

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND SOCIETY CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

The Certificate in Behavioral Health and Society is designed to help students in the social sciences and criminology to develop greater understanding of mental illness and addiction in relation to social forces. A variety of careers in the criminal justice system and related fields require working effectively with individuals who are experiencing psychological distress, poor mental health functioning, or addiction. Mental illness and illicit drugs are among the primary causes of criminal offending. The institutions of the criminal justice system are relied upon heavily to manage our society's current opioid abuse and addiction crisis. The stress of being incarcerated, adjusting to life outside prison, witnessing violence, or coping with victimization may aggravate preexisting mental illnesses or lead to substance abuse. Suicide and drug overdose prevention, as well as other types of crisis intervention, are now major components of police work. Thus, it is vital for police officers, probation and parole agents, victim advocates, prison administrators, and others in the criminal justice system to possess a strong working knowledge of behavioral health. By completing the certificate program, students will be better prepared for careers or graduate study in fields at the intersection of sociology/criminology and behavioral health.

Code	Title	Units
Certificate Requirements - 21-22 units ¹		
PSYCH 211	INTRODUCTORY PSYCHOLOGY	3
PSYCH 345	PSYCHOPATHOLOGY	3
SAFETY 255	ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS	3
Select one from the systems and institutions of treatment:		3
SOCWORK 102	INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL WELFARE	
CRIMJUS 327	COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS & TREATMENT	
Select one from the lifecourse psychological development:		3-4
SOCWORK 311	HUMAN BEHAVIOR AND THE SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT	
PSYCH 330	LIFESPAN DEVELOPMENT	
Select one from the sociology of illness and medicine:		3
SOCIOLGY 302	CULTURE, MEDICINE AND HEALTH	
SOCIOLGY 310	SOCIOLOGY OF HEALTH AND ILLNESS	
SOCIOLGY 315	SOCIOLOGY OF DISABILITY	
SOCIOLGY 428	POVERTY, HEALTH, AND CRIME	
Select one from the applied courses (must be on a topic related to the certificate; requires program advisor approval; pre- or co-requisite completion of all other certificate program courses):		3
SOCIOLGY 493	APPLIED SOCIOLOGY	
SOCIOLGY 494	SEMINAR IN SOCIOLOGY	
SOCIOLGY 498R	INDEPENDENT STUDY- UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH	
Total Units		21-22

¹ A minimum 2.50 GPA is required.