





Rivier

B.A.

Psychology – with an optional Addiction Studies Track

Prepare to shape the future of psychology.

Why Study at Rivier?

Our 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.

Gain Real-World Experience

Psychology majors have the opportunity to gain valuable, resume-building experience with internships that match their career interests and goals. There are also opportunities to conduct original research studies in our Behavioral Science Lab. Working with faculty mentors, you can collect and analyze data and interpret results to increase your knowledge and build your skill sets.

Addiction Studies Track

Select the Addiction Studies track and help improve the quality of life of those suffering from substance misuse, addiction, alcoholism, and drug dependence.

Begin Your Career

Psychology graduates may pursue careers as:

- Social services case managers
- Residential and career counselors
- Probation and parole officers
- Substance use disorders counselors
- Childcare professionals

Advanced Degrees and Licensure

Psychology program graduates are workforce-ready and well positioned for success in the competitive job market and for graduate study at the master's and doctoral levels. The degree program with the Addiction Studies track meets the educational requirements necessary for Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor (LADC) licensure.*



36,000 sq. ft.

cutting-edge Science & Innovation Center



88 years

of educational excellence



100%

of students receive financial aid



95%

of students complete internships, field experiences, or service learning programs



Apply Today

Apply online using the Common App or directly at apply.rivier.edu.

Journeys of Transformation

Rivier University's core curriculum, titled Journeys of Transformation, aligns with the American Association of College & Universities essential learning outcomes. Coursework focuses on developing strong intellectual and practical skills for workforce success, and offers opportunities for service learning, servant leadership, and civic engagement to enhance leadership abilities.

Major Requirements

Psychology Core

PSY 101 - General Psychology

PSY 205 - Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences

PSY 205L - Statistics Lab

PSY 206 - Research Methods in Psychology

PSY 404 - Sensation and Perception

or

PSY 407 - Introduction to Neuroscience

PSY 408 - Coordinating Seminar

General Track

PSY 200 - Two Electives

PSY 300 - Three Electives

PSY 300/400 - One Elective

PSY 400 - Two Electives

Addiction Studies Track

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

One 200-level Psychology Elective

General Electives

Students choose nine 3-credit elective courses (27 credits) to reach the total number of credits required for the 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.)

Innovative Employment Promise Program

Rivier's Employment Promise Program enhances the career preparation and employability of students in all academic disciplines. The program includes mentorship through Rivier's Career Development Center, career investment goals, and a specialized, four-year academic/professional development plan that incorporates experiences proven to increase overall employability and success in the job search process.

Confidence in the quality of a Rivier education enables the University to ensure invested students will secure employment within nine months of graduation. If not, the University will provide the student additional financial or educational support. Get more information at rivier.edu/epp.

You're Invited

Attend a virtual or on-campus event, or schedule an individual campus tour for you and your family. You can access a complete listing of events and register online at events.rivier.edu or call us at (603) 897-8507.

Academic Accreditation

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

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