The Department of Psychology and Counseling

Why do we act as we do? How do we perceive, process information and learn? What affects our feelings, forms our thoughts, shapes our personalities? How do we study or measure these things? Hood psychology majors explore the complexities of human behavior—from first responses at birth to the process of death and dying. Equipped with a broad background in the liberal arts, with specific scientific knowledge, and with practical experience in the field, you will be well-prepared for graduate school or professional opportunities in the workforce.

Curricular Offerings

Psychology Major (B.A.)
Psychology Minor
Gerontology Minor
Psychology/Counseling 4Plus Program

Counseling (M.S.)
Interdisciplinary Studies of Human Behavior (M.A.)
Thanatology Certificate

Beyond the Classroom

Hood’s location near Baltimore and Washington, D.C. makes it possible to secure internships with leading facilities such as:

- Brook Lane Hospital
- ClearView Communities
- Daybreak Adult Day Services
- Frederick County Juvenile & Social Services
- Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
- Jefferson School
- Johns Hopkins University
- Frederick County Mental Health Association
- Mission of Mercy
- Monocacy Neurodevelopmental Center
- National Institutes of Health (NIH)
- The Smithsonian Institute
- The White House
- Way Station, Inc.
Beyond your Bachelor’s Degree

A psychology degree from Hood is excellent preparation for entry-level careers in many human services settings (including administration, outreach and outpatient programs, community homes, schools and nonprofit organizations), as well as social science research and personnel work at institutions including the FBI, NIH and Johns Hopkins. Many careers in this field require an advanced degree and a license to practice.

The psychology and counseling department offers two master’s degrees and one certificate. The counseling M.S. provides training in clinical mental health counseling or school counseling, structured to allow graduates to become licensed clinical professional counselors (LCPC) or certified school counselors. The program also has an optional certificate program in thanatology, which focuses on the study of death, dying, grief and bereavement. The interdisciplinary studies in human behavior M.A. provides an interdisciplinary approach (psychology, thanatology, counseling, sociology) to the problems of contemporary society and their impact on individuals.

About two-thirds of Hood’s psychology majors pursue graduate studies at Hood or other institutions such as:

- Catholic University of America
- East Carolina University
- George Washington University
- Loyola University
- Northwestern University
- University of Maryland, Baltimore

Careers in Psychology

- Addiction counselor
- Adolescent care technician
- Affirmative action officer
- Behavior analyst
- Child protection worker
- Clinical psychologist
- Community outreach coordinator
- Compliance officer
- Crime prevention coordinator
- Director of youth service bureau
- Early childhood specialist
- Grants coordinator
- Group residence counselor
- Patient service representative
- Probation officer
- Veteran adviser
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8 Master’s Programs that can be accelerated as part of the 4PLUS program

**Average Class Size**: 15

**Student-to-Faculty Ratio**: 11:1

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855 Graduate Students

| **Full-Time Professors** | 97 |
| **95% of Full-Time Faculty Hold a Terminal Degree in Their Field** |
| **136 Part-Time and Adjunct Faculty Complement the Faculty with Their Expertise** |
| **26% Diversity of Full-Time Faculty** |

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