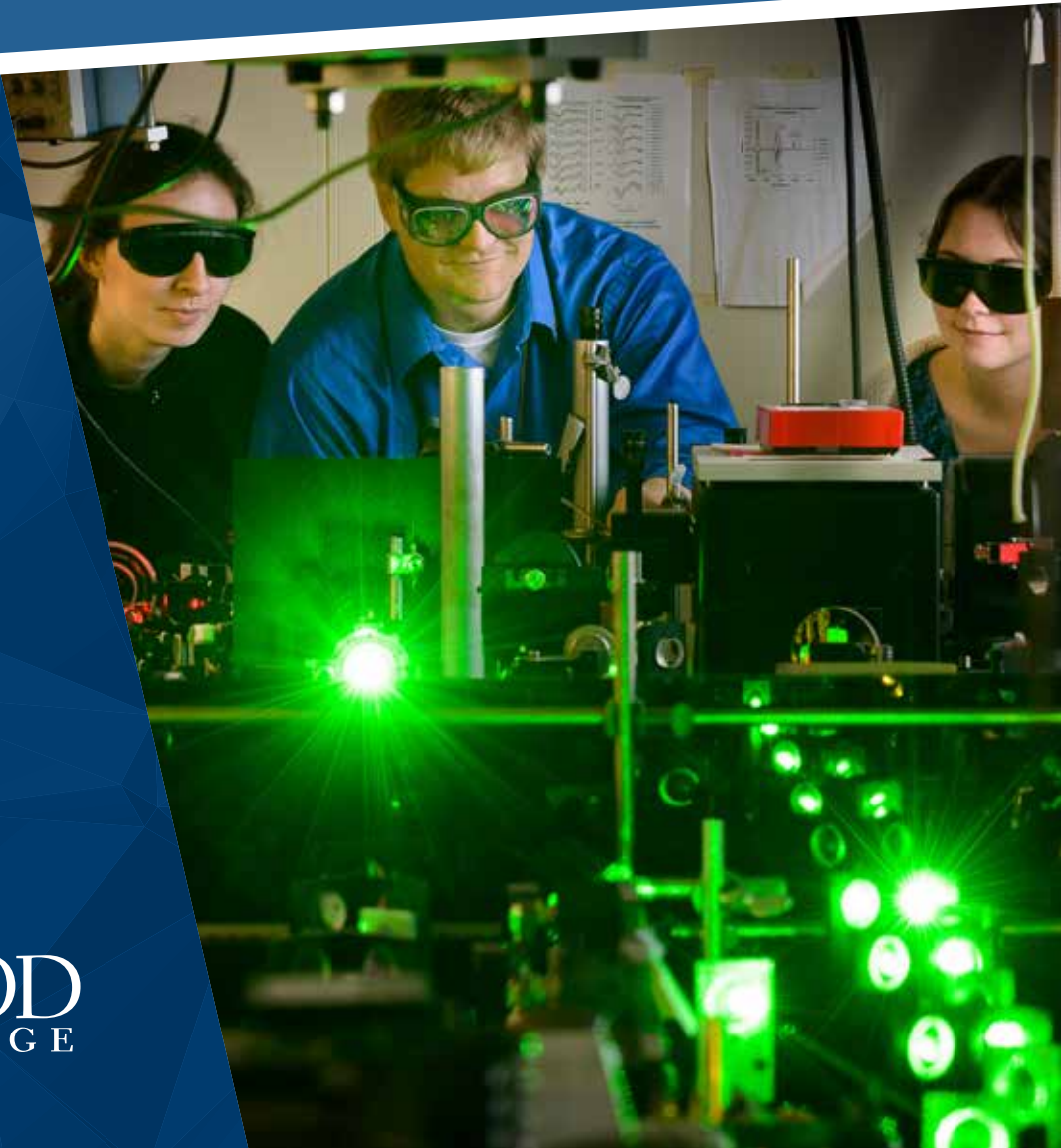




# LEARNING WITHOUT LIMITS



HOOD  
COLLEGE

# ***EXPLORATION*** **STARTS HERE**

At Hood, we are proud of the education we give students.

