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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.

- 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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- 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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- **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.

- **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.

- **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.

- **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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