



Psychology Program Points of Pride

- ✦ Clinical, General and Sport Concentrations*
- ✦ Early Admission to Law School Program*
- ✦ The RMU chapter of Psi Chi, The International Honor Society for Psychology*
- ✦ A Psychology Practicum for all students*
- ✦ The opportunity for all students to complete a Psychology Thesis and present at the Western Pennsylvania Undergraduate Psychology Conference*
- ✦ Student-initiated activities, including Psych-in-a-Box, promotional posters, and The Psychology Couch (a newsletter)*
- ✦ The Psychology Club, which has sponsored community service and outreach activities, professional development presentations, and community building events*
- ✦ Increasing enrollments*
- ✦ Low student-teacher ratios in upper division courses (maximum class size of 22 or 35)*
- ✦ Increasing numbers of students are entering graduate programs after degree completion*
- ✦ All students who applied for graduate programs were accepted into a program.*

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Overview of the Psychology Program Options at Robert Morris University

The psychology major at Robert Morris University provides education and training in psychology to prepare students for successful careers or graduate programs in psychology and related fields, such as child care, counseling, research, law or social work.

There is also the chance for high-performing students who desire to go to law school to become candidates in the Early Law School Admission Program. Students have the opportunity through this program to complete three years of undergraduate work at Robert Morris followed by three years of law school at Duquesne University School of Law. The first year of law school is counted towards the undergraduate degree.

Program Goals

The goals of the B.S. in Psychology degree program are to prepare professionals who can:

- Demonstrate mastery of knowledge and skills in psychology;
- Demonstrate the critical thinking, decision-making and general application skills necessary for ethical and competent performance in human services occupations;
- Conduct and integrate traditional and developing methods of research and scholarship and apply these methods to practical problems in human endeavors; and
- Communicate clearly and succinctly in professional writing, presentation and scholarship.

Concentrations in the B.S. Program

Concentration options for the Psychology B.S. degree include:

- Clinical
- General
- Sport Psychology

RMU offers an early admission to Law School Program with Duquesne University, allowing students to complete three years of courses at RMU, then begin law school.

Curriculum Requirements

The program is unique for several reasons. First, by completing the required RMU core, students gain computer and communications skills not typically found in other psychology programs. Secondly, the program requires completion of an academic minor and a two-semester practicum experience, in which students complete a minimum of 120 hours of supervised work in a setting that meets their career interests. Finally, 27 credits of open electives allow students to fulfill requirements of another major or minor, or to select a broader range of courses.

The B.S. in Psychology degree program requires 120 credit hours. The curriculum has four components:

- **Robert Morris University Core - 39 credits**
These are the traditional liberal arts requirements of the University. Studies in humanities, communications skills, and social, behavioral, natural and quantitative sciences are included.
- **Psychology Core - 36 credits**
This component includes advanced course work in psychology. Studies in social psychology, child psychology, human growth and development, industrial psychology, abnormal psychology, physiological psychology, cognitive psychology, behavioral research and statistics are included, plus a two-semester practicum.
- **Required Minor - 18 credits**
This component requires students to complete an approved minor by taking a minimum of six courses in an area of interest.
- **Open Electives - 27 credits**
This component permits students to select courses from other University programs to personalize the program of study.

Internship

Students complete an internship at sites such as: Allegheny County Medical Examiner's Office, Allegheny General Hospital Department of Psychiatry, Chartiers Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center, Early Learning Center, Family Behavioral Resources, Gateway Rehabilitation, Glade Run Adventures, Home Instead Senior Care, Pressley Ridge, RMU Athletic Department, Watson Institute.

The Psychology Advisory Board consists of local professionals who provide advice and input on the program and the internship component.

Sample Job Titles

Social worker, counselor, clinical coordinator, child care provider, recreation specialist, management trainee, research assistant, residential advisor, career counselor, academic advisor, customer service representative, sales associate, recruiter, police officer.

Online Program

The university also offers a B.A. in Psychology in the fully online format. RMU's online bachelor's in psychology program has been ranked among *the top 20 in the nation* by *TheBestSchools.org*.

The online program recently made SuperScholar's list of the Top 25 Smart Choice Schools for Online Psychology Degrees.



M.S. in Counseling Psychology

The Department of Social Sciences is pleased to announce a new Master of Science in Counseling Psychology program beginning in May of 2016. Graduates of the program will meet the core educational requirements for professional counselor licensure (LPC) in the State of Pennsylvania.

The two-year cohort program prepares students for graduate-level careers in professional psychology or counseling. Students have class two evenings per week.

Counseling Psychology: Recommended Course Sequence		
Year One		
Summer -- Year One	Fall – Year One	Spring –Year One
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advanced Developmental Psychology (8) Counseling Psychology: Orientation and Ethics (8) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theories of Counseling (8) Counseling Skills (15) Advanced Psychological Assessment (15) Psychopathology (8) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research and Program Evaluation (8) Assessment, Appraisal, and Treatment Planning (15) Counseling Psychology Practicum (15) Career Development (8)
Year Two		
Summer -- Year Two	Fall – Year Two	Spring –Year Two
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foundations of Multicultural Counseling (8) Foundations of Addiction (8) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group Counseling (8) Advanced Counseling Skills (15) Counseling Psychology Internship I (15) Child and Adolescent Counseling (8) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grief and Bereavement(8) Supervision and Consultation (15) Counseling Psychology Internship II (15) Couples and Family Counseling (8)
<p>Note: Eight week courses will meet for four hours one evening a week with 10 hours of on-line instruction per semester. Fifteen week courses will each meet two hours a week one evening a week with 15 hours of on-line instruction per semester. Courses will be scheduled so that students will attend class no more than two nights per week. Counseling practicum and internships require that that whole semester be used to allow for growth in skills and development of techniques.</p>		

