

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN Human Services

📖 ONLINE | 📍 ON CAMPUS | ★ BLENDED

In the field of human services, a professional's primary role is to help individuals function to the best of their ability within the context of their lives. These practitioners must assist and serve clients in a manner that is nonjudgmental, moral, ethical, and competent.

Mercer University's **Bachelor of Science in Human Services** provides students with the tools to develop problem-solving methods, learn case management skills, and use client-centered mental health practices in order to help individuals become self-sufficient.

ONLINE AND ON-CAMPUS OPTIONS

The B.S. in Human Services is offered fully online and at Mercer's Douglas County, Henry County, and Macon locations. Students have the flexibility to enroll in a blended combination of online and in-person evening classes. Courses are structured in eight-week sessions. On-campus classes meet one night per week, and students can comfortably take two classes per week while maintaining a work-life balance.

Career Opportunities

The Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts jobs in the field of human services to increase 16% by 2026, placing professionals in high demand. Mercer University's B.S. in Human Services equips graduates to succeed in roles such as:

- Benefits Manager
- Child Development Specialist
- Child Welfare/Advocacy Caseworker
- Claims Manager
- Disability Case Manager
- Family Support Worker
- Gerontology Case Manager
- Grant Writer
- Home Health Care Coordinator
- Mental Health Counselor
- Parole Officer
- Shelter Supervisor
- Social Services Director
- Substance Abuse Counselor
- Victim Advocate

BECOME A DOUBLE BEAR

Accelerated Special Consideration Program

Students in Mercer's B.S. in Human Services may be eligible to accelerate completion of the M.S. in Human Services by completing two specific graduate courses in lieu of two specific undergraduate courses, and apply the credits toward both degrees. Additional benefits include an application fee waiver and a 30% tuition benefit.

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PROGRAM OF STUDY

B.S. in Human Services

Foundations in Major (30 hours)

SOCI 200	Social Problems
HSRV 202	Introduction to Human Services
PSYC 227	Lifespan Development
HSRV 230	Introduction to Interpersonal Relations
HSRV 256	Introduction to Research Methods for Social Sciences
HSRV 306	Applied Research Methods for Social Sciences
HSRV 370	Case Management
HSRV 380	Grant Proposal Development
HSRV 401	Multicultural Issues
HSRV 475	Internship

Electives in Major (12 hours)

Students will choose four advisor-directed electives. A minimum of two electives are required to be chosen from a selection of human services, psychology, and sociology course options, and a maximum of two approved electives may be chosen from other undergraduate programs.

Total major requirements: 42 hours

General education: 39 hours

Electives: 39 hours

Total degree requirements: 120 hours

Students with prior professional experience may have the opportunity to apply to complete a portfolio assessment. Upon completion, review, and approval of the assessment, students may receive a maximum of 12 semester hours of credit.

Admission to Program

Candidates must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.25 (on a 4.0 scale). The program admits students five times per year in January, March, May, August, and October. Applicants may be eligible to transfer credits toward the degree. Learn more and apply at workingadults.mercer.edu.

REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS INCLUDE:

- High school or GED transcript (if applicable)
- Completed application for admission
- \$25 non-refundable application fee (\$50 for international students)
- Official transcripts from all previously attended institutions

International applicants should consult the University catalog for additional requirements.

A Top-Ranked Leader in Education

Founded in 1833, Mercer University is one of America's most distinctive universities. *U.S. News & World Report* has ranked Mercer among the leading universities in the nation—including a “Best Value”—and The Princeton Review consistently ranks Mercer in the **Top 15%** of colleges and universities nationwide.

Students are taught by expert professors who combine class instruction with relevant work experience. Through personal attention and support, students are empowered to achieve their educational and career goals.

Mercer University's College of Professional Advancement continues the University's long-standing commitment to serving professional students seeking advancement into leadership roles in their careers. Distinctive interdisciplinary undergraduate, graduate, and workforce development programs merge theory and practice to help students solve problems and add value in the workplace.



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