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**Read** journal articles and textbooks.

**Understand** human services values, attitudes and ethics and their appropriate application in practice to culture, ethnicity, race, class, gender, religion/spirituality, ability, sexual orientation, and other expressions of diversity.

**Engage** with diverse faculty and social and advocacy groups, examining the dynamics of power, values and equity of public service, civic activism and transformational organizational change.

**Participate** in valuable “hands-on” field work experience through internships.

**Create** a summative capstone portfolio documenting the integration of theory and practical experience.

**FIRST COURSES IN THE MAJOR**

**CHS 150:** Foundations of Human Services Counseling

**AFR 145:** Introduction to Community Justice in Human Systems

**AFR 227:** Community Based Approaches to Justice

**CHS 230:** Culture, Direct Services & Community Practice

**CHS 235:** Theories of Assessment and Intervention

“The unique classes offered will deepen your understanding and provide you with the practical skills necessary to become a human services professional. You will receive support from faculty and staff that are dedicated to helping students succeed, professionally and personally.”

— Ingrid R. Torres
WHAT CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS WILL YOU DEVELOP IN THIS MAJOR?

- Analysis and interpretation of historical data for application in advocacy, policy, and social change.
- Organization, analysis, evaluation, and dissemination of data.
- Formulation of research questions, research design and sampling.
- Quantitative and qualitative research skills development.
- Application of research to inform strategic selections and evaluate outcomes.

WHAT MINOR MIGHT BE A GOOD COMPLEMENT TO THIS MAJOR?

- Addiction Studies
- Africana Studies
- Anthropology
- Counseling
- Gender Studies
- Human Rights
- Humanities and Justice
- Latin American and Latina/o Studies
- Psychology
- Public Administration
- Sociology
- Sustainability and Environmental Justice

WHAT OPPORTUNITIES WILL THIS MAJOR OFFER YOU?

Field Education Experience (350 hours)—The core courses include 50 hours of this experience. The remaining 300 hours allow flexibility in how this requirement is fulfilled, as students have the ability to select from field education courses: Field Experience I and Field Experience II.

THIS MAJOR CAN BE A GREAT FOUNDATION FOR A WIDE RANGE OF JOBS, BUT SOME POSSIBILITIES TO CONSIDER ARE:

- Behavioral Management Aide
- Case Manager
- Community Organizer
- Correction Treatment Counselor
- Eligibility Worker
- Family and Child Welfare Advocate
- Geriatric Case Specialist
- Human Services Liaison
- Juvenile and Domestic Violence Counselor
- Juvenile Court Liaison
- Outreach Worker
- Parole Officer
- Pre-trial Service Officer
- Probation Officer
- Rehabilitation Case Worker
- Social and Community Service Manager
- Volunteer Coordinator

With advanced educational training:

- Clinical/Counseling Psychologist
- Family Therapist
- Mental Health Counselor
- Social Worker
- Substance Abuse and Behavior Disorder Counselor

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