

Discovering psychology jobs: a three-year approach

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Abstract.

The general public's image of psychology is often vague and biased. Many people, including beginning psychology students, have an unrealistic and even false representation of the profession. In the Psychology department at the University of Geneva we have set up a series of three courses, one in each year of the bachelor program, that provides students with a thread to follow. Under the title "Discovering a future profession in psychology", these three courses lead students to take a personal reflexive approach and to develop a realistic professional post-bachelor project. The first-year course presents the many occupational fields in psychology, the second-year course focuses on concepts and methods in applied psychology, and the third-year course outlines the different available Master's degrees. Together these courses provide valuable information about the academic training and the professional world of psychology. A clearer vision of the various fields of psychology is crucial for the bachelor students to help them plan their professional futures early in their academic curriculum.

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