

Program in Cyberpsychology

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What Is Cyberpsychology?

- ↳ Cyberpsychology is the discipline of understanding the psychological processes related to, and underlying, all aspects and features of technologically interconnected human behavior.
- ↳ Cyberpsychology, an exciting and innovative field, focuses on the intersection of technology and human behavior.
- ↳ Cyberpsychology students will take various psychology courses, STS courses, courses in human-computer interaction, as well as electives.
- ↳ Students graduate with a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Cyberpsychology.

Can I Double Major?

- ↳ Yes. Adding a second major to your studies in Cyberpsychology signals to employers and graduate schools that you have a thorough understanding of the psychosocial aspects of your secondary field.
- ↳ Cyberpsychology may be a particularly good choice for biochemistry, biology, biomedical engineering, chemistry, communications, forensic science, and information systems majors, as well as those preparing for graduate education in a range of disciplines, including law and medicine.

Can I Minor in Cyberpsychology?

- ↳ The Department of Humanities offers a fifteen-credit psychology minor which requires five courses in psychology. For more information on the minor requirements, please visit www.njit.edu/psychminor. Students in the Science, Technology & Society program are not eligible for the psychology minor.

What Can I Do to Improve My Employability After Graduation?

- ↳ Internships can help you gain skills and knowledge specific to the field you're hoping to obtain employment in, and demonstrate your level of preparation to a potential employer. You can receive class credit for approved internships.

Can I Specialize in Counseling?

- ↳ Because it is at the bachelor's level, the program in Cyberpsychology is not on its own sufficient training to become an independent counselor; however, Cyberpsychology supplemented with certain psychology electives prepares students for admission to master's and doctoral programs in counseling and clinical psychology at other institutions.
- ↳ Students interested in pursuing a graduate degree in counseling or clinical psychology should inform their advisors as soon as possible so that they may be sure to satisfy graduate admission requirements.

What about Forensic Psychology?

- ↳ Forensic Psychology is the "psychological assessment of individuals who are involved, in one way or another, with the legal system" (APA, 2019). Like counseling, forensic psychology requires education beyond a bachelor's degree.
- ↳ Students interested in the use of psychology in the legal field might consider a double major in Cyberpsychology and Law, Technology & Culture.

What Job Opportunities Are Available for Graduates?

- ↳ Cyberpsychology graduates are exceptionally well prepared for careers in user experience (UX) research and design, mental health, health care, human resources, gaming, virtual reality, artificial intelligence, product design, project management, digital advertising, and content analytics.

What's the Difference between Cyberpsychology and Cybersecurity?

- ↳ Cyberpsychology and Cybersecurity are both interested in investigating how to secure systems against errors and intrusions, the motivations that drive digital security, and ways to design systems that take advantage of innate and conditioned human strengths while minimizing the exploitation of our weaknesses. However, the program in Cyberpsychology covers these topics through the lens of human behavior and social systems, while Cybersecurity covers these topics from the perspective of technical systems and networks.

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