Career Concerns – why are you at this meeting? What concerns do you have?

A liberal arts education – very broad
- Your major courses are only about 1/3 of your total courses
- Teaches a variety of skills
- Leads to transferable skills which are valued by most employers and can translate into many careers

Bachelor’s Degree
- 4 job categories: human services, government, business (2/3 of psychology majors end up these careers – makes more money), education
- Human Services: career counselor, child care worker, group home coordinator, alcohol/drug abuse counselor, and more
- Government: case worker, corrections officer, family services worker, etc. (pay better than human services)
- Business: advertising agent, *human resources (training coordinator, etc.), manager, public relations specialist, etc. (most pay)
- Education: administrator, child care provider, teacher, public opinion surveyor, community health educator, etc.

Careers with a Bachelor’s Degree
- The key is experience (difficult to get hired with only a degree)
- Get experience through a part time job, internship, volunteering
- Professional references are important! (faculty, supervisors)

Master’s Degree
- Jobs in counseling, marriage and family therapy, social work, school psychology, and industrial/organization psychology (only need Master’s; can have Ph.D.)
- Master’s is very worth it for psychology majors…takes a couple extra years, but opens up many doors
- Master’s Programs: student affairs, health promotion/public health (health & wellness), public relations (working for a company & communicating with other companies for them), MBA, communication studies, legal studies (paralegal), etc.

Ph.D. & Psy.D.
- Least jobs available, but more money
- Job location is more limited
Career Decision-Making
- Consider your interests, abilities, values, personality, and goals
- Write 2-year and 5-year goals and make an action plan
- Experience! This is what helps you figure out what you want to do.

Exploring Careers
- Experience the careers
- Career Interviews: talk to people in careers that interest you
- Visit “Graduate Programs” websites of different colleges (have links that describe programs)
- Start looking for jobs to find things you may have never heard and to find out what the qualifications are

Tips:
* Just “wanting to help people” doesn’t mean you should be a therapist
* Don’t think about the “rest of your life” – think about the next 10 years
* Stay away from online degrees – less competitive in human resources