

# PSYCHOLOGY

The field of psychology focuses on the examination of mental processes and behavior as well as basic behavioral functions such as sensation, perception, learning, thinking, language, motivation, personality, and emotion. The program in Psychology provides students with a background of fundamental subject matter that will equip them for subsequent graduate study in psychology and related fields, assist them in careers in medicine, education, law, business, or other professions involving human services, and provide them with an understanding of human behavior useful in everyday personal and community life.

Husson offers the Bachelor of Science in Psychology program in online format as well as the traditional campus setting. For more information about online enrollment, please contact Husson University's Division of Online and Extended Learning.

## Programmatic Outcomes

Students will demonstrate proficiency in:

1. Knowledge Base in Psychology
2. Communication
3. Scientific Inquiry and Critical Thinking
4. Ethical and Social Responsibility in a Diverse World

## Requirements for Psychology Majors

Students must earn an overall 2.5 cumulative grade-point average as well as 2.5 in their Psychology courses. Transfer students must complete a minimum of 15 credit hours in PY prefix courses at Husson to be eligible for graduation.

## B.S. Psychology/M.S. Counseling Programs

The B.S. Psychology/MS in Counseling program provides early and articulated access to the graduate programs in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, School Counseling, and Human Relations at Husson University for students accepted into the dual degree program. Accepted students may begin taking courses during the undergraduate senior year. Students may take up to 12 credits upon approval of the dual degree program advisor(s).

To be admitted to the program as an undergraduate, students must meet the undergraduate admissions requirements for entry into the BS in Psychology program.

To be admitted to the graduate coursework during the senior year, students must have been admitted to the Bridge program, maintain a 3.2 grade point average, and be recommended by the dual degree advisor(s). In addition, students must take part in an interview given by a member of the counseling program faculty, and be recommended for admission from the interview.

Students must complete a minimum of 108 credits of coursework in the undergraduate psychology major with a 3.2 and maintain grades of no less than B in graduate level coursework to progress to the remaining courses in the graduate program.

Students must earn both a psychology undergraduate degree (120 credits. 12 credits of graduate coursework will replace 12 credits of undergraduate electives) and a graduate degree. The required total

number of graduate courses required for the graduate program must be completed to obtain the graduate degree.

For each of the graduate degrees (Clinical Mental Health Counseling, School Counseling) the following graduate courses will replace open electives in the undergraduate program of study.

CO 700 Orientation to the Professions of Counseling

CO 702 Human Growth and Development

CO 704 Social and Cultural Diversity

CO 722 Career Development and Counseling

All other courses in the graduate degree program must be completed to earn the graduate degree (see coursework requirements for each degree).

## MHRT/C Certification

Students receiving a Husson four-year degree in Psychology and meeting State of Maine requirements for the Mental Health Rehabilitation Technician/Community (MHRT/C) may apply for this certification upon graduation. This certification enables graduates to undertake entry-level case management and educational programs in mental health settings that are supported by the State of Maine.