



BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE

The mission of the Behavioral Science program is to develop graduates who value diversity and embrace the integration of life and learning. We aim to foster a learning environment in which students can understand and apply the core concepts and elements of social science. Building upon existing programs in Criminology and Criminal Justice, Psychology, and Sociology, students are prepared with a broad foundation that emphasizes the analytical and critical thinking skills needed for a broad range of professional careers. The Behavioral Science degree is highly flexible, enabling students to customize their course work in ways that align with their individual career goals and additional academic studies.

THE MOUNT OFFERS UP TO
\$25,000
IN MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

To see eligibility requirements and other available scholarships, visit msj.edu/scholarships.

98.9%
CAREER OUTCOMES RATE

98.9 percent of School of Art & Sciences graduates were successfully employed, enrolled in graduate studies, or volunteering within six months of graduation.

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE

This program benefits from the diversity of professional backgrounds of the faculty teaching in the courses, which makes for a richer course experience. Through the Mount's Career & Experiential Education office, Behavioral Science Majors have access to relevant co-op, Service Learning, and internship opportunities. We have one of the best co-op placement records in the region.

FURTHER YOUR EDUCATION

Students may consider pursuing the Mount's 4+1 MBA (Master of Business Administration) degree, or licensure and master's degrees in Early Childhood Education, Special Education, and/or Multi-Age Education. The Behavioral Sciences degree can also serve as a springboard for a number of graduate level programs such as criminal justice, sociology, education, counseling, and social work. We also offer related minors in Addiction Studies, Social Work, Socio-Psychology, and Sociology. You may also consider a 3+3 Law program, finishing your bachelor's degree at the Mount and Juris Doctor at one of our partner schools in six years.

CAREERS IN BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE

BEHAVIORAL
HEALTH
AND HUMAN
SERVICES

CLINICAL
RESEARCH
COORDINATOR

HUMAN
RESOURCES
SPECIALIST

LAW, LAW
ENFORCEMENT,
AND
CORRECTIONS

MENTAL HEALTH
PROFESSIONAL

VICTIM
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BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE MAJOR - BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

FIRST YEAR-SEMESTER #1		FIRST YEAR- SEMESTER #2		UNIVERSITY CORE			
SOC 103 Our Social World	3	BEH 105 Elements of Inquiry	3	COMMON GOOD			
COM 100/ENG 101	3	PSY 103 Intro to Psychology	3	CORE 115 Common Ground	Code COR		
CORE 115 Common Ground	3	COM 100/ ENG 101	3	Justice & the Common Good	Code JCG		
Core requirement	3	Core requirement	3	Ethics	Code CE		
Core requirement	3	Core requirement	3	Experiential Learning	Code EXP		
				Core Capstone	Code CCP		
SECOND YEAR-SEMESTER #1		SECOND YEAR-SEMESTER #2		HUMANITIES			
CRM 103 Found. of Crim Justice	3	Human Development Elective	3	Speech (COM 100)	Code C		
MTH 174* Statistics	3	Social Prob/Inequality Elective	3	Writing (ENG 101)	Code C		
Human Development Elective	3	Core requirement	3	Literature (ENG)	Code CL		
Social Prob/Inequality Elective	3	Core requirement	3	Art or Music	Code CAM		
CED 220^ Found. of Professional	1	Elective	3	History	Code CH		
Core requirement	3			Religious Studies	Code CR		
				Philosophy	Code CP		
THIRD YEAR-SEMESTER #1		THIRD YEAR-SEMESTER #2		SCIENCES			
Behavioral Science Elective	3	BEH 375 Research Methods		Biology/Chemistry/Physics + Lab	Code CN		
BEH 374 Applied Statistical Methods		& Design	3	Mathematics	Code CMA		
for the Behavioral Sciences	3	Behavioral Science Elective	3	SOC 103 Our Social World	Code CS		
Behavioral Science Elective	3	Behavioral Science Elective	3				
Elective	3	Core requirement	3	Choose one discipline:			
Elective	3	Elective	3	ECO 212 Microeconomics	Code CEP		
				PSY 103 Psychology	Code CEP		
FOURTH YEAR-SEMESTER #1		FOURTH YEAR-SEMESTER #2		NOTES			
Behavioral Science Elective	3	SOC 401 Behavior Sci. Seminar	1	Must complete two 300-level Behavioral Science elective courses in addition to BEH 374 and BEH 375			
JCG requirement	3	Core Capstone	3				
Elective	3	Elective	3				
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		Elective	3				
Human Development Elective Courses (choose 2 from two different disciplines): PSY 204 Lifespan Development PSY 205 Child Development SOC 216 Sociology of the Family SOC 220 Childhood and Society SOC 261 Social & Psych Aspects of Aging SOC 334 Holistic Wellness & Aging SOC 351 Global Aspects of Aging SOC 361 Mental Health and Aging SWK 322 Human Behavior in the Social Environment I (3) * SWK 323 Human Behavior in the Social Environment II (3) *		Social Problems and Inequality Courses (choose 2 from two different disciplines): CRM 208 Serial Murder CRM 218 Victimology CRM 225 Sex Crimes CRM 230 Crime Prevention CRM 293 Juvenile Delinquency CRM 300 Critical Issues in Criminology CRM 306 White Collar Crime CRM 307 Fraud Examination PSY 212 Domestic Violence SOC 202 Race, Class, Gender SOC 218 Gender, Culture, & Society SOC 250 Soc of Deviance & Self Control SOC 310 Power, Politics, & Social Movements SWK 220 Introduction to Social Work SWK 223 Social Policies and Issues SWK 313 Addiction: The Foundation I SWK 314 Addiction: The Foundation II SWK 315 Addiction: Stopping Before It Starts SWK 316 Addiction: Brain, Body, & Relationships SWK 317 Interdisciplinary Approach to Diversity & Social Justice SWK 332 Child Abuse		*Students must have an appropriate math placement			
				One “Core Requirement” will need to be the experiential education requirement for the core. Experiential Education can be 0-3 hours. Contact the Career Center for options.			
				^CED 220 required for cooperative education option for Experiential Education			
				120 credit hours minimum needed to graduate			
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BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE MAJOR, CHILD LIFE CONCENTRATION - BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

