

Bachelor of Arts

# Psychology

*with an optional Mental Health and Addiction Studies Track*



## Make a difference in the lives of others. Develop your understanding of people and human behavior.

A bachelor's degree in Psychology prepares you for a wide range of careers in human services, sales and advertising, addiction recovery services, police work, and so many more.

As a Psychology student at Rivier, you'll develop strong communication and analytical skills to become an innovative thinker and creative problem solver. Specialized study topics in the psychology program include drugs and behavior, counseling theories and practice, human sexuality, social psychology, and more, all leading you to a better understanding of human motivations and behaviors.

### Optional Mental Health and Addiction Studies Track

The rising number of drug-related deaths in the United States makes clear the need for more behavioral healthcare workers in the field of Addiction Studies. If you choose to participate in this track, your coursework will have an added focus on substance use disorders, addiction, alcoholism, and drug dependence. The course of study addresses these challenges and prepares you for a career in counseling, recovery services, advocacy, and public health. This program provides the educational preparation necessary for Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor (LADC) licensure.\*

### Choose Rivier

Rivier's B.A. in Psychology provides the knowledge and hands-on learning that build on your existing skill sets and confidence. The fully online format provides a flexible learning environment, helping you to balance your studies, work responsibilities, and personal commitments. Six seven-week terms annually and a generous transfer credit policy offer a swift path to completing your degree.

*\*In addition to the academic component, Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor (LADC) generally requires passing an exam, completing a case study, and documenting 4,000 hours of post-baccalaureate AS counseling. (Note: LADC licensing requirements vary by state.)*



**100% Online**  
course format

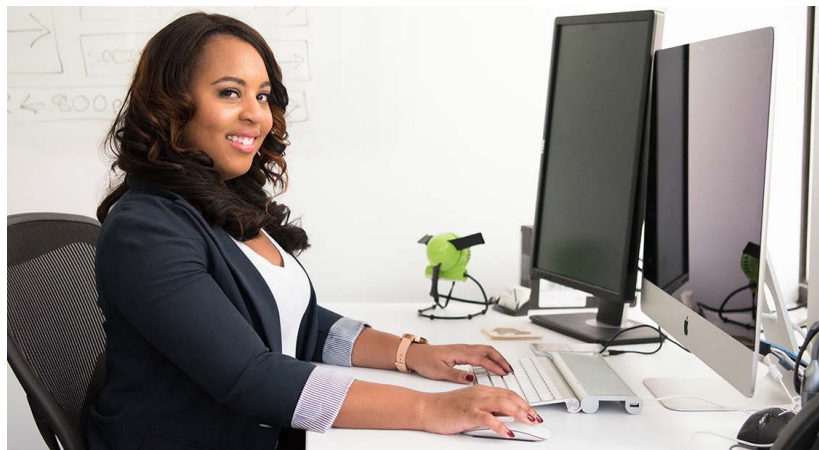


**120 Credits**  
to complete  
program



**2-4 Years**  
Estimated  
program length





## Major Requirements

PSYC 101	General Psychology
PSYC 200	Elective
PSYC 204	Biostatistics
PSYC 205L	Statistics Lab
PSYC 242	Research Methods in Psychology
PSYC 250	Psychological Disorders
PSYC 301	Drugs and Behavior
PSYC 309	Health Psychology: An Integrated Approach to Behavioral Healthcare
PSYC 402	Counseling Theory and Practice
PSYC 404	Sensation and Perception
or	
PSYC 407	Introduction to Neuroscience
PSYC 408	Coordinating Seminar
PSYC 450	Substance Use Disorder Rehabilitation
PSYC 451	Ethics in Substance Use Disorder Treatment
SOWK 315	Human Behavior in the Social Environment

## FOUNDATION REQUIREMENTS

ENGL 120	Composition in Context
RELS 120	Dignity, Work, Vocation
MATH 112	College Algebra
College Algebra or above	
Religion Elective	

## AREA DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS

Choose two courses from each area:

Humanities: English, History, Modern Language, Philosophy, Religion

Natural/Physical Sciences, Mathematics and Technology: Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Mathematics, Physics

Social Sciences: Economics, Geography, Human Development, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Social Work

## GENERAL ELECTIVES

Students choose 12 three-credit elective courses (36 credits) to reach the total number of credits required for the degree.

*The University reserves the right to make changes when appropriate and necessary as needed without notification. (0825)*

## B.A. Program Start Dates

Six term starts per year allow you to begin your program in September, October, January, March, May, or July. Completed applications are reviewed as they are received throughout the year.

## Accreditation

Rivier University is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).



## Apply Today

1. Submit your application online at [rivier.edu/apply](https://rivier.edu/apply). There is no application fee.
2. Review and complete the application process at [rivier.edu/psadmissions](https://rivier.edu/psadmissions).

## Quick Links



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