

Behavioral Science Major Curriculum

Program Goals

1. Develop a knowledge base of human behavior
 - *Be able to view and understand human behavior from multiple perspectives*
 - *Be able to use the language of the disciplines that comprise the major*
2. Develop critical thinking skills
 - *Use critical and creative thinking, skeptical inquiry, and, when possible, the scientific approach to solve problems related to human behavior, from the three perspectives of psychology, study of the individual; sociology, study of groups; anthropology, study of culture*
3. Foster integrative thinking across the three disciplines of psychology, sociology, and anthropology
 - *Think holistically and comparatively to understand human behavior from multiple perspectives*
4. Apply research methods and skills to problems in the study of human behavior
 - *Understand and apply basic research methods and communication, writing, and research skills*
 - *Understand research design, data analysis, and interpretation in psychology, sociology, and anthropology*
5. Value cultural and economic diversity
 - *Recognize, understand, and respect the complexity of sociocultural, economic, and international diversity as well as variation across space and time*
6. Personal Development
 - *Adhere to ethical standards of practice*
 - *Develop insight into own and others' behavior*
 - *Apply effective strategies for self-management and self-improvement*
7. Application
 - *Understand and apply the principles of psychology, sociology, and anthropology to social and organizational issues*
 - *Emerge from the major with realistic ideas about how to implement the knowledge, skills, and values of the study of the behavioral sciences in occupational pursuits*
 - *Strengthen interpersonal helping and communication skills such as attending, listening, empathizing, and supporting*