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2001-2010 Psychology Alumni Give Advice to Current Students

What Advice Would You Give to Current Psychology Students?

- Get involved 42%
  - Get involved in research
  - Make connections with people
  - Seek help if needed
  - Keep your books
  - Be ready to read a ton
  - Be ready to write a ton

- Gain experience 17%
  - Take classes that expose you to different areas
  - Take courses to prepare for a job
  - Take courses with different instructors
  - Take advantage of WOU

- Make the most of your time at WOU 24%
  - Find an area of study you are passionate about
  - Take interesting and a variety of courses
  - Study hard
  - Have a plan or goal for your career
  - Take courses to prepare for a job
  - Take courses with different instructors
  - Take advantage of WOU

- Grad school 4%
  - Consider grad school
  - APhD or Masters may be needed to work in desired field
  - Don’t let GRE scores keep you from applying

Writing/Research 4%
  - Learn all you can about APA writing
  - Don’t delay into research methods (PSY301)
  - Pay attention to PSY667/668
  - PSY667/668 aren’t as bad as they seem
  - Use SPSS experience on resume

Miscellaneous 12%
  - Keep in mind how general psychology knowledge is for any job
  - Make connections with people
  - Seek help if needed
  - Keep your books
  - Be ready to read a ton
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Are there any other courses within other disciplines that you wished you would have taken?

- Business/Marketing 9%
- Creative Arts (Art, Photography) 9%
- Health/PE (Community Undergrad) 9%
- Teacher Ed 4.5%
- Special Ed 4.5%
- Computer Science 4.5%
- Social Science (Sociology) 3.1%
- Humanities (Religion, Writing) 3.1%
- Natural Science (Physics, Engineering) 3.1%
- Natural Science (Physical Science) 3.1%
- Forensics 7.5%
- Experimental/Grad School (Neuropsych, Biopsych) 17.6%
- Social 3.8%
- Developmental 17.6%
- Clinical/Counseling (Interview Approach, Abnormal) 13.22%
- Other (Human Animal Bond) 15.8%
- Prep Courses (Professional Issues) 19.1%
- Clinical Psychology (PSY401) 2%