



Bachelor of Science in Human Services

College of Human Development and Community Service

Why should I major in human services at Cal State Fullerton?

Human services is one of the fastest growing fields in the country, according to the U.S. Department of Labor. In fact, California will need over 100,000 social service workers in the next seven years. The Human Services Program at Cal State Fullerton emphasizes self-awareness, an integration of theories and practice, and applied learning through experience in fieldwork placements in community agency settings. When students graduate from Cal State Fullerton, they are prepared to excel in any field that seeks a well-rounded person with relevant, marketable skills.

The human services major at Cal State Fullerton offers:

Outstanding Faculty – Our faculty members are accomplished teachers and researchers, hold advanced degrees from prestigious universities and have authored textbooks used in class.

Great Credentials – The Human Services Fieldwork Program is the only undergraduate program on the west coast that has been approved by the National Council on Standards in Human Services Education.

Flexibility – Classes meet to coincide with your work schedules, during the day, in the evening and on Saturdays. We also offer several classes at our Mission Viejo Campus and at the Social Service Agency in Santa Ana.

What is a human services major?

A typical human services major is a person who is intelligent, compassionate, resourceful and wishes to pursue a helping profession such as social work, counseling, psychotherapy or teaching. Human services majors receive the academic preparation and hands-on training required for lifelong careers in one of hundreds of fulfilling jobs that seek to bring about a positive change in society, as well as in individuals and families.

What types of career opportunities are available?

About half of the graduates of our human services program go on to graduate programs, typically in social work, counseling, psychology, public administration or education. A human services professional may provide direct services to clients, supervise personnel, administer programs and develop policies,



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and/or deliver support services to professional staff. To give you an idea of the variety of positions, we've listed several career options, some of which may require an advanced degree. This is only a partial list, but should give you a good idea of the diversity of jobs that a human services education would prepare you for: adoption counselor, art/play therapist, AIDS services case manager, child protective service worker, client advocate, community educator, correctional caseworker, elementary school teacher, geriatric caseworker, human services agency administrator, parent educator, policy analyst, probation officer, school counselor, social service employee, YMCA youth counselor, and numerous positions in the government sector due to large-scale retirements.

What are the requirements for the major?

The Bachelor of Science in Human Sciences requires students to complete 54 units, which includes a core curriculum of 36 units and an adviser-approved advisement track of 18 units related to the student's anticipated professional specialization.

Core curriculum (36 units)

Theoretical Foundations/Intervention Strategies (9 units)

Human Services 201 Introduction to Human Services (3 units)

Human Services/Counseling 380 Theories and Techniques of Counseling (3 units)

Human Services 310 Case Management (3 units)

OR Sociology 305 Techniques of Social Welfare (3 units)

Client Populations/Cultural Diversity (9 units)

Afro/Human Services 311 Intracultural Socialization Patterns (3 units)

Child Adolescent Studies 312 Human Growth and Development (3 units)

OR Psychology 361 Developmental Psychology (3 units)

Psychology 341 Abnormal Psychology (3 units)

OR Sociology 351 Sociology of the Family (3 units)

Research and Evaluation (9 units)

Human Services 315 Research and Data Management in Human Services (3)

Human Services 385 Program Design and Proposal Writing (3 units)

Human Services 470 Evaluation of Human Services Programs (3 units)

Skills Development/Field Experience (9 units)

Human Services 396 Practicum Seminar (2 units)

AND Human Services 396L Practicum (1 unit)

Human Services 495 Fieldwork Seminar (2 units)

AND Human Services 495L Fieldwork (1 unit)

Human Services 496 Internship Seminar (2 units)

AND Human Services 496L Internship (1-3 units)

Note: The practicum/fieldwork/internship courses must be taken in sequence. Only one fieldwork course may be taken in a given semester.

Required advisement track (18 units):

Advisement tracks should be planned in consultation with a human services adviser in the area of the student's anticipated professional specialization.

Advisement tracks include:

Mental Health – Prepares students for entry-level positions in a variety of settings and for graduate work in counseling, social work, clinical psychology, or marriage and family therapy.

Community Agency and Organizational Practice – Designed for students wishing to pursue graduate study in social work administration and policy, community organization and planning.

Elementary Education – Developed for students who are interested in pursuing an elementary teaching career.

Gerontology – Developed for students interested in working with the elderly.

Alcohol and Substance Abuse Treatment – Developed for students who want to work with this client population

Individualized Advisement Track – Students may develop their own track in consultation with the Human Services Department advisor.

Is a minor available?

Human services does offer a minor. Students need to complete 21 units. The minor provides a structured selection of courses, which can complement other majors and minors, by providing practical applications of theory, foundations, self-exploration and supervised fieldwork. Please consult the university catalog for required courses and more details.

What courses will transfer from my community college?

Many of your courses will transfer as general education classes. Cal State Fullerton accepts a maximum of 70 transferable units from community colleges. The department accepts up to 12 community college transfer units taken at the lower-division level. Eighteen units may be transferred into the major if a student has a drug and alcohol or eating disorder certificate from a community college. Consult your college's articulation document for specifics, and check with your human services adviser for details.

What's special at Cal State Fullerton for human services majors?

Internships – Cal State Fullerton's Bachelor of Science in Human Services is the only undergraduate human services program on the west coast that is approved by the National Council on Standards in Human Services Education. This is in part because of the intensive internship requirement of the major. Students complete three semesters of fieldwork placements, each for 120 hours of supervised practice.

CSUF/ Social Services Agency Educational Partnership – Cal State Fullerton offers the human services degree program at the Social Services Agency of Orange County in Santa Ana. This partnership provides social service employees access to higher education through the on-site program.

Independent Study – Independent study credit is designed for students who have a genuine interest in studying subject matter that is not covered by the regular curriculum.

What scholarships are available?

Each year, thousands of dollars are available to human services majors with junior- and senior-class standing. Check the bulletin boards in our department office, located in Education Classroom Building 105, for application dates and qualifications, and be sure to apply. Every major in good standing has a chance to receive an award. Awards include those for outstanding academic performance, potential for scholarship, or campus and community service. Human services majors are also eligible for scholarships available to the general student body. For more information, please call financial aid at (714) 278-3125.

What student activities can I join?

The Human Services Student Association is a student-driven organization that is dedicated to providing experiences in the human services field as well as social and educational activities for the members. The Association raises funds for charities, sponsors campus activities, and organizes a variety of social activities, which supply a networking environment for members.

Who advises me?

A faculty member and two graduate assistants offer advisement for human services students in Education Classroom Building 130F. Advisement may be done on a “drop-in” basis, but most students prefer to make appointments by calling (714) 278-3015.

Where can I learn more?

The Department of Human Services has its own website to introduce faculty members and describe curriculum, graduation requirements, and special projects. However, the best way to get the information you need is to visit our department office, located in Education Classroom Building 105, and talk to our faculty members, staff and students. Check out our bulletin boards and spend a little time getting to know us. You can also visit our website at: <http://hdcs.fullerton.edu/husr/husrhome.htm> or call us at: (714) 278-2255; or fax us at: (714) 278-4456.

If you would like more information, please write to Department of Human Services, California State University, Fullerton, P.O. Box 6868, Fullerton, CA 92834-6868. We look forward to hearing from you. We're here to help!

See for yourself just how our program can take you where you want to go. Don't wait—join the human services major at Cal State Fullerton today!