

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE

Introduction

Please click here (<https://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/sociology/>) to see Sociology department information.

Upon successful completion of the certificate, students will:

- Understand mental and substance use disorders as distinct health problems
- Recognize how social and community factors contribute to mental and substance use disorders
- Plan, implement, and administer social service and/or behavioral health programs
- Evaluate and assess the quality and effectiveness of behavioral health programs
- Work with individuals experiencing mental and substance abuse disorders in community or social services settings
- Help individuals experiencing mental and substance abuse disorders navigate behavioral health services to locate treatment resources

Program Delivery

- This is an on-campus or online program.

Declaring This Certificate

Students interested in earning this certificate should complete this form: CLAS Undergraduate Certificate Intent to Declare Form (https://ucdenver.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2hNYIHqVx0Ta0Dk), which requests that the certificate be added to your student record. Once added, you will be able to run a certificate degree audit. The certificate degree audit should be used in collaboration with the Certificate Advisor to ensure successful completion of the requirements.

Students should then work with Maren Scull (maren.scull@ucdenver.edu)—the certificate advisor—to ensure completion of all certificate requirements.

Eligibility: While housed in Sociology, the study of health and medical issues is a multidisciplinary field that draws from diverse liberal arts disciplines, including Anthropology, Communications, Psychology, and History. So, CU Denver undergraduate students in any discipline can enroll in the certificate program. This certificate is also available to non-degree-seeking students who already have earned a BA or BS degree, either at CU Denver or elsewhere.

Completing This Certificate

Students must also complete the CLAS Undergraduate Certificate Completion Verification Form (https://ucdenver.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eyPLZI6vVh0wG8K) before graduation in order to confirm completion of their certificate. The certificate advisor will confirm that your certificate has been successfully completed and will work with campus partners to apply the certificate to your transcript.

Students must fill out the Certificate Completion Form before the deadlines below to ensure the certificate is applied to their transcript correctly. Non-degree seeking students should fill out this form in the term in which they intend to finish the certificate.

Spring semester – **April 1**
 Summer semester – **July 1**
 Fall semester – **November 1**

These program requirements are subject to periodic revision by the academic department, and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences reserves the right to make exceptions and substitutions as judged necessary in individual cases. Therefore, the College strongly urges students to consult their advisor to confirm the best plans of study before finalizing them.

General Requirements

Students must satisfy all requirements as outlined below and by the department offering the certificate.

- Click here (<https://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/>) for information about Academic Policies.

Program Requirements

1. Students must complete a minimum of 21 credit hours from the approved courses below.
2. Students must complete a minimum of 12 upper-division (3000-level and above) credit hours chosen from the approved courses below.
3. Students must earn a minimum grade of C- (1.7) in all courses that apply to the certificate and must achieve a minimum cumulative certificate GPA of 2.0. Courses taken using P+/P/F or S/U grading cannot apply to certificate requirements.

Program Restrictions, Allowances, and Recommendations

1. Students should complete all credits applied to the certificate at CU Denver. If students have completed a course required for the certificate elsewhere, they must be evaluated for acceptability to CU Denver prior to being applied to any of the certificate requirements.

Code	Title	Hours
Complete the following required courses:		9-11
SOCY/PBHL 3100	Foundations of Behavioral Health	
SOCY 3115	Quantitative Methods & Analysis ¹	
SOCY 3119	Qualitative Methods ²	
Complete the following Experiential Requirement:		3
SOCY 3113	Applied Community Care for Social and Community Service	
	or SOCY 393 Internship	
Students may instead complete 3 credits for Prior Experiential Learning OR an approved Applied/Experiential Elective (such as COMM 4525, HDFR 4860)		
Complete one of the following health, medicine, and addiction electives:		3

COMM 1041	Interpersonal Communication
COMM 3500	Introduction to Health Communication
COMM 4500	Health Communication
COMM 4525	Health Communication and Community
COMM 4550	Rhetorics of Medicine & Health
COMM 4558	Digital Health Narratives
PBHL 1001	Race, Gender, Class, & Health
PBHL 3021	Fundamentals of Health Promotion
PBHL 3031	Health, Human Biology and Behavior
PBHL 3050	Decision Making
PBHL 3051	Mental Illness and Society
PBHL 3060	AAPI Communities and Health
PBHL 3081	Health in the City: Urban Health
PBHL 4040	Social Determinants of Health
PBHL 4070	Health Disparities
PBHL 4090	Psychedelic Anthropology
PBHL 4110	Public Health Perspectives On Family Violence
PBHL 4620	Health Risk Communication
PSYC 3262	Health Psychology
PSYC 3265	Drugs, Brain and Behavior
Complete one of the following social systems electives: 3	
ANTH 4090	Psychedelic Anthropology
CRJU 3575	Offenders With Mental Health Disorders
ECON 3300	Economics of Crime and Punishment
ECON 3400	Economics of Sex and Drugs
HDFR 4075	Family Policy & Law
PSCI 4185	Corruption in the U.S. and Abroad
PSCI 4427	Law, Politics and Justice
PSCI 4807	Political Violence
PSYC 3460	Military Clinical Psychology
PSYC 3611	Psychology of Women
SOCY 2440	Deviance and Social Control
SOCY 3040	Drugs, Alcohol & Society
SOCY 3440	Medical Sociology
SOCY 3570	Death & Dying: Social & Medical Perspectives
SOCY 4110	Sociology of Health Care
SOCY 4780	Violence in Relationships
WGST 4827	Women and the Law
Complete one of the following ethics & diversity electives: 3	
ETST 3274	Power, Poverty, Culture
ETST 3704	Culture, Racism and Alienation
PHIL 1020	Right, Wrong, and Seeing the Difference: Introduction to Ethics
PHIL 3500	Ideology and Culture: Racism and Sexism
PHIL 4242	Medicine, Health Care, and Justice: Bioethics

Total Hours 21-23

² A qualitative methods course from the student's major discipline (e.g. COMM 4221, PBHL 4031) may be substituted for SOCY 3119. Course substitutions must be approved by the certificate advisor.

To learn more about the Student Learning Outcomes for this program, please visit our website (<https://clas.ucdenver.edu/sociology/degrees-certificates/certificates>).

¹ A statistics course in a student's major discipline (e.g. PSYC 2090, PSYC 3090, PSCI 3011, PHIL 2441, PHIL 3440, ECON 3801, ECON 3811, GEOG 2080, GEOG 4080) may be substituted for SOCY 3115.