Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

Prepare to shape the future of psychology.

THE RIVIER UNIVERSITY ADVANTAGE
Rivier’s Psychology program provides you with a broad background and knowledge base in the science of human behavior. You will develop strong analytical skills, become an effective communicator and learn how to solve problems creatively in small classes taught by dedicated professionals and researchers in the field.

At Rivier, academic excellence is offered and great achievement is expected. You will transform yourself through engaging classroom interaction, powerful study abroad experiences, challenging internships and life-changing community service. Our mission—‘transforming hearts and minds to serve the world’—ensures that you will find a rich global experience in our vibrant campus community. Faculty members bring real-world experience to their classrooms and are dedicated to the success of every student.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM
Rivier’s Bachelor of Arts in Psychology program will develop your knowledge of individual and group dynamics and give you an in-depth understanding of the scientific study of human behavior, both individually and within society. The Behavioral Sciences Lab gives students an opportunity to conduct original research under the guidance of a faculty member.

ACCESS THE WORLD
Internships, study abroad, and co-curricular opportunities
Students work closely with the internship director to choose a site that meets their interests and career goals. Students have the opportunity to participate in Rivier’s Psychology Club, and Rivier also has a chapter in Psi Chi, an International Honor Society in Psychology. Students are strongly encouraged to participate in various study abroad opportunities ranging from faculty-led week-long study tours to entire semesters spent at a university abroad.

CAREERS
Graduates majoring in Psychology have obtained jobs in a wide range of settings including child care, social services agencies, drug treatment centers, youth and adult residential care centers, crisis centers, senior citizen centers, and a host of federal, state and local agencies serving families and children. In addition, Psychology majors receive increased knowledge and skills in topics that enhance their personal and family lives. A minor in social work can further enhance the marketability of the Psychology degree.

Graduates from the Psychology degree program might pursue a career in:
- Education
- Health care
- Social Services
- Government
- Business and Industry

Graduates are also well prepared to pursue graduate studies in counseling, school counseling, experimental psychology, clinical psychology, industrial/organizational psychology, social work and other related fields. Rivier University’s Career Development Center (CDC) is committed to helping students on their path to become leaders in a global society.
JOURNEYS OF TRANSFORMATION

Rivier University’s core curriculum called “Journeys of Transformation” offers opportunities for service learning, servant leadership, civic engagement, or community service supporting the intellectual growth of students and enhancing student leadership. The core is aligned with the American Association of College & Universities (AAC&U’s) essential learning outcomes which provide Rivier graduates with the strong intellectual and practical skills that are in demand in the workplace.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS
PSY 200 - Two electives
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PSY 400 - One elective
PSY 101 - General Psychology
PSY 205 - Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences*
PSY 206 - Experimental Psychology*
PSY 404 - Sensation and Perception
or
PSY 407 - Introduction to Neuroscience
PSY 408 - Coordinating Seminar
*PSY 205 and PSY 206 must be taken in sophomore year.

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