

Behavioral Sciences



Department of Behavioral Sciences College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters

The Field

Behavioral Sciences is an interdisciplinary program encompassing the disciplines of anthropology, psychology, and sociology.

These disciplinary perspectives offer different but complementary views of people. In order to understand, predict or influence human behavior, one needs some comprehension of how humans develop, the problems they confront, the organization or structure in which they function, and how and why these go awry..

Career Opportunities

The Behavioral Sciences program is designed as a general preparation for a career in human services, such as social work, counseling, criminology, or health care. The program is based on the belief that it is important for an individual who plans to work with or for people to understand human beings as individuals (psychologically) within a social context (sociologically) which varies across cultures (anthropologically).

It is also critical to have some exposure to the methods employed by behavioral scientists and some actual experience in the working world of the human services. These are features offered in the Behavioral Sciences program.

The Major

Requirements are subject to change. Degree-seeking students will be subject to the requirements in effect at the time that they are admitted or re-admitted.

Prerequisites

The major requires the student to take three introductory-level behavioral sciences courses: Anthropology 101, Psychology 170 or 171, and Sociology 200 or 201.

Cognates

Behavioral Sciences majors must take six credit hours of upper level coursework outside of the behavioral sciences.

Requirements

The major requires a minimum of 30 upper-division (300 and above) credits in the Behavioral Sciences including at least two courses in psychology, two in sociology, and one in anthropology.

These courses must also include one course from each of the following categories:

Methods

ANTH 470	Methods in Anthropology
PSYC 415	Laboratory in Developmental Psychology
PSYC 425	Laboratory in Social Psychology
PSYC 4445	Personality Assessment Lab
SOC 410	Quantitative Research Methods
SOC 411	Program Evaluation

Normal/Abnormal Personality

ANTH 482	Psychological Anthropology
PSYC 440	Abnormal Psychology
PSYC 441	Introduction to Clinical Psychology
PSYC 442	Child Psychopathology
PSYC 450	Personality Theory
SOC 436	Personality and Society
SOC 465	Deviant Behavior and Social Disorganization

Human Development

ANTH 406	Culture and Sexuality
ANTH 409	Growth, Ecology, and Evolution
PSYC 300	Life-Span/Developmental Psychology
PSYC 301	Psych of Infant Development
PSYC 302	Psych of Child Development
PSYC 315	Personality Development
PSYC 407	Psychology of Adolescence
PSYC 412	Psychology of Aging
PSYC 418	Cognitive Development
PSYC 432	Socialization of the Child
SOC 426	Society and Aging
SOC 445	The Family

Individual Issues

ANTH 407/ SOC 4075	Sexual Praxis and Theory
ANTH 412	Men and Masculinities
ANTH 455	Immigrants USA
ANTH 481	Gender and Globalization
PSYC 446	Human Sexual Behavior
PSYC 455	Health Psychology
SOC 4045	Dissed: Difference, Power, Discrimination
SOC 446	Marriage & Family Problems
SOC 447	Family Violence
SOC 461	Corrections Officers & Inmates

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Societal Issues

ANTH 340	Race and Evolution
ANTH 371	African Experience in America
PSYC 320/ SOC 382	Social Psychology
PSYC 322	Psychology of Prejudice
PSYC 3955	Diversity in the Workplace
SOC 350	Sociology of Poverty
SOC 402	Genocide
SOC 403	Minority Groups
SOC 426	Society and Aging
SOC 440	Medical Sociology
SOC 446	Marriage and Family Problems
SOC 449	The Black Family in Contemporary America
SOC 466	Drugs, Alcohol and Society
SOC 467	Drugs, Crime and Justice
SOC 468	Criminology
SOC 469	Juvenile Delinquency
SOC 470	Current Issues in Criminal Justice
SOC 473	Race, Crime and Justice

Social Organization/Social Structure

ANTH 370	Indians of North America
ANTH 420	Kinship and Marriage
ANTH 444	Political Anthropology
ANTH 460	Economic Anthropology
PSYC 320/ SOC 382	Social Psychology
PSYC 421	Group processes
PSYC 4305	Psychology in the Workplace
SOC 422	Structure of American Society
SOC 423	American Social Classes
SOC 435	Urban Sociology
SOC 450	Political Sociology
SOC 455	Sociology of Religion
SOC 477	Social Welfare
SOC 483	Complex Organizations

Applied

PSYC 485	Psychology Internship
SOC 478/ CRJ 478	Social Work/Criminal Justice Internship

The Faculty

The faculty for this interdisciplinary degree program is composed of all the faculty members in the Department of Behavioral Sciences, which includes professors from the fields of anthropology, psychology, and sociology.

The major encourages specific vocational tracks shaped to the student's career goals. Specific advice regarding careers and appropriate course selection is available from the following members of the Behavioral Sciences faculty:

Pamela Aronson, marriage and family

Lars Bjorn, law and society

Eric Bolling, juvenile delinquency

David Chatkoff, health

Paul Draus, health care

Kevin Early, criminal justice

James Gruber, poverty, social work

Claude Jacobs, religion

Lora Lempert, women's issues

Pam McAuslan, program evaluation and development

Diane Graves-Oliver, multi-cultural issues

Lawrence Radine, health, law

Jane Sheldon, adolescence

Marie Waung, human resources and organizational development

Nancy Wrobel, mental health

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