FIRST YEAR-SEMESTER #1		FIRST YEAR- SEMESTER #2		UNIVERSITY CORE	
PSY 103 Intro to Psychology	3	SOC 103 Our Social World	3	COMMON GOOD	
COM 100/ENG 101	3	COM 100/ ENG 101	3	CORE 115 Common Ground	Code COR
CORE 115 Common Ground	3	REL 215 Life Through Death	3	Justice & the Common Good	Code JCG
CHL 240 Therapeutic Play	3	BEH 105 Elements of Inquiry	3	Ethics	Code CE
Core requirement	3	PSY 205 Child Development	3	Experiential Learning	Code EXP
				Core Capstone	Code CCP
SECOND YEAR-SEMESTER #1		SECOND YEAR-SEMESTER #2		HUMANITIES	
CHL 230 Intro to Child Life	3	SWK 323 HBSE II or		Speech (COM 100)	Code C
CRM 103 Found. of Crim Justice	3	SOC 216 Soc of the Fam	3	Writing (ENG 101)	Code C
BIO 130 Medical Terminology	2	Social Prob/Inequality Elective	3	Literature (ENG)	Code CL
Social Prob/Inequality Elective	3	MTH 174* Statistics	3	Art or Music	Code CAM
CED 220^ Found. of Professional	1	Ethics requirement	3	History	Code CH
Core requirement	3	Core requirement	3	Religious Studies	Code CR
				Philosophy	Code CP
THIRD YEAR-SEMESTER #1		THIRD YEAR-SEMESTER #2		SCIENCES	
BEH 374 Applied Statistical Methods for the Behavioral Sciences	3	BEH 375 Research Methods & Design	3	Biology/Chemistry/Physics + Lab	Code CN
Behavioral Science Elective	3	Behavioral Science Elective	3	Mathematics	Code CMA
BIO 131/131A Basic A&P + Lab	4	Core requirement	3	SOC 103 Our Social World	Code CS
SWK 322 HBSE I	3	Core requirement	3		
Core requirement	3	Elective	3	Choose one discipline:	
				ECO 212 Microeconomics	Code CEP
				PSY 103 Psychology	Code CEP
FOURTH YEAR-SEMESTER #1		FOURTH YEAR-SEMESTER #2		NOTES	
Behavioral Science Elective	3	SOC 401 Behavior Sci Seminar	1	Must complete two 300-level Behavioral Sciences elective courses in addition to BEH 374 or BEH 375	
Core JCG requirement	3	Core Capstone	3		
Elective	3	Elective	3		
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