



Career Options in **HUMAN SERVICES**

A Human Services program prepares undergraduate students to assume effective leadership roles in agencies supporting or serving people and communities who are experiencing need. They will build upon a foundation of empathy and concern for others that usually brings students to the program, providing the skills necessary to maximize these selfless qualities. The goal of any Human Services program is accomplished by maintaining a focus on social consciousness. A foundation in leadership, management, and policy formulation is developed with an emphasis on scholarly research, reflective learning, intellectual challenge, and active partnerships. Life-long learning habits, incorporation of ethics, and development of a mature identity as a helping professional is a critical element in a Human Services program.

SAMPLE OCCUPATIONS: Please note that this is not an exhaustive list of occupations related to this major. Specific requirements based on education level for each occupation may vary. For additional information and assistance, please speak with a Career Consultant.

Counselor
Childcare Provider
Correctional Worker
Lobbyist

Lawyer
Social Worker
Health Care Provider
Researcher

Teacher
Urban Development
Advocate
Minister

SAMPLE WORK SETTINGS:

Correctional institutions
Governmental agencies
Non-profit organizations
Community development
International development
Public Policy and Administration
Hospitals

Cultural institutions
Residential centers
Assisted living facilities
Counseling
Development and fundraising
Public interest law
Health Care agencies

Educational institutions
Rehabilitation programs
Childcare
Social work
Ministry
Advocacy

RELATED MAJOR SKILLS & CHARACTERISTICS:

Citizenship
Respect of diversity
Applied learning
Research experience
Cross Cultural Interaction

Leadership skills
Sense of community
Service oriented
Entrepreneurial experience
Interpersonal Communication

Philanthropic
Global perspectives
Development experience
Team building

SAMPLE GW RESOURCES

GW CAREER CENTER RESOURCES: <http://gwired.gwu.edu/career>

GWork: <http://gwired.gwu.edu/career>

Career Search: <http://careersearch.net>

GW DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION: <http://www.gwu.edu/~soc>

Undergraduates: <http://www.gwu.edu/~soc>

Graduates: <http://www.gwu.edu/~soc>

SAMPLE WEBSITES:

Career Planning and Job Search Resources:

Human Services Career Network: <http://www.hscareers.com/>

US Department of Health and Human Services: <http://www.hhs.gov/careers>

HS People: <http://www.hspeople.com/>

American Public Human Services Association: <http://www.aphsa.org/Job/Searchjob.asp>

Idealist: <http://www.idealists.org>

US Government Jobs: <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov>

Professional Organizations & Associations:

American Public Human Services Association: <http://www.aphsa.org/home/news.asp>

National Organization of Human Service Education: <http://www.nohse.com/hsworker.html>

American Sociological Association: <http://www.asanet.org>

Eastern Sociological Association : <http://www.essnet.org>

International Sociological Association : <http://www.ucm.es/info/isa>

Pacific Sociological Association : <http://www.csus.edu/psa>

Population Association of America : <http://www.popassoc.org>

Society for Applied Sociology : <http://www.appliedsoc.org>

Society for the Study of Social Problems : <http://itc.utk.edu/sssp>

Sociologists for Women and Society : <http://newmedia.colorado.edu/~socwomen>

Southern Sociological Association : <http://www.msstate.edu/org/sss>

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