What do our students think of studying psychology?

*EFPTA online student survey: interim findings.*

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Gender

- Female: 1,096
- Male: 393
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[Bar chart showing the number of students studying psychology in various countries, with the largest numbers in France (514), England (434), and Greece (373).]
length of study

- 1-6 months: 584
- 7-12 months: 221
- 13-18 months: 378
- 19-24 months: 127
- More than 24 months: 180

N=1490
useful school subject?

- Very useful: 785
- Quite useful: 491
- Unsure: 125
- Not very useful: 71
- Not at all useful: 14

N [1486]
expectations fulfilled?

- a) My expectations of Psychology are completely fulfilled: 25.2%
- b) My expectations of Psychology are partially fulfilled: 50.4%
- c) Unsure: 17.4%
- d) I find Psychology very disappointing compared to my expectations: 5.8%
- e) I find Psychology very disappointing compared to my expectations: 1.1%
Influence on plans

- Yes, stick to psy.: 21.3%
- Change to sth. else: 9.5%
- Change to psy.: 10.7%
- Keep plans: 30.9%
- Unsure: 27.7%

N = 140

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Psychology important as a subject?

- Very important: 30.7%
- Quite important: 47.1%
- Neither important nor unimportant: 15.5%
- Not very important: 5.5%
- Not all important: 1.1%
Other benefits for students

• experience of an authentic survey questionnaire on issues that they care about
• the teacher can use it as a resource within their teaching of research methods
• students can be encouraged to critically evaluate the questionnaire in terms of validity
• the questionnaire may be used as a model for students to set up their own online survey -> promote students’ IT skills
• for students also studying English it can provide language practice
Thank you for your kind attention.

If your students have not done the survey yet, it is still open: [www.psysurvey.de.vu](http://www.psysurvey.de.vu)

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