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- **Psychology is an excellent department with dedicated faculty.**
 - Graduating majors report being *very satisfied* with their experience in the department.
 - Course evaluations are among the highest at WSU.
 - Many on-line, distance, and night courses to accommodate students' needs.
 - Psychology faculty are actively engaged in the discipline.
 - The faculty receive grants and awards, publish and present research, and practice in applied settings.

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- **Psychology Majors learn new and valuable skills.**
 - Students receive excellent training in the science and practice of psychology.
 - Small class sizes for students to learn psychology-related skills (statistical, research, and interpersonal).
 - Carefully supervised practicum opportunities in a variety of settings.
 - Many one-on-one research opportunities with faculty members.

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- **Psychology Majors are intellectually enriched by an exciting curriculum.**
 - Students acquire an in-depth understanding of human nature from a variety of perspectives.
 - Learn about the biological basis of human behavior.
 - Understand how people think and learn.
 - Explore the nature of psychopathology and its treatment.
 - Discover how children and adolescents develop.
 - Study personality differences and the influence of social processes.

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- **There are many Psychology Majors to meet who are involved in department activities:**
 - The Psychology Club and Honorary Society (Psi Chi) are active and sponsor many activities each year, including lectures, presentations, social activities, service projects, and fundraising.
 - Psi Chi assists student travel to professional conferences
 - Join friends and colleagues at the 2008 Rocky Mountain Psychology Association meeting in Boise ID.

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- **Psychology Majors graduate and report earning a good wage.**
 - On average, Psychology Alumni earn \$40,000 - \$50,000 a year, above the 2006 state average income of \$34,601*.
 - Alumni report having a variety of jobs, reflecting the value and flexibility of the major in preparing students for the job market.
 - Over 35% of Psychology Alumni report earning over \$70,000 a year.

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- **Psychology Majors have great career trajectories.**
 - Only 1.4% of WSU Psychology Alumni reported that they were looking for work, well below the 2006 Utah rate* of 3.3%.
 - 74% of WSU Psychology Alumni reported that they were working.
 - 12% of WSU Psychology Alumni stated that they are attending graduate or professional school.

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- **Psychology majors are well prepared for Graduate School.**
 - WSU Psychology Alumni who went to Graduate School report that the Psychology Department prepared them well!
 - Psychology Majors go to IN-STATE graduate programs in Psychology (i.e., Utah State University, Brigham Young University, University of Utah)
 - Psychology majors go to OUT-OF-STATE graduate programs in Psychology at Harvard, Penn State, University of Washington, University of Idaho, Arizona State, Bowling Green University (to name just a few).

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- **Psychology majors are well prepared for Professional School.**
 - Training in Psychology provides a strong foundation for diverse Professional Schools.
 - Psychology Majors have gone to Law School and Medical School (for example).
 - Psychology is the most flexible major for students interested in the helping professions.
 - Psychology Majors have been accepted in Marriage and Family Therapy, Social Work, Professional School in Psychology, and Guidance Counseling programs.

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