The Department of Behavioral Sciences is a multi-disciplinary department which offers B.S. or B.A. degrees in Psychology and Sociology, a B.S. in Criminal Justice (B.S.C.J.), and a B.S. in Social Work (B.S.S.W.). Minors are available in Criminal Justice, Sociology, and Psychology. The Criminal Justice program offers graduate level study as part of the Masters of Science in Education Interdisciplinary Option.

### Psychology Program

Psychology is the study of the mind and behavior. The discipline of psychology embraces all aspects of the human experience - from the functions of the brain to the environments in which humans and other animals develop; from child development to aging. Psychology is a science based on a large body of social science and behavioral science research and which is expanding its boundaries to overlap with neuroscience and health science. Psychologists study two critical relationships: one between brain function and behavior, and one between the environment and behavior. As scientists, psychologists follow scientific methods, using careful observation experimentation and analysis to learn more about the world in which we live and its inhabitants. (As defined by APA Online)

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**
- Mental health
- Drug rehabilitation
- Business
- Industry
- Human resources
- Preparation for graduate study

### Sociology Program

Sociology is the study of both how people influence society and how societies affect people's lives. If you enjoy learning about communities, families, race, gender, religion, poverty, and how people live and work together, Sociology may be for you. The sociological perspective helps you see why people act as they do, what makes groups and societies work, and what strategies might help improve social life in the future. Sociology helps us better understand ourselves and the world in which we live.

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**
- Human resource management
- Marketing
- Advertising
- Public administration
- Services for youth and elderly
- Probation and parole
- Solid background for graduate study


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**Criminal Justice Program**

Criminal Justice is the study of the criminal law, the law of criminal procedure and any of the processes and activities having to do with the enforcement of criminal law. Students in Criminal Justice gain knowledge about the development and current structure of the United States Criminal Justice System, develop an understanding of the predictors of crime and the nature of crime, and study the effectiveness of strategies of crime prevention and punishment. Criminal Justice coursework helps students develop skill in legal research, writing and evaluating programs and policies.

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

- Law enforcement – local, state, & federal
- Corrections
- Security
- Juvenile justice
- Probation & parole officers
- Preparation for graduate school & law school

**Social Work Program**

Do you want to help bring about positive change in the lives of other people? If you do, then you should consider a career as a social worker. Social Work is the professional activity of helping people – whether individually, in families, groups, communities, or society as a whole – to enhance or restore their capacity or social functioning and create societal conditions favorable to that goal.

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

- Mental health
- Child welfare – adoptions, foster care, child protective services, juvenile probation
- Corrections
- Health care – home health, hospice, nursing homes, hospitals, and public health
- Social services – domestic violence, vocational rehabilitation, alcohol and drug rehabilitation
- School social work
- Preparation for graduate school and more!