

## **EXPLORATION STARTS HERE**

## Hood College is a place of self-discovery.

Grounded in the humanities and sciences, a Hood education gives students a well-rounded understanding of how the world works. It's not just the critical thinking skills and comprehensive curriculum. We're turning you into an independent and engaged life-long learner.

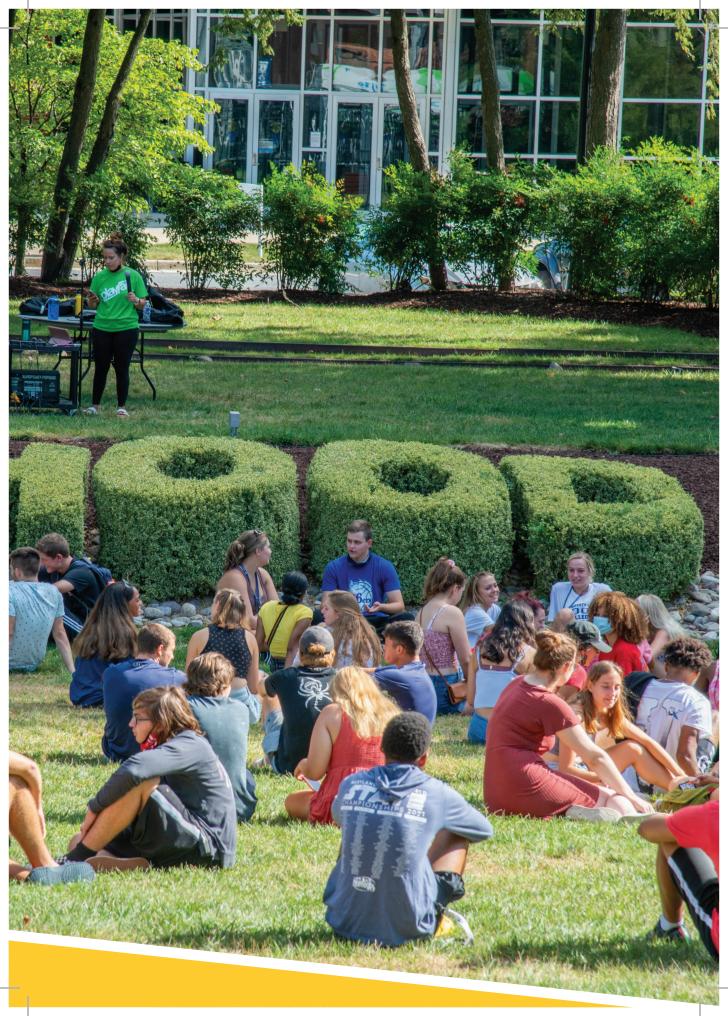
### A Hood education goes beyond the classroom.

Hood's high-caliber faculty do more than teach. They develop mentor/mentee relationships that continue after graduation. This is a personalized model you won't get at other schools. Hood faculty are one of the most powerful networks—and 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, finding you a professional mentor in your field or connecting you with research opportunities and internships—we are invested in your success.







# A MAJOR DIFFERENCE

Our academic offerings let you customize your education. With more than 30 majors, you'll discover the program that sparks your passion and meets your goals. Tailor the experience by choosing from 25 concentrations and 46 minors. You can even create your experience by choosing from 25 concentrations and 46 minors. Whatever field you study, the interdisciplinary approach will engage, enrich and deepen your knowledge and skill set.





Pursue a teaching certification and expand your career options.

Take an internship and discover how your classroom learning applies to the real world.

Study abroad and immerse yourself in a new culture. You'll open your mind to the complexities of the world and engage in cross-

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, culture, human rights and international affairs. You'll complete the program with a proficient 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 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), in place of 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, 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'll integrate concepts from the broad curriculum to solve real-world, biological problems. From investigating genes and cells to studying ecosystems, you'll gain a strong foundation in biology that includes practical classroom, laboratory and field experience.





