

## A Psychology Major = Employable Skills

According to *The National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) Job Outlook 2014 Survey*, here are the Top 10 Skills/Qualities that employers want in job candidates and how psychology helps you build them:

<b>Top 10 Skills/Qualities Employers Want</b>	<b>How Psychology at Monmouth Builds Your Employable Skills</b>
1. Ability To Work in a Team	Psychology courses emphasize group projects, interactive classrooms, and networking with fellow majors.
2. Ability To Make Decisions and Solve Problems	Many courses incorporate lab experiences where students get hands-on experience problem solving and determining the best approach to think critically in order to identify solutions.
3. Ability To Plan, Organize and Prioritize Work	Students' thesis provides an unparalleled opportunity for students to develop and refine their time and project management abilities.
4. Ability To Communicate Verbally With People Inside & Outside an Organization	Students present their internship experiences and research projects at the department's conference to fellow students, parents, and others.
5. Ability To Obtain and Process Information	Students cultivate their information literacy skills throughout the curriculum by thinking critically about claims and finding empirical research to support their ideas.
6. Ability To Analyze Quantitative Data	Students all take two courses (Research I: Methods and Basic Data Analysis & Research II: Behavioral Statistics) that focus on statistics, interpretation/creation of graphs/tables, and developing numerical literacy.
7. Technical Knowledge Related To the Job	Thirty-nine required credits and 44 elective credits allow students to explore a variety of subject areas such as: Abnormal Psychology, Social Psychology, Child Psychology, Intimate Relationships, Psychology of Women, Neuroscience, and Clinical Psychology. Students also have the opportunity to gain real-world experience through any one (or two) of our over 150 potential sites.
8. Proficiency with Computer Software Programs	Throughout the curriculum, students learn complex statistical programs (SPSS), presentation software (PowerPoint, Prezi, Keynote), spreadsheet software (Excel), as well as other specialized programs necessary for research.
9. Ability To Create and/or Edit Written Reports	Psychology places a strong emphasis on building students' writing skills, with extra attention placed on technical writing in courses such as: Research III: Experimental Methods and Research IV: Thesis in Psychology.
10. Ability To Sell and Influence Others	Psychology is fundamentally about understanding human thoughts, feelings and behavior, all of which is great preparation for dealing with people. In addition, internships, course projects, thesis, conference presentations, and positions in student organizations enable students take initiative as leaders.