



ROCHESTER UNIVERSITY

PSYCHOLOGY

As technology and culture change, so does human behavior. RU's Department of Psychology & Behavioral Sciences offers majors that will help you understand this evolution while giving you the skills necessary to assist others with their emotional, mental, social and spiritual needs.

Whether you choose to focus on the theory and practice of psychology, how the brain functions (neuroscience), or the impact of environment and culture on human behavior (behavioral science), we have a program for you.

YOU HAVE AN EPIC STORY TO TELL

College should be more than just getting a degree. At RU, we prepare you for your professional and personal future. Our combination of general education classes — in addition to your major courses — will give you **equipment for living** so that you can live an **EPIC** life.

EXPLORE. Understand the world in all its beauty, diversity and complexity.

PREPARE. Gain knowledge and skills to serve in your business or organization.

INTEGRATE. Connect and apply knowledge in your professional and personal life.

CALLING. Discern what God has called you to be and do.



WHAT CAN I STUDY?

PSYCHOLOGY

Are you interested in what makes people tick? A psychology major presents a broad study of human behaviors and insight into psychology as both a scientific discipline and a professional career.

NEUROSCIENCE

You will gain a broad understanding of how the brain is structured, how it works, how it can malfunction and how it can change throughout the lifespan. You will integrate insights from biology, chemistry and psychology classes.

BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE WITH SOCIAL WORK TRACK

You will be prepared to make a difference in the lives of individuals, families, groups and communities. You will have a solid foundation in human behavior, and social and human welfare.

ACCELERATED DEGREE

We also offer a fully online accelerated degree with eight-week semesters comprising of the psychology core.

This degree is designed to assist those who have earned an associate's degree or other recognized accredited qualification to complete a bachelor's degree in a timely manner.



WHAT WILL I LEARN?

The Department of Psychology and Behavioral Science incorporates learning outcomes recommended by the American Psychological Association so that you will gain these abilities:



KNOWLEDGE BASE

You will acquire the ability to identify, explain and apply major concepts, theories and findings in psychology, social work or neuroscience, integrating knowledge within specific sociocultural contexts.



SCIENTIFIC AND CRITICAL THINKING

You will develop research design and analysis skills, scientific reasoning abilities, and the capacity to apply psychological or physiological theories to generate insights and solve problems in behavioral and mental processes.



ETHICAL AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

You will gain an understanding of good practices reflecting ethical values and their contribution to positive outcomes. You will also explore the relationship between faith and science while articulating your own worldview.



COMMUNICATION

You will develop the capacity to write clear and concise scientific arguments, present information using a scientific approach, engage in discussions about psychological or sociological concepts, and effectively convey ideas in various formats.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

You will cultivate reflective skills to apply effective strategies for self-management, self-improvement and cooperation, considering sociocultural context and diversity.

WHAT ABOUT MY CAREER?

After you graduate, you can pursue entry-level positions in various fields, including:

- Crisis intervention centers
- Counseling clinics
- Other human service agencies
- Mental health technician

Our programs primarily serve as a foundation for further studies in:

- Social services
- Clinical psychology
- Counseling psychology
- School psychology
- Marriage and family therapy
- Neuropsychology
- Psychotherapy

Most agencies and professional counseling licensures require a master's degree for employment, and our program helps you prepare for graduate school too.

CAPSTONE COURSES

Capstone courses provide valuable field experience sought by employers and graduate schools.

In psychology, you will develop and present original research, including the opportunity to do so at local and national conferences, such as the Midwestern Psychological Association and the Michigan Society for Neuroscience.

In social work, you will do a 300-hour supervised field practicum in a social services agency, supplemented by the creation of a portfolio showcasing your journey as a professional social worker.

WHAT OUR ALUMNI SAY



KRISTEN HODGE

Psychologist
Class of 2014

“I did exceptionally well in graduate school because I was ahead of most of my peers (even those who had graduated from big universities). When I started the program, many of my peers had not even heard of some of the concepts I learned in my classes at RU.”

IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE STUDY OF
THE HUMAN MIND AND BEHAVIOR.