ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT
Graduates receive a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Psychology. Berea’s Psychology program prepares students for post-graduate jobs in psychology-related fields and also provides a firm foundation for graduate-level training. Students might pair their Psychology major with a minor in Sociology, Biology, or Child and Family Studies among others.

OPPORTUNITIES & INTERNSHIPS
• Psychology students can join the official Berea College chapter of Psi Chi, a national honor society associated with renowned organizations like the American Psychological Association (APS) and American Psychological Association (APA).
• Summer Research gives students the opportunity to learn all aspects of empirical research. Students also interact closely with Berea professors on-campus and have completed paid off-campus internships.
• The Senior Research course gives Berea psychology majors an edge that’s unique in the world of undergraduate studies. It provides the chance to create a start-to-finish original research project, present it to their peers, and present at a professional conference. Past conferences include the Kentucky Academy of Science (KAS), Kentucky Psychological Association (KPA), and South-Eastern Psychological Association (SEPA).
• Students can become a departmental teaching assistant, where they will sit in on classes, lead class discussions, make quizzes and assignments, and grade them. These are all invaluable experiences for graduate school applications.

CAREERS & OUTCOMES
Berea graduates are distinguished by the practical experience they gain in the work-study program. Berea Psychology graduates find employment in a wide variety of occupations and career fields, including:
• Advertising & Sales
• Basic & Applied Research
• Business
• Counseling
• Evaluation & Assessment
• Human Resources
• Law
• Psychotherapy
• Schools & Higher Education
• Treatment of Addictions
WHY IS A LIBERAL ARTS EDUCATION VALUABLE?

A liberal arts education at Berea College, combined with our work study program, equips students with highly employable skills like communication, problem-solving, and teamwork. Beyond offering a degree program, we help our students develop social responsibility and prepare them to successfully navigate diversity, change, and the complex demands of a modern workplace.

80% of employers who want colleges to emphasize critical thinking, analytic reasoning, and oral and written communication.


75% of employers who believe successful college graduates should have both liberal arts training and experience in the field.

90% of Berea students who credit liberal arts and work study for developing their communication, critical thinking, & problem-solving skills.

“People with a liberal arts education are able to think and view the world from several different perspectives . . . This ability to understand and adapt is very valuable in today’s workplace.”

Edward B. Rust Jr.
Chairman and CEO, State Farm Insurance Companies