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# *B.A. in Human Services*

**Woodring College of Education**

## *What Is the Study of Human Services?*

Human Services majors gain knowledge and expertise in case management and interventions, human development, applied research, agency management, program planning and evaluation and diversity and social justice. The program includes several quarters (360 hours) of practicum and internship that integrates theory, knowledge, and skills with professional practice. Students also participate in a six-quarter sequence of study that examines the human services profession within the context of self and individuals, small groups, organizations, communities, and global systems. The curriculum is designed to meet National Standards in human services education as outlined by the Council for Standards in Human Service Education, and prior to graduation each student is required to develop a capstone portfolio demonstrating that they meet these standards.

## *Why Should I Consider This Major?*

Are you interested in a career working to enhance the well-being of individuals, families, communities, or organizations? Are you seeking a major that integrates a liberal arts education with professional practice? Do you learn effectively through student-centered activities that encourage collaborative inquiry and active engagement to address real world problems? If so, you may want to consider a major in Human Services. For more than 30 years, the Human Services major has attracted students with a strong commitment to social and economic justice, human dignity, self-determination, and the desire to support change through direct and indirect service delivery. Thousands of Human Services program graduates are currently working in meaningful positions in nonprofit, government, and community-based services.

## *How to Declare:*

Application Requirements:

1. Within 10 credits of satisfying the General University Requirements or within 5 credits of a transferable Associate in Arts and Sciences degree
2. A minimum G.P.A. of 2.75 (see the academic advisor for admissions exceptions)
3. A completed Human Services program application
4. A three-page written essay describing interests in and experiences related to the human services profession
5. A completed self-assessment of competency in technology use
6. A Washington State Patrol criminal history background check, including fingerprinting
7. A signed contract indicating an understanding and intention to comply with the program's essential functions and expectations for academic and professional performance

Meet with an advisor at the location where you plan to complete your major. Application packets are available at Human Services offices in Bellingham, and Everett. Additional information is available online at the Human Services website, [www.wvu.edu/hs](http://www.wvu.edu/hs).

## *Mid-Program Checkpoint:*

Students desiring to enter the major are encouraged to take courses in related fields such as Comparative Gender and Multicultural Studies, Social Sciences, Humanities, Environmental Studies, Communication, and, if space is available, classes in Human Services. Many students elect to complete a minor that complements academic and professional interests related to Human Services. The Human Services Program is technology intensive, and all courses utilize the Blackboard course management system. Prior to entry, consider taking Student Technology Center workshops in MSWord, Access, PowerPoint, and Excel, as well as courses on web design, imovie, and/or Photoshop. Prospective students should meet with a Human Services academic advisor prior to submitting application materials.

### *Contact Information:*

Human Services Program Website:  
<http://www.wvu.edu/HS>

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### *Sample Careers:*

**Child, Youth, and Family Services**

**Mental Health**

**International Relief**

**Rehabilitation & Disability Services**

**Corrections & Law Enforcement**

**Community Development & Organizing**

**Faith-Based Services**

**Human Resources**

**Nonprofit Management**



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*\*This document has been created for advising purposes only. Please contact the appropriate department for major and graduation requirements.*

# *Human Services Major Requirements: 76 Credits*

## **Core Courses: 24 credits:**

### **Courses Taken Consecutively For Six Quarters**

- HSP 301 Human Services Professionals and Personal Systems (4)
- HSP 303 Human Services Professionals and Interpersonal Systems (4)
- HSP 305 Human Services Professionals and Small Group Systems (4)
- HSP 402 Human Services Professionals and Organizational Systems (4)
- HSP 404 Human Services Professionals and Community Systems (4)
- HSP 406 Human Services Professionals and Global Systems (4)

## **Field Study: 16 credits**

- HSP 340 Practicum and Seminar I (4)
- HSP 341 Practicum and Seminar II (4)
- HSP 440\* Internship and Seminar (4)

*\*repeatable to 12 credits; 8 credits required*

## **Additional Required Courses: 31 credits**

- HSP 302 Introduction to Human Services (3)
- HSP 315 Human Development and Human Services (4)
- HSP 325 Interviewing for Human Services (4)
- HSP 345 Case Management and Interventions (4)
- HSP 385 Applied Research Methods (4) (WP3)
- HSP 435 Human Services and Management (4)
- HSP 455 Diversity & Social Justice Dynamics (4)
- HSP 485 Program Planning & Evaluation (4)

## **Capstone Portfolio: 5 credits**

- HSP 304 Portfolio Learning in Human Services (1)
- HSP 495 Capstone Portfolio (4)

**WP:** Three Writing Proficiency points are required for graduation (they are noted as WP1, WP2, and WP3). Check *Classfinder* or *Online Timetable* for departmental offerings each quarter. (HSP 385 is a WP3 course.)