



**ROCHESTER**  
UNIVERSITY

**PSYCHOLOGY**



# Degree Options

<b>Behavioral Science</b> Concentration available in Social Work	<b>Course highlights:</b> Psychology of Personality, Social Welfare and Public Policy, Social Work Field Practicum, Diversity and Cross-Cultural Psychology, Ethics in the Behavioral Sciences
<b>Neuroscience</b>	<b>Course highlights:</b> Cell Biology, Brain & Behavior, Biochemistry, Clinical Neuropathology, Biological Basis of Perception & Movement,
<b>Psychology</b>	<b>Course highlights:</b> Abnormal Psychology, Advanced Experimental Psychology, Brain and Behavior, Cognitive Psychology, Directed Research in Psychology, Health Psychology, Intro to Psychotherapy and Counseling, Learning and Memory, Sensation and Perception

**The behavioral science, neuroscience and psychology programs** teach you to identify, explain and apply the major concepts, empirical findings and trends in psychology and social work. Throughout your degree, you will conduct original research with attention to design and data analysis in order to generate insights into behavioral and psychological phenomena. You will use scientific reasoning and theory to solve problems and examine behavioral and mental processes, while being able to identify and explain good practice that reflects ethical values. Your ability to communicate a clear and precise scientific argument and engage in discussion of psychological concepts will serve you well as you launch your career or continue your academic pursuits after graduation.

## Program Highlights



### CAPSTONE COURSES (SENIOR PROJECTS)

that provide the relevant field experience employers and graduate schools seek

» **Psychology Capstone Course** guides students to develop and present original research at the annual *Midwestern Psychological Association conference in Chicago, Illinois* (where RU repeatedly boasts a larger number of student participants than several major universities in the Midwest).

» **Social Work Capstone Course** requires a 300-hour field practicum supervised by a behavioral science professional at a social services agency. Students also complete a portfolio that serves as a visual representation of their career as a professional social worker.



### PROFESSORS

who bring a background of “real-world experience” to the classroom and are actively practicing clinicians and researchers



### ONE-ON-ONE WORK

with professors who carry the highest credentials available in their fields the study (as opposed to working primarily with graduate students at larger universities)



### OPPORTUNITIES

to join Psi Chi, the long-standing international honor society in psychology; and participate in Journal Club, an open forum group to discuss new discoveries in the behavioral sciences

by the numbers

**1,014** students from 22 states & 16 nations

**100% ACCEPTANCE RATE TO REGIONAL & NATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY, NEUROPSYCHOLOGY & NEUROSCIENCE conferences since 2012**

CNN's Money Magazine recognized Rochester as one of the top places to live and the very **BEST IN all of MICHIGAN!**

**97%** of Rochester University graduates are employed or continuing their education within a year of graduation

Rochester Hills has been named one of the **100 SAFEST CITIES** in the United States

average **CLASS SIZE** of **16**

**OUR CAMPUS IS 68 PRISTINE ACRES** LOCATED A SHORT WALK FROM DOWNTOWN ROCHESTER and no more than 30 miles from... MUSEUMS · MARKETS · MALLS · CONCERTS PRO SPORTS · THE AUTOMOTIVE SCENE · OUTDOOR ADVENTURE FOOD TRUCKS + FINE DINING · WORLD CLASS ENTERTAINMENT natural beauty, and all kinds of other fun to discover



Behavioral Science Graduate

**LYDIA RUTER**

Lead Financial Coach • mpowered

“This quote from Frederick Buechner has resonated with me as I considered what to study or where to work: ‘The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet.’ RU helped me discover my vocation in meaningful work that brings me joy, challenges and satisfaction. There is a lot of good work that needs doing in the world. A social work degree from RU will prepare you for that good work.”



Psychology Graduate

**EMILY BEMIS**

Graduate student • University of Detroit Mercy

“My experience with the RU psychology department was exceptional from start to finish. As an undergraduate student, I was given the unique opportunity to participate in several advanced-level research projects with professors who have extensive experience—something I believe was advantageous in my graduate school applications. Beyond the unmatched academic experience, my time at RU cultivated life-giving, Christ-centered and uplifting relationships with peers and professors alike.”



Psychology Graduate

**KRISTEN HODGE**

Psychologist • Rogers Psychological Services

“I did exceptionally well in graduate school because I was ahead of most of my peers (even those who had graduated from big universities). When I started the program, many of my peers had not even heard of some of the concepts I learned in my classes at RU. I was also confident enough to teach a two-hour lecture for one of my first class assignments because of the oral presentation practice I obtained at RU.”

# THE RU ADVANTAGE

*We analyze. We identify. We serve.*

As you begin your studies at RU, you will start making connections between your past experiences and present opportunities for the purpose of discovering and shaping your identity. Throughout your academic journey, you will continually engage with the world around you and create a plan to use your experiences, knowledge and skills to discover and develop pathways to purpose and meaning. As a student at RU, you will be introduced to the story of God in order to reflect on how you can participate in God’s mission in the world. As you approach graduation, you will apply your accumulated knowledge and experiences to a specific project and share the results with RU’s academic community. The result of this work is well-educated and compassionate graduates who are equipped to deal with the emotional, mental, social and spiritual needs of others.

## Rise Together. Stand Apart.

This tagline represents who we are; the following core distinctives show how we deliver on this identity.



INSIDE THE CLASSROOM

**Academic Philosophy | EPIC**

*Exploring. Preparing. Integrating. Calling.*

We believe every student has a unique story worth telling. In fact, we think your story can be epic. Our courses are designed to help you explore, prepare, integrate (connect and apply knowledge) and find your calling – while helping you succeed.  
[RochesterU.edu/epic](http://RochesterU.edu/epic)



OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

**Mentoring Program | RISE**

*Relationship. Inspiration. Support. Engagement.*

RISE begins during your freshman year and helps you build meaningful relationships with alumni, friends of the institution, faculty and staff. Mentors serve as positive role models who provide valuable guidance, support and encouragement as you navigate the challenges of transitioning from high school to college, then academic to professional life.  
[RochesterU.edu/rise](http://RochesterU.edu/rise)



BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

**Loan Repayment Assistance Program | RU Pledge**

*Pursue your passions without the burden of debt.*

All incoming RU freshmen are eligible for the RU Pledge, our innovative loan repayment assistance program (LRAP) that provides quarterly reimbursement of federal, private and parent PLUS loan payments if you earn less than \$50,000 per year after graduation.  
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## FACULTY

### JESSICA MATYAS

Chair—Department of Psychology & Behavioral Science  
Associate Professor of Psychology  
Ph.D., Central Michigan University  
M.S., Central Michigan University  
B.A., Oakland University



### ROBYN SIEGEL-HINSON

Chair—Institutional Review Board  
Professor of Psychology  
Ph.D., University of Toledo  
M.A., University of Toledo  
B.A., University of Michigan

## *A degree is just the beginning.*

Here's how you can use your degree to positively impact lives, communities and the world.

### BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE • NEUROSCIENCE • PSYCHOLOGY

These degrees allow graduates to seek entry-level positions in crisis intervention centers, counseling clinics and other human service agencies. They are primarily designed to be used in preparation for graduate studies in the fields of social services, psychology (clinical, counseling or school psychology, or marriage and family therapy), neuropsychology or psychotherapy. A master's degree is typically required to certify for practice in most agencies and for licensure as professional counselors.

# take the next step

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