

Human Services - Liberal Arts and Sciences

Associate of Arts Degree (A.A.)

The Human Services: Pre-Social Work program offers a multidisciplinary foundation for those considering Social Work or other related careers. Candidates develop theoretical and practical knowledge and are well prepared for transfer to four-year colleges and universities.

Degrees

A.A. Human Services: Pre-Social Work

An Option within Liberal Arts and Sciences

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Historically the system of Human Services responded primarily to the needs of the poor. Today the system is quite diverse and responds to many human needs. A limited list of areas of need would include drug and alcohol rehabilitation, community mental health, school social services, domestic violence, hospitals and corrections. Services can be provided through several techniques, such as case work, group work and community organization.

The Human Services option allows the student a specialization in various areas of social welfare. The course material provides an understanding of the values and principles of professional practice, a study of how policies are formed and implemented, and a realization of the various human needs which develop in modern societies and how they are responded to by human service agencies and providers. In addition, opportunities exist for students to do volunteer work with local agencies. Students are advised by faculty in the Sociology, Economics and Anthropology Department.

Articulation Agreements

Students should check with the Transfer Office about articulation agreements with this program.

General Education Foundation

Communication	9
ENG-111 English Composition I	
ENG-112 English Composition II	
COM-109 Speech Fundamentals	
Math-Science-Technology	12
MAT-124 Statistics	
or MAT-130 Probability and Statistics	
Mathematics Elective	
Laboratory Science Electives	
Technology	
Social Science	6
SOC-120 Principles of Sociology	

PSY-113	General Psychology	
Humanities		9
Choose from 3 General Education course list		
History		6
HIS-204	History of the African-American Experience	
HIS-209	History of American Women	
Diversity		3
SOC-202	Contemporary Social Issues - America As a Diverse Society	
General Education Foundation Credits		45
Human Services Core		
SOC-130	Introduction to Social Welfare and Human Services	3
SOC-131	Human Needs and Social Services	3
PSY-229	Community Mental Health	3
SOC-209	The Family	3
SOC-240	Social Policy and Politics	3
Human Services Core Credits		15
Total Credits		60

Faculty

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Courses

HMS-215. Introduction to Social Welfare and Human Services. 3 Credits.

LECT 45 hrs

An introduction to the goals, values and philosophy of social work as a profession. Examines the relationship between attitudes and values, economic, political and cultural conditions, and the evolution of social welfare services focusing attention on the historical developments of social services in the United States. Provides understanding of the basic elements of the client-worker relationship.

HMS-216. Human Needs and Social Services. 3 Credits.

LECT 45 hrs

This course presents a conceptual framework through which human behavior is systematically understood. It explores the needs of people as determined by their biological and psycho/social growth and development, and by their special relationship to society and its problems. The means by which these needs can be met by the social welfare system also are presented.