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Thoughts on UIC's psych major?

Question

I recently got accepted into Loyola but am still conflicted on going there or to UIC. For any UIC alumni, what are your thoughts/pros and cons on the psych major there?



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I agree with the other comment here (so far). but I want to add: if you apply to honors college you get to do a capstone as a part of the graduation requirements. Most psych students I know do the lab route for the capstone too, but I know students who are psych majors and non-psych majors in the honors college doing or have done comprehensive lit reviews or meta-analyses as their capstone if that's your thing. I'm sure that if you do take up honors college and take the time to talk to your honors advisor and your faculty fellow, they can see if they can support you with the resources to do your own research if it's something you're set on. There are tons of opportunities related to the location as well, like internships and other jobs. The community is full of smart and ambitious people.

Moreover, Loyola over UIC? This should not be a question to consider. UIC is ranked higher overall and Loyola is not known for its psych program, but UIC is. You're still in high school too, and at least in my experience of going to high school in a well-off Chicago suburb, high school kids love to call UIC "a four-year community college" because it's a cheaper state school and happens to give tons of inner city Chicago kids an affordable quality education. It's a racist and classist assumption. Just putting that out there so you remember to keep your eyes purely on academic facts. Don't let the allure of a private school distract from what's important.



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thanks for that reminder. i think that's also been redirecting me a bit hence my indecisiveness



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opinion. Psychology is a pretty short degree compared to others at UIC, you could technically finish sooner than 4 years. Every professor I had for psychology classes were great, I don't think there was a single bad apple. Most were open to discussing opportunities outside of class as UIC is an R1 school so most of them are running their own labs and research. Many of them also are open to writing you letter of recommendations, granted you do well in class.

A downside is that there is no dedicated capstone course. Your labs serves to fulfill that function but if you want something more research oriented you need to partner up with faculty and do an independent research course.

Not really a con but obviously you can't do learn everything in such a large field in 4 years. Find out what you want to do with your degree (clinical, research, etc...) and pick classes based on that. Don't try to get a platter of everything.

Like I said though, there's no shortage of research being done at UIC so you can always join a research lab to add on to your experience.

If you're doing psychology you probably (or should) know that a bachelors isn't your last academic stop. You will probably move on to a graduate program and as someone who is currently in a graduate program, I will say that my undergraduate degree prepared me well for it.

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this helped a lot. thank you. regarding the last comment, i've decided on a psych ba degree for now but still haven't settled on what to pursue afterwards

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I'm getting my PhD in psych here at UIC. It's not the same as UG, but I will say there's a lot of variation within the program so you can focus a little more on the specific branch of psych you're interested. There's also a good amount of research opportunities here. It's not perfect by any means, but no program is. I'd say go UIC over Loyola. Their psych department is a lot smaller which restricts what you can do.

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