Grounded in the humanities and sciences, a Hood education gives our students a more well-rounded understanding of how the world works. It's about the critical thinking skills and well-rounded curricular offerings, but it's more than that. We're turning you into an independent and engaged life-long learner.

**A Hood education goes beyond classroom learning.**

Hood's high-caliber faculty do more than teach. They develop mentor/mentee relationships that continue after graduation. This is a personal relationship you won't get at other schools. And one of the most powerful networks—and possibly one of the most important references—you'll have on your job search.

When you belong to a close-knit community like Hood, you'll see that faculty and staff are embedded in your daily life.

Whether it's meeting with you after class, or finding you a professional mentor in your field, or connecting you with research opportunities or internships – we are invested in your success.











# MORE THAN MAJORS

Our academic offerings give you the opportunity to customize your education. With more than 30 majors, you'll discover the field that most excites you. And with 25 concentrations and 46 minors, you can tailor your education by adding a minor or concentration that complements your major—or one that radically departs from it. You can even design your own academic experience and create your own major, sampling the spectrum of interdisciplinary offerings and gaining a richer, broader experience.



Pursue a teaching certification and expand your career options.  
Take part in an internship and discover how your classroom learning applies to the real world.  
Study abroad, and you'll find yourself immersed in a new culture. You'll open your mind to the complexities of the world and engage in cross-cultural interactions.  
Your options are limitless; the landscape is vast and this is your time to explore.



# MAJORS AND CONCENTRATIONS

## Accounting, B.A.

You'll gain a broad understanding of financial and managerial accounting concepts and the knowledge to link accounting principles to the central activities of business.

## Arabic and Middle Eastern Studies, B.A.

In this multidisciplinary program, you'll focus on history, culture, language, political thought, democracy and culture, human rights, and international affairs. You'll complete the program with a good knowledge of the language and be prepared to lead the world of tomorrow through the political and cultural tensions of today.

## Art and Archaeology, B.A.

*Concentrations available in archaeology, art education (pre K-12), art history and studio art*

You'll be prepared for graduate study or for positions in museums and galleries, in commercial or historical archaeology, or as an independent artist or art teacher. Real-world experience and hands-on learning will be an important part of your academic career.

## Art Therapy, B.A.

Art therapy is a human-service profession that engages clients in using art media (drawing, paintings, sculpture or other forms of artwork), as opposed to verbal-based forms of therapy, as the key component to mental, physical and emotional healing.

## Biochemistry, B.A.

You'll benefit from a program that is built upon the foundations of chemistry and biology and strengthened by the study of physics and mathematics. You'll gain experience with modern instrumentation techniques and have opportunities for research and internships.

## Biology, B.A.

*Teacher certification available*

You will integrate concepts from the broad curriculum to solve real-world, biological problems. From investigating genes and cells to studying ecosystems, you will gain a strong foundation in biology that includes practical classroom, laboratory and field experience.



## Business Administration, B.A.

*Concentrations available in accounting, finance, financial economics, human resource management, international economics and finance, marketing, political economy and individual career interests*

You'll be empowered to think entrepreneurially and become a thought leader in reshaping, re-imagining and reinventing modern business.

## Chemistry, B.A.

*Teacher certification available*

You'll have extensive laboratory experience that is complemented by a thorough grounding in chemical theory. You'll develop your ability to speak clearly and write cogently on scientific topics and have opportunities for research and internships.

## Communication Arts, B.A.

*Concentration available in digital media*

Writing, researching, interviewing and editing across media platforms remain at the heart of the program. You'll be required to complete an internship, giving you the opportunity to expand on your classroom learning with real-world experience.

