

HUMAN SERVICES MAJOR

The Human Services major develops the theoretical background and practical skills needed for responsible and effective entry-level managerial practice in a wide-variety of service fields. In addition to providing groundwork for specialized and/or graduate study (e.g., MSW, MA/CP, etc.), this program prepares students to make meaningful - and distinctly Christian - contributions to the lives of individuals, families, and communities in entry-level service positions in varying contexts. Human Services workers hold professional and paraprofessional positions in diverse settings such as transitional living facilities, group homes, correctional facilities, mental health centers, churches, law enforcement agencies, adolescent and geriatric service organizations, consumer information/protection offices, financial counseling bureaus, and agencies dedicated to combating and helping to treat substance abuse issues, trauma, and issues associated with family violence.

Students completing a major in Human Services will:

- examine and evaluate human systems - individual, group, family, organization, community, and society - from a Christian perspective;
- interrelate historical, philosophical, sociological, and faith-based approaches to human services;
- understand the conditions that promote or limit human flourishing across the lifespan, for individuals, groups, and communities at large;
- advocate effectively for social change - especially for vulnerable or oppressed people or groups;
- evidence competence in administrative and legal aspects of the service delivery system;
- analyze service problem situations systematically, selecting appropriate strategies, services, or interventions and assessing their outcomes;
- demonstrate human service intervention skills appropriate to bachelor-level education and in preparation for graduate education; and
- integrate Christian thought and life with ethical and effective care in the context of a human service agency.

Required Courses for General Education (10 hours):

- PSY 285X
- SOC 101
- SOC 330

Code	Title	Hours
Required Human Services Courses:		
HMS 101	Introduction to Human Services	3
HMS 102	Foundations of Human Services	3
HMS 121	Human Diversity	3
HMS 221	The Family System in Context	3
HMS 301	Ethics in the Helping Professions	3
HMS 311	Social Welfare Programs and Policy	3
HMS 321	Human Services Practice with Multicultural Groups	3
HMS 331	Human Behavior in the Social Environment	3
HMS 345	Agency Field Experience	3
HMS 445	Field Experience/Internship	3
HMS 490	Senior Seminar in Human Services	3

SOC 232	Social Movements	3
SOC 335	Urban Sociology	3
Electives (choose 3 hours):		3
HMS 350	Topics in Human Services	
HMS 450	Independent Study in Human Services	
Required Supporting Courses:		
POL 250	American Government	3
SOC 222	Social Problems	3
Total Hours		48