

Program in Cyberpsychology

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What is Cyberpsychology?

- ↳ Cyberpsychology investigates the impact of technology on the human psyche, the influence of psychological phenomena on technological development, and how to design technology optimally through the lens of the behavioral sciences.
- ↳ Cyberpsychology is currently an option for students majoring in Science, Technology, & Society (STS). The program focuses on the intersection of technology and the human mind. Cyberpsychology students will take various psychology courses, STS courses, and courses in human-computer interaction. Students graduate with a Bachelor of Science in STS – Cyberpsychology.

Can I double-major?

- ↳ Yes, the option in Cyberpsychology is a great choice for a double major. Adding a second major to your studies in Cyberpsychology tells 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 medicine, physical therapy, or pharmacy.

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 STS 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 in which you are hoping to obtain employment, 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, NJIT's Cyberpsychology option is not sufficient training to become an independent counselor; however, the Cyberpsychology option supplemented with certain psychology electives prepares students suitably 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 at the graduate level.
- ↳ Students interested in the use of psychology in the legal field might consider a double major in STS – Cyberpsychology and Law, Technology & Culture (LTC).

What job opportunities are available for graduates?

- ↳ Cyberpsychology graduates are exceptionally well prepared for careers in product design, user experience (UX) research, project management, digital advertising & content analytics. Other career options may include UX design and market research.

What's the difference between Cyberpsychology and Cybersecurity?

- ↳ Cyberpsychology and Cybersecurity are interested in investigating how to secure systems against errors and malfeasance, the reasons that people secure things (or fail to do so), 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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