



# Rivier UNIVERSITY

## B.A.

Psychology – with an optional  
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 Rivier Psychology student, 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 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 (AS). If you choose to participate in the AS 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. *(See reverse).*

### 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 7-week terms annually and a generous transfer credit policy offer a swift path to completing your degree.



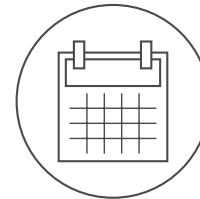
### Course Format

100% Online



### Total Program Credits

120



### Estimated Program Length

2 - 4 years

*\*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.)*



## 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.

### Major Requirements

PSY 101 - General Psychology  
PSY 204 - Biostatistics  
PSY 205L - Statistics Lab  
PSY 242 - Research Methods in Psychology  
PSY 404 - Sensation and Perception  
*or*  
PSY 407 - Introduction to Neuroscience  
PSY 408 - Coordinating Seminar  
PSY 200 - Two Electives  
PSY 300 - Three Electives  
PSY 300/400 - One Elective  
PSY 400 - Two Electives

### Optional Addiction Studies Track

*In place of the electives outlined above:*

A 200 level psychology elective  
PSY 250 - Psychological Disorders  
PSY 301 - Drugs and Behavior  
PSY 309 - Health Psychology:  
An Integrated Approach to Behavioral Healthcare  
PSY 402 - Counseling Theory and Practice  
PSY 450 - Substance Use Disorder Rehabilitation  
PSY 451 - Ethics in Substance Use Disorder Treatment  
SW 315 - Human Behavior in the Social Environment

### General Electives

Students choose thirteen 3-credit elective courses (39 credits) to reach the total number of credits required for the degree.

### Accreditation

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

**7&14**  
week terms

**90+**  
years of  
educational excellence

**24,000+**  
strong alumni network

### How to Apply

1. **Apply 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).
3. **Have questions?** For personal support, contact us at (603) 897-8507 or email [admissions@rivier.edu](mailto:admissions@rivier.edu).

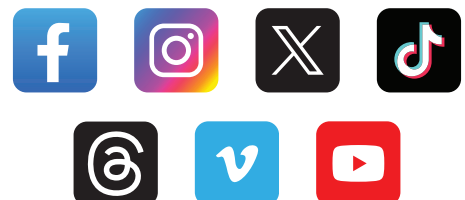
### Quick Links

Ask a Question – [admissions@rivier.edu](mailto:admissions@rivier.edu)

Schedule a Visit – [events.rivier.edu](https://events.rivier.edu)

Talk to an Admissions Counselor – [rivier.edu/team](https://rivier.edu/team)

Tuition & Fees – [rivier.edu/tuition](https://rivier.edu/tuition)



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