

Orientation 2023



College of Health and
Behavioral Studies

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

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What's behind everything our departments do?

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JMU Mission: We are a community committed to preparing students to be educated and enlightened citizens who lead productive and meaningful lives.

JMU Vision: To be the national model for the engaged university: engaged with ideas and the world.

CHBS Mission: We engage students, faculty and communities in learning, scholarship and service in health and behavioral studies to inspire responsible contributions to our world.

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The BSW Program prepares generalist Social Workers committed to strengthening community life [...] and promoting social justice through advocacy and action.

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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.

***The Department of Psychology educates students in,
and contributes to, the science of psychology.***

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Curriculum

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Psychology	Social Work
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introductory core	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Foundation knowledge
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Methodology core	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research and theory• Generalist practice skills
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Content core	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Upper-level practice
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Upper-level specialty• Capstone	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Field practicum• Capstone

Research Opportunities

- **Optional, but earn credit toward the major**
 - **SOWK 490**
 - **PSYC 203 / PSYC 403**
- **Students work with faculty on a variety of research projects, and share their results at conferences & via publications.**

Field Work Opportunities

Optional in Psychology

- **Introductory Field Work**
- **Field Placement in senior year**
 - **150 hours of field experience plus a research component**

Required in Social Work

- **Service learning integrated throughout the curriculum**
- **Field Practicum in senior year**
 - **472 hours of field experience**

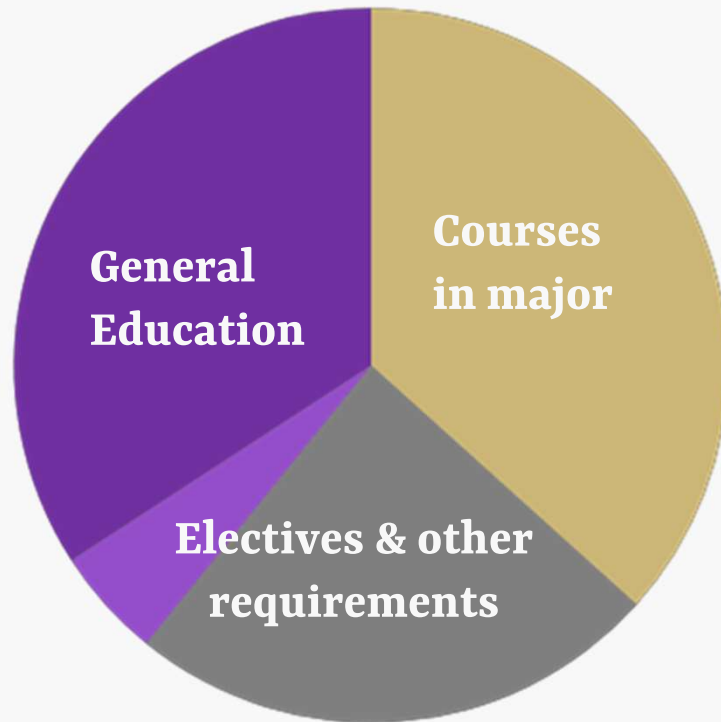
Practicum settings include:

Family and children services, mental health services, hospitals, schools, nursing homes, spouse abuse services, and others

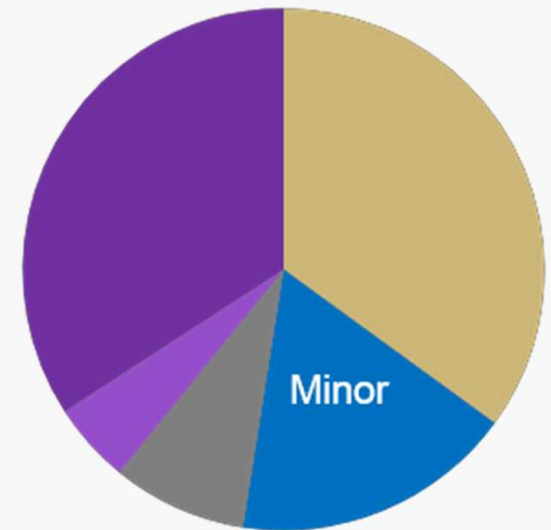
Degree Requirements (120 Credits)

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BA, BS, & BSW



...with minor or pre-professional program



Secrets to Success at JMU

Cultivate an academic mindset

- Plan when to study (multiply contact time by 2)
- Identify each professor's specific expectations
- (*Psychology*) read email news each month
- Think ahead – study abroad, career planning

Find belonging by getting involved on campus

- Engage both inside AND outside of class
- Get to know faculty... and staff too



CHBS Outreach and Partnerships

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Institute for Innovation in Health and Human Services

>20 programs & clinics providing student-engaged learning opportunities, such as:

- Gus Bus
- Suitcase Clinic for the Homeless
- 9 other clinics
- Migrant Education



JMU-RMH Collaborative

A range of cooperative projects



Morrison Bruce Center

Programs expanding and enriching physical activity opportunities for girls & women, such as:

- Girls Have H.E.A.R.T.
- Healthy Kids
- EmpowHER
- Older Women's Wellness for Life (OWWL)

**Don't hesitate to reach out for support
at the Student Success Center!**

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Science and Math Learning Center	University Writing Center	Career Center
Center for Multicultural Student Services	Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression	Office of Disability Services
Peer-Assisted Study Sessions	University Advising	University Counseling Center

Time Flies -- Before you Know It...

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Graduate School or Employment?

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- Attend graduate school immediately after graduation.

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- Attend graduate school within 5 years of graduation.

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- Employed in workforce.

Prepare for a Career

Examples of job opportunities for those with a bachelor's degree in Psychology/Social

Work:

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

SCIENCE & APPLICATIONS

- Research Assistant
- Statistical Analyst
- Technical Product Sales
- Animal Trainer
- Program Evaluation

What's next?

- **Meet your faculty advisor this afternoon and ensure you are successfully enrolled**
- **Explore our websites and reach out to us - we're here for you!**
 - **Department of Psychology: ugpsyc@jmu.edu / <http://psyc.jmu.edu/ug>**
 - **Department of Social Work: (540) 568-6980 / <http://jmu.edu/socwork>**