Description of Major
The psychology curriculum focuses on understanding the scientific method and applying it to the problems of the behavioral sciences and individual and social human behavior. It provides students with basic methodological skills, practice in applying these skills, and an introduction to core areas of psychology. The courses meet the needs of liberal arts students as well as students planning to specialize in one of the fields of psychology at the graduate level.

Skills
A liberal arts education and study in a particular major will lead to the acquisition of a group of skills which enable one to solve problems, communicate effectively, and perform complicated tasks. These skills are essential in any career. The following is a list of important and commonly agreed upon career skills identified by UMM faculty as a part of the project to Improve Public Understanding of Liberal Learning (IMPULL). The skills are those which all or most students are likely to acquire through classroom instruction, co-curricular or extra-curricular activities. These skills are likely to be acquired regardless of major or discipline:

Leadership/Management Skills:
- conceptualizing
- applying data
- organizing
- selling, promoting, negotiating, persuading
- analyzing
- identifying problems and needs
- managing time, energy and resources effectively
- ability to identify priorities and parameters
- ability to work self-directedly
- making decisions
- setting goals
- initiating projects or ideas
- identifying the critical issues and making decisions quickly and accurately

Communication/Writing Skills:
- comprehending written material
- ability to listen objectively
- ability to summarize
- writing factual material clearly and concisely
- writing effectively
- ability to describe objects or events with a minimum of factual errors
- ability to report accurately

Instructing/Educational Skills:
- the ability to teach a skill, concept, or principle to others
- the ability to instruct
- the ability to explain

Research/Analytical Skills:
- analyzing and evaluating ideas and presentations
- ability to apply appropriate methods to test the validity of data
- sorting data and objects
- compiling and selecting information
- ability to gather information
- ability to review large amounts of material and extract the essence
- using a variety of sources of information
- analyzing the interrelationships of events and ideas form several perspectives
- ability to apply information creatively to solve specific problems
- ability to formulate questions to clarify a particular problem or issue
- ability to perceive and define cause and effect relationships
- using library and research facilities

Jobs Obtained by Psychology Science Graduates
Studies conducted by the UMM Career Center have shown that graduates obtain jobs that are both related to their major and jobs that may not be formally related to the major. Over 67% of the psychology graduates from 1964-1998 said their job was in the same field or related to their undergraduate major. Other studies have shown that liberal arts graduates find employment that makes use of their skills, special knowledge, values, and interests, even though the employment field may not be related to their academic major. Listed below are some jobs obtained by UMM psychology graduates:

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Attorney | Genetic Counseling | Psychologist
Auditory Researcher | Grants Development Admin. | Psychometrist
Banking Analyst | Group Home Coordinator | Psychotherapist
Behavior Analyst | High School Counselor | Public Relations
Career Counselor | Human Resources Generalist | Public Relations Practitioner
Case Manager | Human Resources Manager | Purchasing Agent
Childcare Provider | Human Resources Specialist | Outreach Youth Worker
Child/Family Therapist | Information Technology | QMRP Resident Counselor
Child Support Officer | Instructor for Mentally Retarded | Qualified Mental Retardation Professional
Church Youth Director | Insurance Underwriter | Real Estate Manager
Claims Examiner | Internet/Intranet Coordinator | Registered Nurse
Clinical Psychologist | Juvenile Sex Offender Counselor | Research Analyst
Clinical Research Coordinator | Lab Technician | Research Assistant
Clinical Social Worker | Loan Pricing Specialist | Research Biologist
College Administrator | Manager | Residence Director
College Instructor | Market Researcher | Residential Counselor
College Placement Director | Marketing Specialist | Sales
College Student Advisor | Marriage and Family Therapist | Sales Representative
Commodity Manager | Marriage/Children Therapist | School Psychologist
Community Trainer | Medical Clinic Manager | Security Counselor
Complex Case Coordinator | Medical Researcher | Sign Language Interpreter
Computer Programmer | Mental Health Counselor | Social Worker
Computer Trainer | Mental Health Director | Software Consultant
Configuration Management Specialist | Minister | Special Ed. Teacher
Corrections Officer | Music Teacher | Speech Clinician
Counselor | Nursing Assistant | Student Personnel Worker
Credentialing Coordinator | Nursing Home Administrator | Studio Art Assistant
Customer Service/Sales Support | Office Manager | Supervisor, Claims Examiner
Data Entry Specialist | Operations Manager | Systems Analyst/Info Systems
Daycare Provider | Order Clerk | Teacher
Direct Care Provider | Parish Administration | Teacher’s Assistant
Developmentally Disabled Adults | Pastor/Minister | Technical Support Rep.
Designated Coordinator | Performance Administrator | Therapist
Education Administration | Physical Therapist | Transitional Specialist
Educational Researcher | Physician | Treatment Coordinator
Education Sociologist | Physician’s Assistant | Video Store Owner
Emergency Services Therapist | Pilot | Visiting Lecturer
Employee Benefits Specialist | Policy Analyst | Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor
Employment Counselor | Pre-K Teacher | Volunteer Coordinator
Family Therapist | Printer | Youth and Family Coordinator
Finance Officer | Product Research Manager | Youth Minister
Financial Aid Officer | Professional Counselor | Youth Programming Supervisor
Financial Analyst | Professor | Youth Recreation Programmer
Financial Services Director

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Graduate/Professional Schools in Psychology
Links to Psychology Jobs
FSU Match Major Sheets
Psychology Links

Job Postings:
- New York State Office and Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities: Employment Opportunities
- The May Institute-Job Opportunities
- North American Family Institute- Career Opportunities

Career Links:
- Guide to Careers in the helping Professions
- The jobs-in-psychology site.
- Wesleyan U
- Penn State
- Western Illinois U
- AllPsychologyCareers.com
- Careers in Psychology

Career Information:
- America's Best Graduate Schools Psych
- Listing of U.S. Psychology PhD Programs
- DartMouth

Professional Psychological Associations:
- American Psychological Association