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**The Hood College**

**Department of  
Psychology and  
Counseling**

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## 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 Five-year  
B.A./M.S.**

**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



## About Hood

Founded in 1893 in Frederick, Maryland, Hood College is a coeducational, independent, liberal arts college, which offers bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees and post-baccalaureate certificates. Home to approximately 1,200 undergraduate students from 25 states and 15 countries, Hood offers 32 majors, 50 minors, and pre-professional preparation in medicine, veterinary science, pharmacy, dentistry and law. Hood students experience small class sizes, where they receive individual attention from supportive faculty. With its proximity to Washington, D.C., Baltimore and the I-270 biotech corridor, Hood gives its students access to countless internships and research opportunities.

At Hood, we are challenging students to improve their critical thinking, communication and collaborative skills and preparing them not just for their first jobs, but for their careers. For high-achieving students, we offer a four-year honors program with a living and learning setting expanding the curriculum with an emphasis on interdisciplinary education through discussion-based seminars, collaborative projects and experiential learning opportunities. Eighty-five percent of first-year students live on campus; more than 40 campus clubs and organizations as well as 22 NCAA Division III athletic teams and two club-level athletic teams create an active and vibrant campus environment.

Hood, in addition to its exceptional undergraduate programs, also offers 19 master's degrees, 10 certificate programs and two doctoral programs. Our graduate programs are designed to work in tandem with our bachelor's degrees so that students can take advantage of five-year, dual-degree programs. Hood is located in a fantastic college town; students are within walking distance of shops, galleries and restaurants and a vibrant downtown. A tremendous alumni network offers students and graduates mentoring, connections, guidance and advice. The Princeton Review, U.S. News & World Report and many other publications have recognized Hood as an affordable top-tier institution.

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