Bachelor of Science
Social Services

The Bachelor of Science degree in Social Services is designed for students interested in working in the human services delivery system. This program provides the educational background and training necessary for a wide array of jobs at the national, state, and local levels. Social Services graduates work alongside social workers, counselors, law enforcement officers, doctors, therapists, and other specialists who help individuals tackle major challenges in their lives. Many social services programs provide intervention for citizens with substance abuse problems or victims of crime or violence.

Students are required to have a strong grounding in sociology as well as the applied field of social services. The coursework introduces students to critical issues in the field and offers students the opportunity to work within agencies in the community.

The major requirements are such that students are encouraged to organize their program of study to include a minor in an area of interest or specialization outside of sociology. Some areas that fit well with this major include psychology, ethnic studies, family studies, gerontology, women’s studies, law and justice and community health.

Application Process

1. Meet CWU’s general education requirements through a community college direct transfer agreement (DTA), bachelor’s degree, or equivalent from any state accredited college or university.

2. Apply for admission to Central Washington University online at www.cwu.edu/admissions. Submit official electronic or hard copy transcripts from any colleges or universities you have attended to Admissions in Ellensburg and provide the Pierce County Center with a student copy for advising purposes.

3. To apply to the major, contact the program director listed below. For more information, visit www.cwu.edu/sociology.

For complete program curriculum, visit CWU’s online catalog at www.cwu.edu/registrar/catalogs.
**Prerequisites**

The following course or its community college equivalent must be completed prior to beginning the program.

SOC 107  
Principles of Sociology .......................................................... 5

**Curriculum**

**Core Area**

SOC 350  
Social Theory I ................................................................. 5
SOC 363  
Methods of Social Research ............................................... 5
SOC 364  
Data Analysis in Sociology .................................................. 5
SOC 489  
Senior Seminar ......................................................................... 1

**Practice Area**

SOC 301  
Introduction and History of Social Service Agencies ........... 5
SOC 310  
Social Service Methods and Casework ............................... 5
SOC 490  
Cooperative Education ......................................................... 1-12

Additional credits in SOC 490 may count towards graduation.

**Macro Considerations in Social Services**

SOC 442  
Social Welfare Policy ........................................................ 5
SOC 445  
Social Inequality .................................................................... 5

**Social Organization Area**

Choose one course:

SOC 415  
Urban Sociology ..................................................................... 5
SOC 460  
Community Structure and Organization ............................ 5

**Contemporary Society Area**

Choose one course:

SOC 356  
Sociology of Gender ............................................................ 5
SOC 365  
Minority Groups .................................................................... 5
SOC 386  
Seminar on Racism ................................................................ 5

**Approved Electives in Sociology (upper-division courses)** ................................................................. 5

**Total Credits** ........................................................................... 60

**Graduation Requirements**

A minimum of 180 quarter credits is required, including no more than 135 transfer credits. A minimum of 60 credits of upper division study is required (300-400 level). The general education program must be completed as defined in the University catalog. Students holding the appropriate academic transfer associate degree will have met the general education program requirements.