

Honors Senior Spotlight



Mallory Ferrick '22

Hometown: Poughquag, New York

Major: Criminal Justice

Minor: Sociology

Thesis Title: A Social Learning Perspective on Sexual Coercion

Thesis Advisor: Dr. Tracy Tamborra

What is your thesis about?

My thesis examines the way in which an individual's social influences affect their propensity to perpetrate sexual coercion.

What motivated and/or inspired you to select this as your research topic?

I believe that sexual coercion is an under discussed form of abuse and I wanted to bring the issue, which is prevalent on college campuses, to light by analyzing it through the lens of a well-researched criminological theory.

Do you have any advice for future Honors students thinking about writing an Honors Thesis?

Make sure to pick a topic that you are interested in studying! Your thesis will be a major part of your life for the year (or more) that you are working on it, so it's important that you don't get bored of it after just a few months.

After graduating, what are your plans?

I am staying at UNehaven for another year to complete my Master's degree in Criminal Justice, after which I hope to work towards a PhD so I continue my work in criminological research.