



Human Services

Degree Awarded: Bachelor of Arts

Requirements for the Major: 47 credits plus 6 prerequisite credits

A major in Human Services assists students developing knowledge and skills to work with all people offering specialized assistance that focuses on prevention and remediation of problems to help them meet their needs and improve their overall quality of life. Students take courses to establish a diverse background for understanding human behavior and complex interactions. Students gain practical skills, work experience and knowledge from internship experiences in community, mental health and other agency settings. Des Moines and the Polk County area have many agency settings to choose from. Students prepare to work in direct care service areas, assisting and serving diverse populations and ages. Students also prepare to meet the needs of individuals, families, and/or communities to help them function as effectively as possible in a variety of settings: group homes and halfway houses; correctional, intellectual disability, and community mental health centers; family, child, and youth service agencies; and programs concerned with alcoholism, drug abuse, family violence, and aging. Other students can prepare to work in community crisis centers, outpatient clinics, public and private social service agencies, hospitals, schools and religious organizations. Since all Human Services majors are required to complete two, 150 hour internships, they are well equipped to join the workforce on or before graduation. Most students chose an internship where they will continue to work after graduation. Other students may decide to attend graduate school.

Prerequisite courses for the major:

Essential Competencies-Outcome Iterations

****Transfer courses do not receive outcome iterations****

			CI	IL	W	O	Q	GA	V
PSYC 101	General Psychology	3	x		x				
SOCS 101	Introduction to Sociology	3	x				x	x	

These courses will not be counted in computing the GPA for the major. Students majoring in Human Services must achieve a grade of C- or above in the required prerequisite courses for the major to graduate.

Requirements for the Major:

Essential Competencies-Outcome Iterations

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			CI	IL	W	O	Q	GA	V
PSYC/SOCS 210	Introduction to Human Services	4			x	x			x
PSYC 212	Human Development	4							
PSYC 277	Addictive Behaviors	3							
PSYC/SOCS 310	Social Psychology	3							
PSYC 315	Psychology of Exceptional Children	3		x				x	x
SOCS 315	Social Problems	3	x	x	x				
PSYC 320	Abnormal Psychology	3		x	x				
PSYC 325	Counseling Theories	3							
PSYC 327	Techniques of Individual and Group Counseling	3							x
PSYC/SOCS 361 or PSYC/SOCS 362	Family Law or Forensic Socio-Psychology	3						x	
PSYC 399	Internship	6			x				x
PSYC 445	Program Evaluation	3		x	x	x	x		

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Take three credits from Specialty Electives:

			CI	IL	W	O	Q	GA	V
SOCS 321	Aging in Contemporary America	3							
PSYC/SOCS 322	Marriage and Family	3							
PSYC 363	Psychology and Health	3							
PSYC 372	Human Sexuality	3							

This information must be used in conjunction with the 2020-2021 Grand View University Catalog and does not reflect a student's official record of progress. Students are expected to use the Progress tool found on myView > GV Self Service when monitoring and planning coursework. Other available resources include: Course Planning Documents (found on myView under Academics) and the faculty and staff who work with academic requirements.

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Take three credits from Services Electives:

				CI	IL	W	O	Q	GA	V
	PSYC 352	Evidence-based ID/DD Services	3							
	PSYC 353	Evidence-based MH Services	3							
	PSYC 410	Case Management in Human Services	3							

All these major courses will be counted in computing the 2.2 GPA required for this major. Students majoring in Human Services must achieve a grade of C- or above in the required major courses to graduate.

A minor in psychology can be added to your plan by completing the Change of Program Request form.