## Computer Science, B.S.

You will study topics in all major areas of computer science including software engineering, hardware, programming languages, databases, web development, networking, robotics, cybersecurity, parallel processing and AI. As a student in this ABET accredited major, you'll have access to modern laboratory facilities and state of the art computing tools to help you prepare for immediate employment, a long-term professional career or advanced studies.

## Early Childhood Education, B.A.

*Certification in early childhood education available, as well as post-baccalaureate teacher certification in early childhood education*

This program is designed to prepare and certify you to teach young children in preschool, kindergarten and grades 1-3. You'll develop and teach lessons, assess student growth and differentiate instruction to meet student needs.

## Economics, B.A.

*Concentrations available in international economics and political economy*

The faculty create a collaborative teaching, learning and research environment emphasizing global awareness, environmental sensitivity and the synergies between theory and practice where you'll acquire competencies in theory and empirical analyses.

## Elementary/Special Education, B.A.

*Certification in elementary/special education available, as well as post-baccalaureate teacher certification in elementary/special education*

This program is designed to prepare and certify you for dual certification in elementary (grades 1-6) and special education (grades 1-8). You'll develop and teach lessons, assess student growth and differentiate instruction to meet student needs.

## English, B.A.

*Concentrations available in literature, creative writing and drama and theatre; teacher certification available*

The study of literature fosters curiosity and critical thinking. You'll be required to get outside your intellectual comfort zone, take risks and be unafraid of approaching a question in a unique, creative way. You'll be prepared for a career path that will respond to rapidly changing employment opportunities.

## Environmental Science and Policy, B.A.

*Concentrations available in environmental biology, environmental chemistry, coastal and watershed studies and environmental policy*

You'll study a common core of courses and choose from one of four concentrations for a truly interdisciplinary educational experience. You'll benefit from Hood's unique location, with proximity to terrestrial, freshwater and marine habitats, government research facilities and federal policy-making agencies.

## French, B.A.

*Teacher certification available*

You'll gain an understanding of not only the French language and culture, but also the English language and American culture. You'll also be prepared for graduate studies or for careers in teaching, government, business, industry and international organizations. You'll be required to study abroad in France or live in the French House, a small residence on campus where only French is spoken.

## Global Studies, B.A.

In this program, you'll gain a greater understanding of the interrelationships between countries and cultures, acquire an understanding of cultures that is multi-disciplinary and diachronic, comprehend the interconnected socio-economic, political and cultural dimensions of global transformation, obtain competency in a foreign language and be exposed to the complexity of global relations through a study abroad experience or relevant internship experience.

## History, B.A.

*Concentration available in public history; teacher certification available*

You'll explore the complex relationship among political, economic, social, cultural, scientific and philosophical forces that have shaped our stories. You'll acquire a broad knowledge base and skill set that will prepare you for a wide variety of careers in government, business and nonprofits in tomorrow's fast-changing world.

## Integrated Marketing Communication, B.A.

You'll study both the management function of public relations and marketing professionals and the communication functions of developing a brand identity and marketing it across a variety of media to a target audience. You'll benefit from two disciplines—business administration and communication arts—and learn the theory of organizations; the process of communicating information about a product, service or organization; the role of the marketing and public relations professional within an organization; and the central importance of the consumer in making decisions.



## Law and Criminal Justice, B.A.

*Concentrations available in criminal justice and law*

You'll study a rigorous curriculum, develop critical thinking skills and integrate concepts to solve real-world problems. You'll be encouraged to take part in an internship to guide your career planning and graduate school opportunities.

## Mathematics, B.A.

*Teacher certification available*

Mathematics courses are taught with an emphasis on student participation, active learning, collaboration and the use of technology. You'll work closely with faculty members, explore topics of interest to you and enhancing your problem-solving skills.

## Music, B.A.

*Concentrations available in music history and literature, piano pedagogy and music performance, as well as certifications in music performance and piano pedagogy*

With varied options among the concentrations and certifications, you'll be prepared for graduate study in performance or musicology and a career in music. You'll study with faculty who are experienced scholars, concert artists, recording artists, directors and composers.

