

The **UMass Dartmouth Psychology program** explores the science of mental processes and human behavior. The study of psychology can prepare you for many different careers, including business, education, health-related professions, legal professions, and any level of administration. Further education in psychology will open paths toward research and clinical practice.

## Program overview

Our curriculum offers a broad introduction to this dynamic and diverse field, with an emphasis on critical thinking skills. You will explore psychology's subfields through courses that consider:

- our biological heritage: physiological psychology, perception.
- basic human functioning: development, cognition, personality, social processes.
- applied fields: counseling, behavior modification, forensic psychology, psychology of sport.

You will work with faculty who:

- study the theoretical, such as early emotional processing, the nature of social relationships, and successful aging.
- conduct applied research, including issues in the legal system, factors that predict health outcomes, and creativity in engineering design.
- are leaders in the mental health community and bring their expertise to the classroom.

## Undergraduate curriculum overview

For the BA in Psychology, you'll complete at least 35 credit-hours in Psychology courses in the major curriculum and fulfill University and College requirements for a total of 120 credits.

The Psychology curriculum is scaffolded so that students increase their skills and expertise as they move through the program. Every student will be exposed to the breadth of psychology at the lower levels, have a research experience, and culminate their experience in one of our specialized capstone courses.

**Average salary for graduates with a bachelor's degree in Psychology: \$67,000**  
(According to Payscale)

## Graduate school opportunities

The Department of Psychology offers a graduate program leading to a **Master's degree in Psychology (MA)** with options in **Clinical Psychology** and **Research Psychology**. Undergraduate Psychology students can also elect to pursue our **accelerated BA/MA** program, which enables qualified students to complete both the BA and MA in Research Psychology in five years rather than six.

## Sample alumni graduate school placements

- UMass Dartmouth, Research MA and Clinical MA
- Rutgers University, NC State University, Ph.D. programs
- William James College, PsyD program
- Rhode Island College, MA in School Psychology
- Boston University, MSW program
- UMass Law, University of Minnesota Law School
- UMass Medical School
- Bentley College, MBA program

## Sample alumni career pathways

- American Institutes for Research
- Brown University School of Public Health
- Center for Life Management
- Comprehensive Mental Health Systems
- Southeastern Counseling Associates
- Beacon ABA Services
- XpertHR
- Deloitte

## Additional undergraduate opportunities

**Research experience** Collaborate with faculty on cutting-edge research projects.

**Counseling sequence** Take a three-course sequence and earn a pre-professional certificate in licensed mental health.

**Thesis program** Take advanced courses, pursue your own research, and be part of a community of scholars.

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