Psychology is the study of the mind and behavior. The discipline embraces all aspects of the human experience: from the functions of the brain to the actions of neurons, from child development to care for the aged. In settings ranging from scientific research centers to mental health care services, “the understanding of behavior” is the enterprise of psychologists. An undergraduate major in psychology offers a student preparation for a wide variety of careers. Many majors find psychology to be an excellent preparation for such service-oriented professions as social work, counseling and guidance, special education, and management. Those who pursue graduate work in one of the many fields of psychology often seek positions in teaching and research or applied human services. In addition, the study of psychology provides a knowledge and an understanding of behavior that has applications in professions such as nursing, medicine, law, teaching, business, and public relations.

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