WELCOME!

COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS
HEALTH PROFESSIONS * HEALTH SCIENCES * KINESIOLOGY
NURSING * PSYCHOLOGY * GRADUATE PSYCHOLOGY
SOCIAL WORK
Mission

- **James Madison University (JMU)**
  We are a community committed to preparing students to be educated and enlightened citizens who lead productive and meaningful lives.

- **College of Health and Behavioral Studies (CHBS)**
  We engage students, faculty and communities in learning, scholarship and service in health and behavioral studies to inspire responsible contributions to our world.
Academic programs

- Communication Sciences & Disorders
- Health Professions
- Health Sciences
- Kinesiology
- Nursing
- Psychology
- Social Work
Degree Requirements (120 Credits)

BA, BS & BSW
- General Education
- Major
- Electives
- Degree Requirements & Supporting Courses

BA, BS & BSW with minor or Pre-professional program
- General Education
- Major
- Electives
- Degree Requirements & Supporting Courses
- Minor or Pre-professional Program

BSN
- General Education
- Major
- Electives
- Supporting Courses
What is Social Work?

- Social Work focuses on the person–in–environment and advocacy to enhance social, economic and environmental justice.

What is Psychology?

- Psychology is the science of behavior, thought, and emotion.
What do Social Work and Psychology students do?

- In addition to taking Major courses, students can:
  - Participate in the Psychology Learning Community
  - Work with faculty on research.
  - Participate in service projects.
  - Become active in student organizations.
  - Complete a minor or second major.
  - Study abroad.
  - Complete an Honor’s thesis.
  - Prepare for graduate school and/or employment.
Graduate school and Employment

- 33%
  - Attend graduate school immediately after graduation.

- 33%
  - Attend graduate school within 5 years of graduation.

- 33%
  - Employed in workforce.
## Social Work

- Foundation knowledge
- Research, theory, and generalist practice skills
- Upper level practice courses
- Field practicum and capstone
## Curriculum

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Research

- Students work with faculty on a variety of research projects.
- Results are shared through conferences and publications.
- Earn major credit
  - SOWK 490
  - PSYC 203 / PSYC 403
Field Work

Social Work

- Required service learning integrated throughout the curriculum
- Field Practicum
  - Senior year
  - 472 hours of field experience

Psychology

- Optional
- Introductory Field Work
- Field Placement
  - Senior year
  - 150 hours of field experience plus research component

Practicum settings include:
Family and children services, mental health services, hospitals, schools, nursing homes, spouse abuse services, and others
Student Organizations

Social Work
- The Social Work Organization
- Phi Alpha Honor Society in Social Work
- Affinity Groups

Psychology
- Psychology Club
- Psi Chi
- Psychology Service Organization

Other
- Active Minds
Study abroad

Variety of trips
- One semester
- Alternative spring break
- Short-term summer
Prepare for a Job

Job opportunities for Psychology/Social Work graduates with a bachelors degree:

**BUSINESS**
- Management Trainee
- Human Resources Analyst
- Customer Relations Specialist
- Salesperson

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE**
- Court Services Worker
- Delinquency Prevention Specialist
- Probation Officer
- Police Officer

**HUMAN SERVICES**
- Case Manager
- Child Protective Services Worker
- Americorps Counselor
- Youth Director
- Volunteer Coordinator

**SCIENTIFIC APPLICATIONS**
- Research Assistant
- Statistical Analyst
- Technical Product Sales
- Animal Trainer
- Program Evaluation
What’s next?

Courses
- Math 220
- PSYC 101 / 160
- General Education courses

Explore our websites:
- [http://psyc.jmu.edu/ug](http://psyc.jmu.edu/ug)
- [http://jmu.edu/socwork](http://jmu.edu/socwork)
What is college for?

- Explore the possibilities
- Develop your skills

Prepare for a future career and for life!
Vision of Engagement: Engaged with ideas, engaged with the world

- Engaged learning
- Civic engagement
- Community engagement
Take responsibility for your own learning

- Conform to the JMU Honor Code
- Organize and prioritize your time
  - Balance fun and learning
  - Develop good study habits
- Be your own advocate
Questions?