

The George Washington University
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Columbian College of Arts and Sciences
Human Services Program

Preparing You for a Career in Human Service

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Mission Statement

The George Washington University Human Services Program prepares undergraduate students to assume effective roles in not-for-profit agencies supporting or serving people and communities who are experiencing need.

The program accomplishes this through its focus on providing enabling knowledge and service-learning experience, and encouraging high academic and ethical standards in its students. Furthermore, the program provides a broad and appropriate interaction with local human service projects as both a foundation of practical training and as an outreach to the University's urban neighbors.

We build upon the foundation of empathy, concern for others and a commitment to social justice that our students bring to the program, providing the skills necessary to maximize these selfless qualities. Through our emphasis on continuous high standards of academic and scholarly excellence we ensure that our efforts will endure beyond matriculation and enhance any human service program involving GW's Human Services graduates.

Vision Statement

The George Washington University Human Service Program is committed to making a difference in the academic cultivation of undergraduate students preparing for careers in non-profit community based human services programs, or continuing graduate education in the human services or public administration fields. We accomplish this by maintaining a focus on social consciousness predicated on an excellent liberal arts education with broad exposure to human services. Through this focus our students gain a foundation in leadership, management, and policy formulation, grounded in the transformation of theory to application with service-learning experience.

We develop our students through an emphasis on scholarly research, reflective learning, intellectual challenges, and active partnerships with the faculty and staff of the program. This active mentoring of students encourages acquiring life-long learning habits, the incorporation of ethics, and the development of a mature identity as a helping professional who is a critical element in the link between the people and society in building of communities.

We believe mutual empowerment and growth of citizenship develops in our students and ultimately in the communities they serve through our emphasis on academic growth, while simultaneously stressing the development of leadership skills, and frequent collaboration with human service agencies.

We actively encourage and foster respect of diversity, sense of community, and attainment of global perspectives through interaction with the many academic, government, and service agencies within the Washing, D.C. area. Our students are well prepared to enter the public or private sector in numerous service oriented capacities as well as to continue with graduate education. Toward that end, we offer an option of a 5 year BA (Human Services)/MA Public Administration) to qualified students.

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The Human Services Program at the George Washington University is designed to develop practical, academic skills for use in diverse service settings. It is an academic, service-learning program applying concepts learned in the classroom to contemporary societal problems. The program is designed for students who are entering into human service careers in settings such as:

- Advocacy
- Assisted living facilities
- Care for the disabled and handicapped population
- Childcare
- Community development
- Correctional institutions
- Counseling
- Cultural institutions
- Development and fundraising
- Eldercare
- Educational institutions
- Faith Based Organizations
- Governmental agencies
- Hospitals and health care agencies
- International development
- Ministry
- Non-profit organizations
- Public interest law
- Public policy and administration
- Resident centers
- Social work
- Substance abuse rehabilitation programs

Our courses enable students to:

- Apply work in the classroom to contemporary social problems.
- Design, analyze, implement, and evaluate social programs and provide service to individuals
- Work in the community against injustice, discrimination, and poverty, while making a focused impact on the people living here in Washington, D.C.

Lifelong benefits include:

- Applied learning, service, and leadership opportunities.
- Development, research, and entrepreneurial experience.
- Team building, cross cultural, and interpersonal interaction.
- Enhancement of skill and experience attractive to private sector and non-profit organizations.
- Documented leadership awards.
- Acceptance at top graduate schools.
- A supportive alumni network.

Human Services Major

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Students who are majoring in Human Services Program must complete the general requirements stated under the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences (CCAS) in addition to the following:

First or Second Year:

Fall (indicating that the following courses are only offered in the Fall)

- HMSR 1177: Human Services and Community: Empowerment for Social Change3
(Please note this course used to be numbered 2177.)
- HMSR 2171: Human Development I (Child Development).....3
- SOC 2101: Social Research Methods.....3
(Take Fall SO or JR yr; Pre-requisite for HMSR 2176 and encouraged before 2152/3152)

Spring

- HMSR 2172: Human Development II (Adult Development).....3
- HMSR 4198: Principles of Ethical Leadership.....3
OR
PHIL 2135: Ethics in Business and the Profession.....3

Offered Fall and Spring

- SOC 1001: Introduction to Sociology.....3
OR
SOC 1002: The Sociological Imagination.....3
- SOC 2104: Contemporary Sociological Theory.....3
- COMM: Choose from 1040, 1041, 1042, or 2120... ..3

Third or Fourth Year

Fall

- HMSR 2176W: Program Development in the Human Services (pre-req. SOC 2101).....3

Spring

- HMSR 2182W: Organization and Administration in the Human Services (WID).....3
- HMSR 4195: Current Issues/Seminar in Human Services (Final Spring Semester).....3

Fall or Spring

- HMSR 3152: Issues in Human Services (16 hrs/week).....6
(Please note this course used to be numbered 2152.)

Total: 39

Students should consult with their advisor and the CCAS Program Bulletin for information on minors.

Requirements for Human Service Minors:

- HMSR 2176W (Pre-requisite of SOC 2101, which can count as the elective for the minor)
- HMSR 2182W
- HMSR 3152 (previously course number 2152)
- HMSR 4195
- Choice of one other three credit course with PRIOR approval of advisor

Dual BA in Human Services and Other Major (example, Psychology)

First or Second Year:

Fall

- PSYC 1001
- PSYC 2001
- HMSR 1177 (formerly 2177)
- HMSR 2171

Spring

- PHIL 1051
- PSYC 2012
- HMSR 2172

Fall or Spring

- SOC 1001 or SOC 1002
- SOC 2101
- PHIL 1045
- PHIL 2135 or HMSR 4198: Principles of Ethical Leadership (spring only)
- SOC 2104

Third or Fourth Year

Fall

- PSYC 2014
- PSYC 2101
- HMSR 2176
- HMSR 3152 (also offered in Spring)
- PSYC 3129
- PSYC 3154
- PSYC 4196

Spring

- HMSR 2182
- SOC 2104
- PSYC 3106
- PSYC 3108
- PSYC 3118
- PSYC 3945
- HMSR 4195

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