The Psychology and Biological Sciences major is intended to reflect the interdisciplinary nature of current research in the fields of Psychology and Biology, as well as the national trend in some professions to seek individuals broadly trained in both the social and natural sciences. About half of our graduates go on to graduate or professional school. The remainder seek to expand their problem-solving-oriented skills so job opportunities, beyond those typically open to liberal arts students are available.

Typical career paths can be developed in research, neuroscience, nutrition, education, and human services.

Selected Career Directions

**Research**
- Social Research
- Market Research
- Data Analysis
- Testing/Test Development
- Experimental Psychology

**Neuroscience**
- Research and Development
- Healthcare
- Federal Government
- Education

**Nutrition**
- Clinical Nutrition
- Community and Public Health Nutrition
- Industry
- Consulting

**Education**
- Teaching
- Adult Learning/Community Instruction
- Information/Library Science
- Higher Education Administration and Student Support Services

**Human Services: Direct Care or Administration**
- Counseling
- Psychotherapy
- Art/Music Therapy
- Case Management
- Mental Health Services
- Crisis Work
- Testing/Assessment

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**Career & Professional Development Center**
West Wing, Second Floor
412.268.2064
www.cmu.edu/career

To schedule an appointment with your Career Consultant, login to TartanTRAK on our website, click on “Request a Counseling Appointment” under “Shortcuts to CPDC Resources”

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Law Enforcement  
Programming  
Community Relations  
Development/Fund Raising

**Resources**
American Psychological Association: [www.apa.org](http://www.apa.org)  
Other Psychology Organizations: [www.socialpsychology.org/psych.htm](http://www.socialpsychology.org/psych.htm)  
Society for Neuroscience: [www.sfn.org](http://www.sfn.org)  
Society for Social Neuroscience: [s4sn.org/drupal](http://s4sn.org/drupal)  
American Institute of Biological Sciences: [www.aibs.org/home/index.html](http://www.aibs.org/home/index.html)  
Idealist: [www.idealista.org](http://www.idealista.org)  
SocialService.com: [www.socialservice.com](http://www.socialservice.com)  
Peace Corps: [www.peacecorps.gov](http://www.peacecorps.gov)

**Skill Development**
Skills developed include being able to obtain, interpret and analyze data; communicate with others; and document information. Student also learn to think critically.

**Strategies to Develop Skills**
- Obtain essential practical experience through part-time or summer jobs.  
- Complete an internship for academic credit.  
- Obtain a graduate degree in neuropsychology or biopsychology.  
- Pursue research experience by working on faculty projects through independent study classes, as a student employee, or through other departmental programs.  
- Take additional math and statistics courses to develop strong quantitative and statistical skills if looking into research.  
- Develop strong communication skills.  
- Learn to work well with different types of people.

**Salary and Employment Trends**
Since wages change rapidly year after year, the following links will be helpful in identifying median wages and employment trends:

ONET Online: [www.onetonline.org](http://www.onetonline.org)  