

# SP13 Exit Survey for Psychology Majors

## Purpose

The SMCM Psychology Department wants to know how we are doing. We would appreciate your reply to the following questions about the psychology major, the psychology faculty, and your post graduation plans. You will NOT be asked to provide specific identifying information (name, id, etc.) and responses will only be reported in the aggregate.

## Student Outcome: Understand and Apply the Scientific Method

Please indicate the extent to which you agree with each statement

### The SMCM psychology major program has taught me how to

|  | Strongly Disagree     | Disagree              | Neither Disagree nor Agree | Agree                 | Strongly Agree        |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a) evaluate various research designs including their strengths and weaknesses. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| b) formulate testable research hypotheses.                                     | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| c) select the appropriate statistical tests and interpret statistical output.  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| d) appropriately generalize conclusions from research.                         | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

## Student Outcome: Understand the Diverse Theories and Content of Psychology

Please indicate the extent to which you agree with each statement

### The SMCM psychology major program has taught me how to

|  | Strongly Disagree     | Disagree              | Neither Disagree nor Agree | Agree                 | Strongly Agree        |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a) describe behavior and mental processes in psychological terms.                                  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| b) use theories to explain and predict behavior and mental processes.                              | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| c) integrate theoretical perspectives to produce comprehensive and multi-faceted explanations.     | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| d) compare and contrast the major perspectives of psychology and relate them to other disciplines. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| e) generalize psychological principles to a broad array of issues.                                 | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| f) understand different worldviews.  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| g) understand different methodological approaches and research practices.                          | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| i) understand different theories on human thought, emotion, and behavior.                          | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

## Student Outcome: Use Critical Thinking to Analyze Problems Related to Behav...

Please indicate the extent to which you agree with each statement

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|   | Strongly Disagree     | Disagree              | Neither Disagree nor Agree | Agree                 | Strongly Agree        |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a) evaluate the quality and credibility of information.           | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| b) develop sound arguments based on reasoning and evidence.       | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| c) critically evaluate arguments based on reasoning and evidence. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

## Student Outcome: Learn Communication Skills

Please indicate the extent to which you agree with each statement

### The SMCM psychology major program has taught me how to

|  | Strongly Disagree     | Disagree              | Neither Disagree nor Agree | Agree                 | Strongly Agree        |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a) clearly articulate concepts and theories in psychology in written form. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| b) clearly articulate concepts and theories in psychology in oral form.    | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| c) give a professional presentation in psychology.                         | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| d) use APA style effectively.  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

## Student Outcome: Acquire Information Literacy Skills

Please indicate the extent to which you agree with each statement

### The SMCM psychology major program has taught me how to

|   | Strongly Disagree     | Disagree              | Neither Disagree nor Agree | Agree                 | Strongly Agree        |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a) locate and choose relevant sources from appropriate databases. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| b) identify primary versus secondary sources.                     | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| c) identify empirical versus non-empirical sources.               | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| d) identify peer-reviewed versus non peer-reviewed sources.       | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

## Faculty of the SMCM Psychology Department

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Please indicate to extent to which, in general, faculty in the psychology department were helpful with

|   | Not at all Helpful    | Somewhat helpful      | Very Helpful          | N/A                   |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a) writing letters of recommendation.     | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| b) discussing graduate school.            | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| c) discussing work options.               | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| d) finding summer research or internships | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Was your academic adviser a member of the psychology department?

- No  Yes

## Psychology Academic Adviser

You indicated your academic adviser was a member of the psychology department. Did he or she incorporate into your advising appointments discussions of the following?

|                                | No                    | Yes                   |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| graduate school                | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| work options                   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| summer research or internships | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

### Item

|  | Not at all Helpful    | Somewhat helpful      | Very Helpful          | N/A                   |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| In general, how helpful were your academic advising discussions? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

## Capstone Experience

### Item

|   | SMP (St. Mary's Project) | ACE (Alternative Capstone Experience) |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| What option did you choose to complete your Senior Capstone Experience? | <input type="radio"/>    | <input type="radio"/>                 |

## Comments

Blank area for comments.

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**What do you consider to be the major strengths of the psychology major program?**

**What do you consider to be the major weaknesses of the psychology major program?**

**What suggestions do you have to improve the psychology major program?**

## Post Graduation Plans: Continuing Education

**Do you plan to continue your education at some point after graduation from SMCM?**

Yes

No

Unsure

## Continuing Education

### Item 1

No

Yes

Unsure

Do you plan to continue your education in **psychology or a related field**?

If no, what field do you plan to pursue?

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## Item 2

|  | Psychology            | Neuroscience          | Social Work           | Criminology           | Education             | Other                 |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a) If yes to Item 1, which of the following <b>psychology-related fields</b> are you planning to pursue? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

b) If other, please specify

## Item 3

|  | This fall (F13)       | After taking a year off | Longer than one year from this fall |
|--|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| When do you plan to start continuing your education? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>   | <input type="radio"/>               |

## Item 4

|   | Master's Degree       | Graduate Certificate  | Professional Degree (e.g. medicine, law, theology) | Doctoral degree (e.g. Ph.D., Ed.D.) |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| What is the highest degree you ultimately plan to earn? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>                              | <input type="radio"/>               |

## Item 5. If you are starting graduate school this fall, what school/program will you be attending?

## Item 6. If you have taken the GRE Psychology Subject test, what score did you get?

## Post Graduation Plans: Work

### Do you plan to work within 6 months after graduation?

- No  Yes

## Working After Graduation

### Items 1-3

|                                      | No                    | Yes                   |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Have you begun looking for a job? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. Have you interviewed for a job?   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. Have you accepted a job?          | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

### Item 4

|   | No                    | Yes                   |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| If yes to item 2 or 3 above, is the job related to the field of psychology? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

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**Item 5. If yes to item 2 or 3 above, what is the nature of the work?**

## Post Graduation Plans

**What do you plan to do in the year immediately following graduation?**

## Demographics

**Item**

|        |                       |                       |                       |
|--------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|        | Male                  | Female                | Other                 |
| Gender | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

**Item**

|      |                       |                       |                                  |                        |                       |
|------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
|      | African American      | Caucasian             | Native American or Alaskan Inuit | Asian/Pacific Islander | Multiracial           |
| Race | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/>  | <input type="radio"/> |

Other (please specify)

**Item**

|           |                       |                       |
|-----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|           | Non-Hispanic          | Hispanic              |
| Ethnicity | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

**Age**

**Item**

|           |                       |                         |
|-----------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
|           | Psychology Major Only | Psychology Double Major |
| Are you a | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>   |

If a Double Major, please list your other major besides Psychology

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## Thank you!

Thank you so much for helping us collect these data. Best wishes for the remainder of the school year. We hope you have a wonderful summer!