THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

PSYCHOLOGY

One of the most popular of all majors, the Maria College bachelor’s degree in psychology provides students with the flexibility and foundation to move into a number of highly rewarding careers. Presently there is anticipated employment growth for psychology graduates in the areas of organizational and industrial psychology, and geropsychology. Many students also use their psychology degrees to move into customer service, rehabilitation or government positions, and for some, their career aspirations call for further education as they attend graduate school to become school, counseling, clinical or forensic psychologists.

Quick Facts:

- The BS in Psychology requires 120 credits of which 99 in are liberal arts and sciences, 21 are free electives, and 45 are devoted to the psychology major.
- The program focuses on work readiness, and requires either an internship or cooperative education experience.
- All psychology students take two research courses, thus preparing them for undergraduate research and for the rigors of graduate school should they decide to continue their education.
- The psychology program is highly flexible and encourages students to pursue their own interests within the field.
- The large number of free electives provides the opportunity to transfer credits from another major or develop an area of specialization, such as business management or gerontology.

All Maria psychology majors are required to complete a major core which includes coursework in general psychology, the psychology of interpersonal relations, research methods, history and systems, a psychology internship and a capstone seminar. In addition to these basic requirements, students draw from a wide range of psychology courses in fulfillment of their major requirements. These include Social Psychology, the Psychology of Information Technology, Psychology of the Media, Psychology of Terrorism, Cognitive Psychology, Psychology of Learning, Developmental Psychology, Developmental Psychopathology, Human Factors Psychology, Educational Psychology, Child Psychology, Adolescent Psychology, Abnormal Psychology, Positive Psychology, and Organizational Psychology.

In accordance with the recommendations of the American Psychological Association for undergraduate programs in psychology, the Maria College BS in Psychology has adopted the following 10 goals and learning outcomes for its students by graduation:

**Goal 1: Knowledge Base of Psychology**
Demonstrate familiarity with the major concepts, theoretical perspectives, empirical findings and historical trends in psychology.

**Goal 2: Research Methods in Psychology**
Understand and apply basic research methods in psychology, including research design, data analysis and interpretation.

**Goal 3: Critical Thinking Skills in Psychology**
Respect and use critical and creative thinking, skeptical inquiry, and when possible, the scientific approach to solve problems related to behavior and mental processes.

**Goal 4: Application of Psychology**
Understand and apply psychological principles to personal, social and organizational issues.

**Goal 5: Values in Psychology**
Value empirical evidence, tolerate ambiguity, act ethically and reflect other values that are the underpinnings of psychology as a science.

**Goal 6: Information and Technological Literacy**
Demonstrate information competence and the ability to use computers and other technology for many purposes.

**Goal 7: Communication Skills**
Communicate effectively in a variety of formats.

**Goal 8: Sociocultural and International Awareness**
Recognize, understand and respect the complexity of sociocultural and international diversity.

**Goal 9: Personal Development**
Develop insight into their own and others’ behavior and mental processes, and apply effective strategies for self-management and self-improvement.

**Goal 10: Career Planning and Development**
Pursue realistic ideas about how to implement their psychological knowledge, skills and values in occupational pursuits in a variety of settings that meet personal goals and societal needs.
Today’s cost-conscious students are looking for an affordable education that will serve them well and help them make a difference. That’s Maria College.

Whether their aspirations bring them from high school, in the midst of a career change, or returning after raising a family, our students choose Maria because here, we’re all about transformation, in our students and in our world, one graduate at a time. We know that the kind of person you turn out to be depends on the decisions you make now, and that your education plays a role in that. Becoming, developing into the person you were meant to be, hinges on living your life with purpose and approaching what you do with excellence.

At Maria, we provide that foundation of excellence. With a distinguished faculty and a close-knit community, we serve nearly 1,000 students from throughout the Capital Region and beyond. Our programs are based on a tradition of high academic standards, and classes are offered in a warm, encouraging environment. Maria students experience the difference of an education that is not only about acquiring knowledge but about giving of oneself. Our goal is to instill in our students respect for the dignity of every individual, and to help them to transform learned skills into caring service.

Here’s the bottom line: in every area, whatever you aspire to do and no matter which path you choose, our faculty and staff are committed to ensuring students set goals, meet challenges and become all they’re meant to be.

Maria College is a nonprofit, independent, coeducational institution founded in 1958 by the Sisters of Mercy, serving traditional and nontraditional students through day, evening, weekend and online classes. A student/faculty ratio of 14:1, an unwavering commitment to the liberal arts, and highly contemporary, career-oriented programs make Maria a unique choice for students in the Capital Region.

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Maria graduates are fully trained in their fields, competitive and confident, sought after by Capital Region employers. Our graduates take a part of us with them, as they excel in careers or further education, as they serve in both workplace and community.

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1 Online - Apply from the comfort of home.
2 By Mail - Download, print and mail your application.
3 Attend an Event - Come to an Application Acceptance Day.

Application Acceptance Days*
THURSDAYS, 9 AM – 6 PM

* If these dates are not convenient, stop by the Admissions Office in the Main Building, Room 206, anytime. Bring your transcript and be accepted if qualified.

- January 9, 2014
- January 16, 2014
- May 29, 2014
- June 12, 2014
- June 26, 2014
- July 10, 2014
- July 31, 2014
- August 7, 2014
- August 14, 2014