

## The Human Services Major

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The purpose of the human services major is to prepare a learner to understand the socioeconomic, psychological and political foundations of a multicultural society and to utilize that knowledge to identify needs and to coordinate and provide appropriate social services. A learner who has successfully completed a human services major at Upper Iowa University will be expected to:

1. Demonstrate understanding of the methods, skills and strategies of the human services discipline. This characteristic is established through the successful completion of at least one of the following course(s).

PSY/SOC 276	Methods in Human Services I
PSY/SOC 277	Methods in Human Services II (SWTC version)
PSY 355	Skills and Strategies in the Helping Professions

2. Demonstrate understanding of theoretical foundations of the human services discipline from both psychology and sociology. This characteristic is established through the successful completion of a combination of the following courses.

PSY 190	General Psychology
SOC 110	Principles of Sociology

3. Demonstrate a commitment to use ethical standards and considerations of psychology and sociology in research, writing, counseling, treatment, and interaction with others. This characteristic is established through the successful completion of a combination of the following courses.

PSY 454	Issues and Ethics in the Helping Professions
PSY/SOC	Electives

4. Demonstrate an understanding of fundamental economic and political processes as they apply to the Human Service profession. This characteristic is established through the successful completion of a combination of the following courses.

SOC 220	Social Problems
BA 210	Management Principles
PS 230	State and Local Government
PS 362	The Legislative Process
PS 412	American Constitutional Law II
PA 364	Public Administration
PA 445	Administrative Law

5. Demonstrate an understanding of areas central to the human services discipline. This characteristic is established through the successful completion of a combination of the following courses.

SOC 240	Diverse Cultures in America
PSY/SOC 383	Human Behavior in the Social Environment
PSY/SOC 384	Social Welfare Programs and Policies

6. Demonstrate understanding in an area of individualized interest or career path in the human services discipline. This characteristic is established through the successful completion of a combination of the following courses.

Two Electives chosen from any psychology or sociology courses

7. Demonstrate proficiency in applied activities in the human services field. This characteristic is established through the successful completion of the following course/s.

ID 498	Senior Project
PSY 403	Internship