

APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY AND HUMAN SERVICES (BS)

Applied Psychology & Human Services is a multidisciplinary profession integrating the fields of psychology, sociology, government, and administration. Persons who are motivated to work with individuals and families in direct efforts to improve service delivery and to assist members of society in functioning as effectively as possible will find the field of Applied Psychology & Human Services a rewarding experience. Applied Psychology & Human service professionals can expect to find employment in a wide variety of settings, including government and private social service agencies, vocational rehabilitation facilities, substance abuse rehabilitation centers, correctional facilities, community mental health centers, child and family services, and residential facilities treating the elderly and intellectually challenged.

Admission Requirements

Students may begin taking upper division courses as soon as the second semester of their sophomore year, providing they have completed the following courses: PSYC 1101 Intro to Psychology, SOCI 1101 Intro to Sociology, and HUSV 2101 Intro to Human Services. As part of the curriculum, students will be required to complete a semester long internship with a human services agency that will require a minimum of 15 hours of work per week.

Curriculum

Because of the wide diversity of opportunities in the applied psychology & human services field, applied psychology & human services professionals are best prepared by an interdisciplinary faculty delivering an interdisciplinary curriculum. The BS in Applied Psychology & Human Services curriculum at Gordon State College includes required courses in psychology and sociology and recommended courses in business and communication. Thus, this curriculum provides the breadth and depth of knowledge required to succeed in their future endeavors. While graduates of the program will receive excellent preparation for various masters and doctoral programs, the primary emphasis of the curriculum will be to provide practical, real-world training so that graduates can gain immediate employment. The Applied Psychology & Human Services E-Degree is a degree completion program for learners in a fully online format. The courses will be offered on a more limited rotation over the course of two years to earn a Bachelor of Science in Applied Psychology & Human Services. All core classes must be taken in addition to these online courses. Learners who prefer a different set of courses pursue the degree through the traditional, on-campus method, and work with their advisor.

All concentrations require 42 to 46 semester hours of IMPACTS core, and 18 credit hours of Field of Study courses.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		24
HUSV 3001	Research Methods in Soc Sci	
HUSV 4030	Legal & Ethical Issues in HS	
HUSV 4010	Prog Plan, Dev, & Evaluation	
PSYC/HUSV 3020	Interviewing & Counseling	
HUSV 4900	Human Services Internship	

PSYC 3040/ HUSV 3020	Social Psychology	
PSYC 3050	Abnormal Psychology	3
SOCI 3060	Culture & Diversity	3

Upper Level Elective Requirements 15

Choose five courses numbered 3000 and above ¹ 15

Free Electives 21

Choose seven courses numbered 1000, 2000, 3000, or 4000 ² 21

Addiction Studies Concentration 21

The Concentration in Addiction Studies provides a comprehensive education on the complex issues surrounding addiction, including its causes, consequences, and treatment approaches. Students gain a deep understanding of the biological, psychological, and social factors contributing to addiction, as well as evidence-based prevention and intervention strategies. The program prepares students for careers in addiction counseling, case management, and research. Graduates are equipped to work with individuals struggling with addiction in a variety of settings, including residential and outpatient treatment centers, social service agencies, and healthcare organizations. Graduates are prepared to take certification examinations through organizations such as the Georgia Addiction Counselors Association or the National Addiction Studies Accreditation Commission. Students wishing to follow this concentration should complete the 42 credits in Core IMPACTS classes, the 18 lower-level credits of the Human Services or Psychology Field of Study, and the 24 required upper-level courses in the Applied Psychology & Human Services BS.

Required Addiction Studies		18
HUSV 3600	Intro to Addiction Studies	3
HUSV 3601	Addiction Screening, Assessmen	3
HUSV 3602	Case Mgnt/Treatment Addiction	3
HUSV 3603	Brain and Behavior	3
HUSV 3604	Psychopharmacology of Addictio	3
MGNT 3900	Principles of Leadership	3
Free Electives		18
Choose any SEVEN 1000-4000 level courses		
Internship		3
HUSV 4900	Human Services Internship	3-9
Total Hours		183-189

¹ Additional courses from applied psychology & human services, psychology, sociology, communication, management, and business are recommended.

Excess HUSV 4900 Human Services Internship hours can be counted as upper level elective hours.

(HUSV 3341 Applied Statistics required if MATH 1401 Elementary Statistics not taken)

² You are advised to pick courses that will help prepare you for your future career.

Either MATH 1401 Elementary Statistics or HUSV 3341 Applied Statistics must be taken as a free elective, if not taken to meet requirements of Areas IMPACTS of the Core Curriculum or an Upper Level Elective.