

Logician Personality

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Career Paths

Freethinking and eccentric, Logicians may struggle to find jobs and career paths that really suit them. Logicians are unusual personalities with unique perspectives on the world, and few work environments are designed with them in mind.

But with a little ingenuity, Logicians can find work that takes full advantage of their strengths – including creativity, a passion for ideas, and an innovative spirit. These qualities, like so many things about this personality type, are rare. As a result, Logicians can – with a little effort – find ways to stand out in a wide range of fields.



Called to Explore

Logicians long for exploration, but not in any conventional way. They find themselves drawn to the realms of theories and ideas, eager to delve beneath the surface of everyday life and investigate the mysteries of the universe.

For Logician personalities, an ideal workday involves tackling difficult, seemingly unsolvable problems – whether that takes the form of managing a pet store or theorizing about parallel universes.

With their curious spirits, Logicians can find the beauty in concepts that might make other personality types' eyes glaze over. Logicians are well represented among mathematicians, analysts, researchers, and scientists, particularly in more abstract fields such as physics. Jobs in engineering and technology can also be a match, especially if they allow room for creativity – Logicians would much rather pioneer new approaches than spend their days implementing someone else's work.

That said, Logicians needn't limit themselves to technical fields. Their talent for analysis and research can be invaluable in pretty much any line of work – and Logicians have the flexibility to shine even in careers that might not seem like an obvious match. Any job that allows these personalities to invent or experiment with new processes – from teaching to management to merchandising – can give them endless gratification.

Deeper Motivations

At times, Logicians may be difficult for their colleagues to understand. Unlike many personality types, Logicians aren't motivated by a desire to impress their boss, be accepted by their coworkers, or get a fancy new job title. In fact, they're often turned off by things that motivate other workers, such as team-building exercises, watercooler chitchat, check-in meetings, or motivational speeches from managers.

Instead, people with this personality type are driven by their own curiosity and their own high standards for themselves. For Logicians, "good enough" is rarely good enough, and they'd hate to be called average or (even worse) mediocre. But they aren't hardworking just for the sake of it, and not every task captures their attention equally. At times, they might ignore routine or administrative work in favor of pursuits that they consider more engaging or important.

All Logicians really want is to immerse themselves in an interesting project, and they tend to get annoyed by anything that interrupts this focus.

Few things frustrate Logicians more than dealing with overbearing bosses or waiting around for other people's input. As a result, they are often drawn to self-directed workplaces with relatively flat hierarchies. Laboratories can be an excellent match, as can pretty much any environment that allows them to carry out tasks and explore ideas without too many people looking over their shoulder. Alternatively, many Logicians maintain a sense of flexibility and independence by going the self-employed route, offering their services as consultants and freelancers.

Social Cues

Nearly every job posting these days requests candidates with *strong people skills*. Logicians might argue that people skills are overrated – and given how many fields are being revolutionized by data and technology, they may have a point. Increasingly, employers need people like Logicians who can understand complex systems and think critically.

Where Logicians rarely thrive is in workplaces that require them to provide a high degree of emotional satisfaction – working as a cruise-ship massage therapist is probably not their happy place. That said, people with this personality type are nothing if not adaptable, and they can absolutely succeed in service- or people-oriented positions. In these roles, Logicians may need to keep their minds engaged by experimenting with new, more effective ways of serving their customers.

Logicians may be tempted to steer clear of careers that involve social interaction, but they often find that success in any field requires at least some amount of collaborating with other people.

If people with this personality type tell themselves that they can't handle jobs with a social element, then they're selling themselves short – and needlessly curtailing their options. As long as they manage to smile and shake hands just long enough to prove their skills, Logicians often find that their incisiveness and creativity are in high demand.