## Nursing, B.S.N.

You'll develop leadership, research and evidence-based practice, critical thinking, nursing theory and communication. Our curriculum is grounded in the liberal arts and natural sciences to prepare you to enter the field of nursing.

## Philosophy, B.A.

You'll be encouraged to challenge your assumptions about reality, meaning and value, and to explore questions concerning the nature of being, the distinction between knowledge and opinion, the nature of truth, and the determination of right and wrong. You will develop skills in critical thinking, effective writing, and clarity of thought and expression.

## Political Science, B.A.

With this major, you'll be prepared for a wide variety of careers in the public or private sectors, including law, public administration at local, state or federal levels or community advocacy. You'll be encouraged to take courses in all four areas of the discipline: U.S. politics and policy, comparative politics and international relations, law and political theory.

## Psychology, B.A.

You'll 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.

## Public Health, B.A.

Public health encompasses science, math, human behavior, psychology, communication, sociology — all of which are a part of a Hood education. This highly interdisciplinary program epitomizes Hood's mission of providing students a compressive liberal arts education integrated with professional offerings.

## Social Work, B.A.

You will be prepared to provide counseling and casework in social service and community health agencies and to transition into a social work graduate program. You will also be prepared to sit for state licensure to practice professionally.

## Sociology, B.A.

You'll sharpen your ability to write, think, speak, and analyze, synthesize and organize information; you'll also develop an understanding of how people interact with each other and within organizations, be able to work as part of a problem-solving team and have a deeper awareness of social problems.

## Spanish: Iberian and Latin American Cultural Studies, B.A.

*Teacher certification in Spanish available*

You'll gain a comprehensive knowledge of the language, as well as the cultures, identities and nations of the Spanish-speaking world in a global context with more fluid borders.

## Sustainability Studies, B.A.

As the only undergraduate sustainability studies major in Maryland, Hood's program is uniquely positioned to give its majors a curriculum framed around the water-energy-food (WEF) nexus. You will be prepared for personal and professional achievement in STEM-related fields and for productive participation in society.





# MINORS

- Actuarial Science
- African American Studies
- Arabic and Middle Eastern Studies
- Archaeology
- Art History
- Biology
- Business Administration
- Chemistry
- Classical Studies
- Coastal Studies
- Computer Science
- Criminology and Delinquency
- Economics
- Environmental Studies
- Ethics
- French
- German
- Gerontology
- Global Studies
- Graphic Design
- History
- Journalism
- Literature
- Management
- Mathematics
- Mathematics Education
- Music
- Music History and Literature
- Music Performance
- Nonprofit and Civic Engagement Studies
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Public History
- Public Relations
- Religion
- Social Science Research
- Social Work
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Studies in Women and Gender
- Studio Art
- Theatre and Drama
- Web Development

# ***UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES***

## **PRE-PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION**

Pre-professional preparation is not a major; rather it is a directional path of study and experiences that will guide you toward a specific industry or career, one that usually requires advanced degrees.

### **Pre-Medical, Pre-Dental or Pre-Veterinary**

If you are interested in a career in the medical, dental or veterinary fields, Hood's pre-professional preparation will ready you for the next stage in your academic career.

Admission into graduate school for a health track requires that you have a strong grounding in the natural sciences, balanced with coursework in the humanities, social sciences and mathematics.

### **Pre-Law**

Although there is no specific pre-law curriculum, a strong foundation in the liberal arts, with emphasis on such subjects as English language and literature, political science, sociology, philosophy and logic, history or economics is highly recommended. Students receive assistance with program planning and the law school application process.





# 4PLUS

BACHELOR'S + MASTER'S

As a Hood student, you'll have the option to pursue combined or accelerated degree programs that let you work concurrently toward your bachelor's and master's degrees in four-plus years.

