

Experimental Psychologist

Background –

Experimental Psychology is the study of human behavior and how our behavior is shaped throughout our lives. Generally, Experimental Psychologists work in a research capacity. Topics they may study are: perception, memory, cognition, sensation, emotions, etc. Daily duties for a research Experimental Psychologist may include teaching undergraduate classes, completing research studies and writing manuscripts, research articles, or grants for research funds.

What can I expect to make in this career? \$75, 230*

What classes at GVSU may help me in my career? Discuss with your advisor which courses among those on this list, along with other courses not listed here, would best serve your career goals.

1. **PSY 300** – Research Methods in Psychology
2. **PSY 302** – Psychology of Adjustment
3. **PSY 303** – Psychopathology
4. **PSY 310** – Behavior Modification
5. **PSY 361** – Perception
6. **PSY 364** – Life Span Development
7. **PSY 400** – Advanced Research in Psychology

What additional education is required? A Ph. D is required to become a licensed Experimental Psychologist.

What are applicable skills for this career? Interpersonal communication, organizational skills, analytic skills and problem solving skills are important. In addition, being detailed oriented and determined is important in this career.

Employer Possibilities - Can work in a variety of settings (universities, colleges, patient care, teaching or program administration)

For More Information - <http://www.apa.org/action/science/experimental/education-training.aspx>

*Bls.gov (2016) median salary for “psychologist”