



Behavioral Sciences

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES
SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES

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Concordia's campus, unique in its natural setting on a preserve, is conveniently located minutes from both downtown Austin and the Texas Hill Country. Our location provides students with resources and opportunities to learn, explore and thrive in the best of both worlds — a small school and a big city.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Pursuing a degree in the behavioral sciences is to make a commitment to a career of helping others. Students who want to make a positive difference in the lives of others major in the behavioral sciences to more holistically understand human behavior through an array of subjects such as psychology, sociology, critical thinking and interpersonal communication. The person-in-environment (PIE) perspective is emphasized as a practice-guiding principle that highlights the importance of understanding an individual and individual behavior in light of the environmental contexts in which that person lives and acts.

The Concordia program provides internship opportunities with Austin-area human service agencies, nonprofit organizations and advocacy groups.

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- ▶ This degree provides a perfect platform for those looking to pursue a graduate degree in sociology, psychology or social work.
- ▶ Through research and service opportunities, students may find themselves traveling around town or the world to connect experiences to theories learned in class.
- ▶ Classes such as social psychology, race and ethnic relations, marriage and family and sociology of children and childhood prepare students for their career in Behavioral Sciences.

MEANINGFUL WORK IN BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

- ▶ Anthropologist
- ▶ Criminal Profiler
- ▶ Corporate Coach
- ▶ Economic Analyst
- ▶ Market Researcher
- ▶ Mediator
- ▶ Social Work Case Manager
- ▶ Ministry
- ▶ Counselor

COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

Sociology of Children and Childhood

Examination and analysis of the concepts, theories and empirical research in the sociological study of children and childhood with a focus on the social construction of the perception of children and of childhood as a distinct life stage; the process of socialization; and the social problems facing children.

Personality Theories

Applicability of major personality theories to understanding human behavior.

Social Psychology

A systematic and scientific approach to the psychological problems of social and human interactions. Topics include attitude, altruism, attraction, attribution, aggression, social self, social influence, social cognition, social perception, leadership, group dynamics, prejudice, discrimination and applied social psychology.

WHY STUDY BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

The strength of the Behavioral Sciences major lies in empowering students to understand human behavior in many different situations. Behavioral Sciences is a great pathway for those interested in social work or counseling as careers. Graduates have the opportunity to apply this knowledge to a variety of occupational areas, since a vast number of professional positions value this background. Students majoring in the behavioral sciences also have the chance to put their lessons into practice before they enter a career through internships with Austin-area human service agencies, nonprofit organizations or advocacy groups.

STUDENT TESTIMONIAL

“My major in Behavioral Sciences challenged me to truly embrace the principles of compassion and social justice by helping me better understand the complexities of human behavior and fostering my personal growth.”

-NATALIE (LOZANO) POWELL '10

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