## **B.A./M.S. Information Technology**

Open to all majors

## **B.A./MBA**

Open to all majors

## **B.A. Biology/M.S. Biomedical Science**

Open to biology majors

## **B.A. Psychology/M.S. Counseling**

Open to psychology majors

## **B.A./M.S. Environmental Biology**

Open to environmental science and policy majors

For more information, visit [hood.edu/4plus](http://hood.edu/4plus)



# ***UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES***

## ***THE HONORS PROGRAM***

**The Honors Program is highly selective, admitting a limited number of outstanding students each year.** It combines a four-year curriculum of adventurous, intellectual pursuit for exceptional undergraduate students. Classes are small, highly interactive and taught by some of Hood's most dynamic professors. Through seminars, special events and social activities, you will become part of a close-knit community. Experiential learning opportunities are common in the Honors Program. As an Honors Program student, you will take part in:

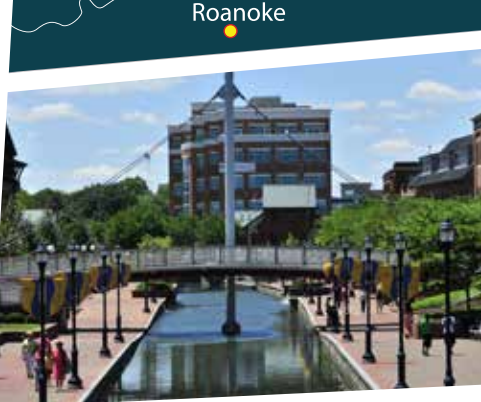
- Field trips to places like monuments, memorials and museums in Washington, D.C. and Baltimore
- Social activities and events
- Academic conferences
- Cultural outings to see plays and performances
- Research opportunities

Students who participate in the program are awarded an annually renewable scholarship, which is combined with other merit-based scholarships that Hood Honors students may receive.

## ***CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION***

**The Catherine Filene Shouse Center for Career Development and Experiential Education assists students in developing continuous career goals, pathways and skills, and fosters service learning through experiences with area nonprofit organizations.** The Career Center partners with internal and external colleagues to provide professional, real-world career opportunities. Additionally, through the management of the Martha E. Church Center for Community Engagement, the Career Center connects members of the Hood community to learning experiences and empowers individuals to meet the changing needs of a wide variety of constituent groups.





## LOCATION. LOCATION. LOCATION.

Hood College is uniquely central to Downtown Frederick, home to more than 300 retailers, restaurants, galleries and attractions; to the I-270 Bio Corridor, home to more than 250 federal laboratories and agencies and life science companies; to Washington, D.C. and Baltimore and countless internship and research experiences.

Our faculty are well connected in all of these areas and more. They'll help you find the opportunities that will take your classroom learning to the real world.

We believe that teaching is not confined to the classroom. We're here to push you beyond the classroom, beyond campus and beyond your comfort zone.

# Academics



## Hood College offers:

- 31 major fields of study toward Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees, plus a student-designed major
- 19 programs of study leading to master's degrees
- 11 post-baccalaureate certificate programs and certification programs in education
- A doctoral program in organizational leadership leading to a doctorate in organizational leadership or a doctorate in business administration

## Student-to-faculty ratio: 11:1

- Average class size: 15

## Total enrollment

In fall 2020, total enrollment was 2,040 students:

- 1,185 full- and part-time undergraduate students
- 855 graduate students seeking master's degrees, certificates or certifications

## Distinguished faculty

- 101 dedicated professors ensure a low student-to-teacher ratio, so students receive personal and high-quality attention.
- 93 percent of all full-time faculty hold the doctorate or terminal degree in their field.
- 131 part-time and numerous adjunct instructors complement the faculty with their expertise.

## What are you waiting for?

For more information about Hood College's academic programs or application process, please contact:

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Frederick, MD 21701-8575

Phone: 301-696-3400

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