schools & Higher Education
- Treatment of Addictions



WHY IS A LIBERAL ARTS EDUCATION VALUABLE?

A liberal arts education at Berea College, combined with our work study program, equips students with highly employable skills like communication, problem-solving, and teamwork. Beyond offering a degree program, we help our students develop social responsibility and prepare them to successfully navigate diversity, change, and the complex demands of a modern work place.



80

percentage of employers who want colleges to emphasize critical thinking, analytic reasoning, and oral and written communication.

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Berea College's ranking as "Best Liberal Arts College" by Washington Monthly Magazine, 2018.

75

percentage of employers who believe successful college graduates should have both liberal arts training and experience in the field.

90

percentage of Berea students who credit liberal arts and work study for developing their communication, critical thinking, & problem-solving skills.



"People with a liberal arts education are able to think and view the world from several different perspectives . . . This ability to understand and adapt is very valuable in today's workplace."

Edward B. Rust Jr.
Chairman and CEO, State Farm Insurance Companies