

Community Services

Bachelor of Arts Degree

The Community Services major is offered at one or more centers of the College for Professional Studies but is not available in the College of Arts and Sciences.

The Community Services major is a multi-disciplinary program for persons interested - or already involved - in human service careers. This degree prepares students for a variety of career opportunities in the "helping" professions, where social service workers help strengthen the abilities and resources of others. Designed for students with some previous study and/or experience in the social sciences, the program offers a strong overview of the social service field and the role of the professional as an agent for positive social change in the community. Those students who wish to pursue a concentration in Family Systems studies should pay particular attention to their choice of electives and discuss their program with the academic advisor.

Learning Outcomes for Community Services

1. Develop an interdisciplinary and ethical approach to the professional practice of community service.
2. Develop skills to access, evaluate and utilize social research in community service work, and be able to link theory and practice.
3. Develop effective communication and interpersonal skills appropriate for use in the roles of community service practice.
4. Know and utilize methods appropriate for the process of planned change in communities and agencies.

Course Requirements

- I. Course Requirements for Major
 - A. Prerequisites 6 semester hours
 1. PSY 111 Introduction to Psychology
 2. SOC 111 Introduction to Sociology
 - B. Program Requirements 21 semester hours
 1. CSV 320 Community Services Systems
 2. CSV 460 Crisis Intervention
 3. SOC 341 Research in the Social Sciences
 4. PSY 340 Social Psychology
 5. PSY 360 Counseling Techniques and Practice
 6. SOC 312 Marriage & Family Relations
 7. CSV 495 Community Services Practice
(Capstone course. The following courses MUST be completed prior to taking CSV 495: CSV 320, LAS 301, PSY 111, SOC 111 & SOC 341)
 - C. Approved Electives 12 semester hours
Four electives from a number of disciplines, including but not limited to CDV, CRJ, CSV, GER, PSC, PSY, SOC, SWK, must be approved by the Community Services program coordinator. These electives are selected in consultation with the student's advisor and may enhance specific vocational interests. At least one approved elective (3 semester hours) must be taken at Siena Heights University.

OR:

Family Systems Concentration

12 semester hours

1. SOC 355 Investigative Techniques in Social Services
 2. PSY 312 Early Interventions with Children/Families (0-6)
or
PSY 313 Early Interventions with Children/Families (6-12)
- D. Select two from the following courses:
1. PSY 400 Psychology of Aging
 2. PSY 432 Crisis in Adolescence
 3. PSY 440 Personality
 4. PSY 452 Family Social Issues
 5. CRJ 340 Juvenile Justice
 6. SOC 314 Ethnic Dimensions of American Society

E. Total for Major

39 Semester hours

II. Other Requirements

1. No "D" grades are allowed in the major. Eighteen (18) semester hours residency requirement in major.
2. CSV 320 and CSV 495 require an academic service learning component. Students will be required to participate in specific experiential learning which augments the traditional classroom environment. CSV 495 is considered the capstone course during which final learning outcome assessment will occur. A practicum service component of 100 clock hours is required for this course. Prerequisites must be carefully monitored.
3. Students working toward a CSV Degree who transfer Community Service electives from other institutions may not count grades below 2.0 toward the twelve (12) hours. In addition grades below 2.0 for the required prerequisites and core requirements do not apply.
4. All students must maintain a cumulative 2.50 grade point average in the major.