BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH A MAJOR IN HUMAN SERVICES AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

The bachelor of arts in human services and social justice prepares students for a multitude of career paths, ranging from work in education, nonprofit management, policy, and health, among other fields. Program coursework deepens students’ understanding of the field of human services and social justice, translating classroom knowledge into real world actions.

The human services and social justice program provides:

- Educational experiences to advocate for equity inside and outside the classroom, working alongside community partners.
- Multi-disciplinary perspectives and expertise to look at complex social problems in society.
- Leadership skills that create team and community building, resulting in active social change making.
- Integration of a justice lens into academics, community engagement and the social world.
- Instruction from academics and working professionals with social justice at the forefront of their endeavors.

Visit the program website (https://humanservices.columbian.gwu.edu/ba-hssj/) for more information.

ADMISSIONS

For information about the admission process, including deadlines, visit the Office of Undergraduate Admissions website (https://undergraduate.admissions.gwu.edu/). Applications can be submitted via the Common Application (https://go.gwu.edu/commonapp/?). Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:

Office of Undergraduate Admissions
The George Washington University
800 21st St NW Suite 100
Washington, DC 20052

For questions visit undergraduate.admissions.gwu.edu/contact-us (http://undergraduate.admissions.gwu.edu/contact-us)/.

REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled:

The general requirements stated under Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, Undergraduate Programs (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/#degreeregulationtext).

Program-specific curriculum (below).

Achievement of a minimum grade of C- in all courses that count toward the degree.

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Electives

Three courses (9 credits) selected from the following:

- HSSJ 2160 Role of NGOs in International Humanitarian Assistance
- HSSJ 4198 Special Topics
- SOC 2104 Contemporary Sociological Theory
- SOC 2135 Youth and Delinquency
- SOC 2105 Social Problems in American Society
- SOC 2162 Sociology of the Family
- SOC 2163 Sociology of Education
- SOC 2170 Class and Inequality in American Society
Note: A student majoring in human service and social justice may not declare a second major or a minor in sociology, or vice versa.

### GENERAL EDUCATION

In addition to the University General Education Requirement (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/university-regulations/general-education/), undergraduate students in Columbian College must complete a further, College-specific general education curriculum—Perspective, Analysis, Communication (G-PAC) (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/gpac/) as well as CCAS 1001. Together with the University General Education Requirement, G-PAC engages students in active intellectual inquiry across the liberal arts. Students achieve a set of learning outcomes that enhance their analytical skills, develop their communication competencies, and invite them to participate as responsible citizens who are attentive to issues of culture, diversity, and privilege.

**Coursework for the University General Education Requirement is distributed as follows:**

- **Writing**—4 credits in UW 1020 University Writing and 6 credits taken in at least two writing in the disciplines (WID) courses in two or more separate semesters. WID courses are designated by a "W" appended to the course number.
- **Humanities**—one approved humanities course that involves critical thinking skills.
- **Mathematics or statistics**—one approved course in either mathematics or statistics.
- **Natural or physical science**—one approved laboratory course that employs the process of scientific inquiry.
- **Social Sciences**—two approved courses in the social sciences that employ critical thinking, quantitative reasoning, or scientific reasoning.

**Coursework for the CCAS G-PAC requirement is distributed as follows:**

- **Arts**—one approved arts course that involves the study or creation of artwork based on an understanding or interpretation of artistic traditions or knowledge of art in a contemporary context.
- **Global or cross-cultural perspective**—one approved course that analyzes the ways in which institutions, practices, and problems transcend national and regional boundaries.
- **Local or civic engagement**—one approved course that develops the values, ethics, disciplines, and commitment to pursue responsible public action.
- **Oral communication**—one approved course in oral communication.
- **Natural or physical science**—one additional approved laboratory course that employs the process of scientific inquiry (in addition to the one course in this category required by the University General Education Requirement).
- **Humanities**—one additional approved humanities course that involves critical thinking skills (in addition to the one course in this category required by the University General Education Requirement).
- **CCAS 1001 First-Year Experience**

**Certain courses are approved to fulfill GPAC requirements in more than one category.**

Courses taken in fulfillment of G-PAC requirements may also be counted toward majors or minors. Transfer courses taken prior to, but not after, admission to George Washington University may count toward the University General Education Requirement and G-PAC, if those transfer courses are equivalent to GW courses that have been approved by the University and the College.

Lists of approved courses in the above categories are included on each undergraduate major’s (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/#majorstext) page in this Bulletin.

### SPECIAL HONORS

In addition to the general requirements stated under University Regulations, in order to be considered for graduation with Special Honors, students must maintain a 3.5 grade-point average in the major, must be registered in HSSJ 4193 Research and Independent Study during the senior year (fall and spring), and must receive an A grade on the research paper.