

Addiction Studies: Bachelor of Art (B.A.)

Degree Type

Bachelor of Arts

Addiction Studies is an interdisciplinary major designed to provide the education, technology and clinical training needed to prepare students entering an addiction-related healthcare setting. The curriculum emphasizes alcohol and other drug addictions while exploring the broader range of addictive behaviors (e.g., gambling and sexual), and the co-occurrence of other mental disorders with addiction are considered as well. Our graduates will be prepared to work in a variety of settings, including outpatient clinics, hospitals, schools, the criminal justice system, government agencies and drug courts.

Learning Outcomes

Students will:

- Identify, define and explain the key terminology, concepts, principles, theories and models from the field of addiction studies.
- Explain the interaction between genetic, biological, psychology and environmental factors in the causes of substance misuse problems.
- Explore dynamics of a chemically dependent family.
- Integrate the assessment and treatment of addiction disorders and co-morbid disorders.
- Describe the importance of cultural competence and how it relates to becoming an effective addiction specialist.
- Demonstrate ethical behavior.
- Apply principles of effective oral and written communications with clients, families and colleagues.

Addiction Studies B.A. Progress to Completion Requirements:

Program credit requirements: 62 credits (including 4 credits minimum internship)

| Item # | Title | Credits |
|---------|--|---------|
| PSY 101 | Introduction to Psychology | 4.0 |
| PSY 245 | Introduction to Addiction Studies | 4.0 |
| PSY 302 | Statistical Methods for Psychology | 4.0 |
| PSY 308 | Research Methods in Psychology | 4.0 |
| PSY 486 | Psychology Capstone: Advanced Research Seminar | 2.0 |
| PSY 485 | Psychology Internship and Professional Development Seminar | 4.0-16 |
| SHS 101 | Introduction to Sociology | 4.0 |
| SHS 217 | U.S. Social Problems | 4.0 |
| PBH 230 | Introduction to Public Health | 4.0 |
| PBH 232 | Mental Health Systems | 2.0 |
| BIO 205 | Human Anatomy and Physiology I (+lab) | 4.0 |
| BIO 223 | Genetics (+lab) | 4.0 |
| | 16 elective credits | 16 |

Suggested Registration Sequence

First Year - Fall

| Item # | Title | Credits |
|---------|----------------------------------|---------|
| PSY 101 | Introduction to Psychology | 4.0 |
| PBH 230 | Introduction to Public Health | 4.0 |
| WRT 101 | Introduction to Academic Writing | 4.0 |
| FYE 101 | First Year Experience | 4.0 |

First Year - Spring

| Item # | Title | Credits |
|---------|---|---------|
| SHS 101 | Introduction to Sociology | 4.0 |
| PSY 245 | Introduction to Addiction Studies | 4.0 |
| PBH 232 | Mental Health Systems | 2.0 |
| | MAT - Quantitative Literacy Proficiency | 4 |

Sophomore Year - Fall

| Item # | Title | Credits |
|---------|--|---------|
| BIO 205 | Human Anatomy and Physiology I (+lab) | 4.0 |
| | 300-Level Addiction Studies Elective | 4 |
| | Lib Ed - Liberal Education Core Course | 4 |
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Sophomore Year - Spring

| Item # | Title | Credits |
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| BIO 223 | Genetics (+lab) | 4.0 |
| | 300-Level Addiction Studies Elective | 4 |
| | Lib Ed - Liberal Education Core Course | 4 |
| | Free Elective Course | 4 |

Junior Year - Fall

| Item # | Title | Credits |
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| PSY 302 | Statistical Methods for Psychology | 4.0 |
| | 300-Level AS Elective or SOC 217 | 4 |
| | IE - Integrative Experience Course | 4 |
| | Lib Ed - Liberal Education Core Course | 4 |

Junior Year - Spring

| Item # | Title | Credits |
|---------|--------------------------------------|---------|
| PSY 308 | Research Methods in Psychology | 4.0 |
| | 300-Level Addiction Studies Elective | 4 |
| | Free Elective Course | 4 |
| | Free Elective Course | 4 |

Senior Year - Fall

| Item # | Title | Credits |
|---------|--|---------|
| PSY 486 | Psychology Capstone: Advanced Research Seminar | 2.0 |
| | 300-Level AS Elective or SOC 217 | 4 |
| | Free Elective Course | 4 |
| | Free Elective Course | 4 |

Senior Year - Spring

| Item # | Title | Credits |
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| PSY 485 | Psychology Internship and Professional Development Seminar | 4.0-16 |
| | Free Elective Course | 4 |
| | Free Elective Course | 4 |