#### **Business Administration**, B.A.

Concentrations available in accounting, finance, human resource management, international economics and finance, marketing and individual career interest

You'll be empowered to think like an entrepreneur and become a leader in reshaping, reimagining 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'll study topics in all major areas of computer science, including software engineering, hardware, programming languages, databases, web development, networking, robotics, cybersecurity, parallel processing and Al. 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 analysis.

#### **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 theater; 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 questions in unique, creative ways. You'll be prepared for a career path that will respond to ever-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.

#### Finance, B.A.

You'll be prepared as a future leader in the business and finance fields to excel in a variety of organizational settings in private, public and nonprofit organizations. By mastering advanced finance concepts, you'll thrive in careers that may lead to CFO, investment fund manager or management consultant roles.

#### 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 be prepared for graduate studies or 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, 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.

#### 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 a rapidly evolving world.

#### **Integrated Marketing Communications**, B.A.

You'll study both the management function of public relations and marketing professionals as well as 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 and enhance 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, BSN**

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 as you 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.

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, law, political theory, and comparative politics and international relations.

#### 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, as well as practical experience in the field, you'll 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 comprehensive liberal arts education integrated with professional offerings.

#### Social Work, B.A.

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

#### Sociology, B.A.

You'll sharpen your ability to write, think and speak as well as 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.

#### **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'll 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
- Biopsychology
- Business Administration
- Chemistry
- Classical Studies
- Coastal Studies
- Computer Science
- Creative Writing
- Criminology and Delinquency
- Drama and Theater
- Economics
- Environmental Studies
- Ethics
- Film Studies
- French
- German
- Gerontology
- Global Studies

- Graphic Design
- History
- Journalism
- Literature
- Management
- Mathematics
- Mathematics Education
- 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

## UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES

## PRE-PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION

Pre-professional preparation is not a major—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 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. Art Therapy/M.S. Counseling

Open to all majors

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

Open to biology or biochemistry majors

## B.A. or B.S./M.S. Cybersecurity

Open to all majors

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

Open to environmental science and policy majors

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

Open to all majors

#### **B.A. or B.S./MBA**

Open to all majors

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

Open to psychology majors

For more information, visit hood.edu/4plus





## UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES

### THE HONORS PROGRAM

The Honors Program is a learning community of highly engaged students, united in their passion for interdisciplinary education in a global context and empowered to shape their own academic journey.

#### **Engaging. Inspiring. Empowering.**

- Engaging You'll help shape your own education through interactive discussions and interdisciplinary experiences both inside and outside the classroom.
- Inspiring Through interactions with your peers, faculty, and the local and global community, you'll
- be introduced to new ideas, ways of thinking and directions.
- Empowering You and your peers will overcome challenges to make a real and lasting impact on your community.

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 equips individuals to meet the changing needs of a wide variety of constituent groups.



### **LOCATION, LOCATION!**

Hood College is part of historic Downtown Frederick, home to more than 300 retailers, restaurants, galleries and attractions. Close proximity to Baltimore and Washington, D.C., as well as the I-270 Technology Corridor, provides countless internship and research experiences.

Our faculty work in all of these areas and more. They'll help you find the opportunities that will connect 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.

#### **HOOD BY THE NUMBERS**

BACHELOR'S DEGREES

19
MASTER'S DEGREES

POST-BACCALAUREATE
CERTIFICATES

DOCTORAL PROGRAMS

8 MASTER'S PROGRAMS THAT CAN BE ACCELERATED AS PART OF THE 4PLUS PROGRAM

**AVERAGE CLASS SIZE 15** 

STUDENT-TO-FACULTY RATIO 11:1

2,095

TOTAL ENROLLMENT

1,217

NUMBER OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS 27 & 15

OF ORIGIN FOR UNDERGRAD STUDENTS

40%

UNDERGRADUATE DIVERSITY

**878 GRADUATE STUDENTS** 

FULL-TIME PROFESSORS

97%

OF FULL-TIME FACULTY HOLD A TERMINAL DEGREE IN THEIR FIELD **134** 

PART-TIME AND ADJUNCT FACULTY COMPLEMENT THE FACULTY WITH THEIR EXPERTISE 26%

DIVERSITY OF FULL-TIME FACULTY



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