

BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE (A.S.) +

The Behavioral Science program will provide you with foundational knowledge required by those who enter careers in human services, social work, substance use disorder and addiction treatment, criminal justice, or psychology. You will gain the skills needed for work in a variety of community settings from human service/mental health programs to law enforcement and related agencies. This flexible program lets you tailor your studies to fit your career goals. The broad common base of behavioral science courses roots you in sound theory and ethical practice, while those who wish to may delve more deeply into suggested focus areas, such as Human Services, Criminal Justice, Substance Use Disorders, and Psychology. Many participants in this program choose to continue their education at the baccalaureate level and beyond. Students in the Behavioral Science degree program may choose to pursue the Human Services or Community Health certificate while obtaining their degree.

All associate degrees include completion of general education requirements which, together with program requirements, constitute a minimum of 60 credits. In some cases program requirements also fulfill general education requirements. You may not use a single course to meet two general education requirements.

General Education

Complete at least one course in each of the following:

- First Semester Seminar
INT 1050 - Dimensions of Self & Society
- Introductory Written Expression – VSCS
ENG 1061 - English Composition
- Digital and Computing Literacy – VSCS

- Mathematics - VSCS

- Natural Science - VSCS

- Social Science - VSCS
PSY 1010 - Introduction to Psychology
- Arts & Aesthetics - VSCS

- Humanistic Perspectives - VSCS
PHI 1040 - Introduction to Ethics
- Communication
Meets graduation standard in oral communication
COM 1020 - Interpersonal & Small Group Communication
or
COM 1030 - Intercultural Communication
- Research & Writing Intensive
ENG 1020 - Introduction to Research Methods
- HUM 2010 - Seminar in Educational Inquiry
Meets graduation standard in writing and information literacy
- Quantitative Reasoning Assessment
Meets graduation standard in quantitative reasoning

**You may use a course to meet both a program requirement and a general education requirement; however, you may not use a single course to meet two general education requirements.*

Program Requirements

Courses are listed in the order in which we recommend you take them.

- SWK 1010 - Introduction to Human Services
or
CRJ 1010 - Introduction to Criminal Justice
or
PSY 1130 - Introduction to Substance Use Disorders
or
PSY 1050 - Human Growth & Development
- PSY 1010 - Introduction to Psychology *
- COM 1020 - Interpersonal & Small Group Communication*
or
COM 1030 - Intercultural Communication *
- ENG 1020 - Introduction to Research Methods *
- SOC 1010 - Introduction to Sociology
or
ANT 1010 - Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
- PHI 1040 - Introduction to Ethics *
- SWK 2070 - Social Justice & Public Policy
- INT 2860 - Professional Field Experience

Behavioral Science Electives

Choose 12 credits from ANT, CRJ, HIS, POS, PSY, SOC, SSC or SWK or Principles of Public Health or Community Health Worker

Electives: 3 credits

Minimum Total Credits in Degree: 60

+ This program can be completed fully online.

Program Outcomes

Graduates of the Behavioral Science program will be able to:

- apply fundamental theories of behavioral science to the study of individuals and social structures;
- analyze research and data in the behavioral sciences that support interventions and strategies in interdisciplinary fields of service;
- demonstrate legal, ethical, and professional conduct in a field setting related to the behavioral sciences;
- demonstrate effective interpersonal communication techniques with a variety of populations;
- demonstrate academic skills required of all CCV graduates including competency in writing, information literacy, oral communication, and quantitative reasoning; and
- explore pathways and demonstrate preparedness for educational and career development in the student's field of study.

The Behavioral Science program is great for you if:

- you care about making a difference in the lives of others and want to serve your community;
- you are interested in working with diverse groups of people and helping others who are experiencing difficult situations;
- you are prepared for a rigorous career and can effectively manage stressful situations;
- you are interested in learning effective interpersonal communication techniques with diverse populations;
- you are willing to reflect on your experiences and assess the impact of those experiences in working with others; and
- you want to gain practical and theoretical experience that will help you clarify your career path in a behavioral science field.

Key information and advice for students in the Behavioral Science program:

- This degree provides a sound foundation for those wishing to continue towards a bachelor's or master's degree in criminal justice, human services, social work, substance use disorders, or psychology.
- Students pursuing public service careers will benefit by using electives from related disciplines in the behavior sciences.
- The Professional Field Experience requirement in this program connects students to employment settings and can provide valuable employment references.
- Background checks are common in some behavioral science fields. Those with prior justice system involvement are encouraged to research employment exclusions that may arise depending on role, employer, and/or licensing criteria.

The Behavioral Science program prepares you for careers such as:

Criminal Justice careers:

- Law Enforcement
- Corrections
- Corporate Security
- Private Investigations
- Courtroom Workgroup
- Victim Services

With an advanced degree:

- Federal Law Enforcement
- Legal and Para-Legal Services
- Private Industry Loss Prevention
- Forensics
- Criminology

Human Services careers:

- Personal Care Aid
- Respite Care Worker
- Advocate
- Community Organizer
- Social Services Assistant

With an advanced degree:

- Paralegal
- Social Worker
- Case Manager
- Counselor
- Substance Abuse Counselor

For up-to-date Vermont labor market information, including salary information and growth projections, view the Economic and Labor Market Information on the Vermont Department of Labor Website <http://www.vtlmi.info/>.

BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE (A.S.) -- CREATE A FOCUS AREA

The Behavioral Science (A.S.) program provides flexibility to explore academic and workplace opportunities in a variety of career fields. The 12 credits of Behavioral Science electives allow you to customize your degree to meet your career goals and/or prepare for transfer to a bachelor degree in a behavioral science field.

You can choose Behavioral Science electives to explore a range of fields or focus in a specific career field such as Criminal Justice, Human Services, Psychology, or Substance Use Disorders. In addition, you can gain direct work experience in your chosen field through Professional Field Experience.

Recommended courses for Behavioral Science focus areas:

Criminal Justice	Human Services
<p>Introductory Course:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CRJ 1010 - Introduction to Criminal Justice <p>Behavioral Science Electives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CRJ 2010 - Law Enforcement in America • CRJ 2020 - American Judicial Process • POS 1050 - The Constitution • CRJ 2050 - Criminology 	<p>Introductory Course:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWK 1010 - Introduction to Human Services <p>Behavioral Science Electives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWK 2010 - Intro to Case Management • PSY 2155 - Trauma Origins & Impacts • SOC 2010 - Global Social Problems • SOC 1020 - Ethnicity & Diversity in US or • SOC 2040 - Race, Ethnicity, Class & Gender
Psychology	Substance Use Disorders
<p>Introductory Course:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSY 1050 - Human Growth & Development <p>Behavioral Science Electives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSY 2040 - Social Psychology • PSY 2060 - Psychopathology • 6 additional PSY credits 	<p>Introductory Course:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSY 1130 - Introduction to Substances Use Disorders <p>Behavioral Science Electives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWK 2010 - Introduction to Case Management • PSY 2155 - Trauma: Origins and Impacts • PSY 1170 - Addiction: An Introduction To Clinical Skills • 3 additional PSY credits