COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Human Services

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A Bachelor of Arts degree is offered in Human Services for online and traditional students.

An Associate of Arts degree is offered in Human Services for online students.

A Certificate is offered in Human Services for online students.

The mission of the Human Services Program is to produce graduates who have demonstrated competency in understanding the administration and organization of human service agencies, community resources and advocacy, research and analytic methods, and the appropriate skills needed to utilize and apply this understanding to promote individual empowerment, community development and public policy.

Human Services faculty are committed to providing students with a quality liberal arts education and the theoretical foundation of the discipline, combined with an understanding of social science methodologies as they apply to policies and practices that support vulnerable populations as well as children and families. Major attention is given to the career roles, social interaction and social forces that contribute to improving the capacity of systems, organizations, and individuals to cope with changes in fiscal, administrative and political realities.

The goals of the Franklin Pierce Human Services Program are for students to develop a sociological understanding of the nature of human systems; learn to critically analyze how communities are organized and how national policy is created; understand the conditions that promote or limit human development, consider problems and formulate solutions, and become literate and trained in contemporary social scientific methods of data collection, analysis and program evaluation. Students will strengthen their speaking, writing, and presentation skills. Students will be encouraged to rethink current social welfare policies and be actively engaged in positive reform of the system (Praxis) when they enter into their professional careers.

Major Requirements

In addition to completing graduation requirements, Human Services majors will complete the following sequence of courses:

HCA360 Healthcare Ethics, Policy and Law
HU101 Introduction to Human Services
HU450 Contemporary Social Problems in Human Services
HU489 Senior Human Services Project
MT260 Statistics
SO101 Introduction to Sociology
SO203 Grassroots Activism for Social Change
SO205 Race and Ethnicity in Society
SO318 Social Science Research Methods
SO320 Social Welfare Policy
SO321 Social Science Computer Skills

Major Electives
Choose four of the following electives, at least one from each group, and two must be 300 level or higher:

Human Services Management:
HCA201 Introduction to Healthcare Management
HU495   Internship in Human Services
MN321   Organizational Behavior

Case Management:
PS220 Group Dynamics
PS340 Techniques of Counseling

PS345 Crisis Intervention

Human Society:
HU211   Death and Dying
HU220   Creating a Family
SO220   Families in Society
SO421   Inequality in Society

Recommended Curriculum Guide-Human Services

First Year					
Fall Semester		*Credits*	*Spring Semester*		*Credits*
HU101	Introduction to Human Services	3	SO203	Grassroots Activism for Social Change	3
GLE101	First-Year Inquiry Seminar	3	_____	MT260 Statistics	3
GLE110	First-Year Composition	3	_____	General Education Elective	3
_____	General Education Elective	3	_____	General Education Elective	3
SO101	Introduction to Sociology	3	_____	General Education Elective	3
	Total	15		Total	15
Second Year					
Fall Semester		*Credits*	*Spring Semester*		*Credits*
SO205	Race and Ethnicity in Society	3	SO318	Social Science Research Methods	3
HU___	Human Services Elective	3	SO321	Social Science Computer Skills	1
_____	General Education Lab Science I	4	GLE230	Second-Year Composition	3
_____	General Education Elective	3	_____	General Education Lab Science II	3
_____	General Education Elective	3	_____	General Education Elective	3
	Total	16		Total	13
Third Year					
Fall Semester		*Credits*	*Spring Semester*		*Credits*
SO320	Social Welfare Policy	3	HCA360	Healthcare Ethics, Policy and Law	3
_____	General Education Elective	3	HU___	Human Services Elective	3

HU___	Human Services Elective	3	_____	Elective*	3
_____	Elective*	3	_____	Elective	3
_____	Elective	3	_____	Elective	3
	Total	15		Total	15
Fourth Year					
Fall Semester		*Credits*	*Spring Semester*		*Credits*
HU450	Contemporary Social Problems in Human Services	3	HU489	Senior Human Services Project	3
HU___	Human Services Elective	3	_____	Elective	3
_____	Elective	3	_____	Elective	3
_____	Elective	3	_____	Elective	3
_____	Elective	3	_____	Elective	3
	Total	15		Total	15
				Total Credits	**121**

Associate of Arts Degree in Human Services
In addition to graduation requirements, students must complete the following requirements to obtain the degree:

General and Liberal Education Core:
GLE103 Career Image, Planning, and Management
GLE110 First-Year Composition
GLE230 Second-Year Composition
MT260 Statistics
_____ Natural Science Core Elective I
_____ Natural Science Core Elective II

One course from two of the following areas:
One 100-200-level Social Science
One 100-200-level Humanities
One 100-200-level Art and Design

Major Requirements:
HU101 Introduction to Human Services
SO101 Introduction to Sociology
SO205 Race and Ethnicity in Society
SO318 Social Science Research Methods

Two of the following must be completed:
PS101 Introduction to Psychology
PS211 Psychology of Aging
PS215 Health Psychology
PS230 Child and Adolescent Development
SO203 Grassroots Activism for Social Change
SO220 The Family

General Electives
13-19 electives depending on course selection.

Certificate in Human Services

The Certificate program in Human Services has been designed to give a maximum amount of specialized training with a limited amount of time and course work. Normal time to completion is 1.6 years. In addition to certificate requirements, students must complete the following:

HU101 Introduction to Human Services
PS322 Social Psychology*
PS340 Techniques of Counseling I*
SO101 Introduction to Sociology
SO220 The Family*

Three of the following must be completed:
MN321 Organizational Behavior*
PS101 Introduction to Psychology
PS211 Psychology of Aging
SO205 Race and Ethnicity in Society*
*Requires prerequisites