MAJOR
The Human Services major prepares you to meet the growing demand for human service workers, whose occupations encompass a broad range of helping professions. The program combines courses from the disciplines of communications, sociology, and psychology to provide an overall understanding of the field. The curriculum is designed to provide a comprehensive understanding of human behavior and to develop the skills necessary to function as a human services professional.

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PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE
Completion of an internship is required. Majors who have a cumulative GPA of 2.50 are eligible to apply for semester-long internships, for which students earn 3-12 credit hours. The internship provides supervised training in various regional agencies and service organizations. Students have completed their internships in various places, such as:
- Barnes County Sheriff’s Department
- Barnes County Juvenile Court
- State Highway Patrol
- James River Correctional Center

TECHNOLOGY
- Notebook computers with DVD burners and multimedia capabilities
- Digital cameras, video cameras, and other peripherals
- Blackboard online learning environments

CAREER SERVICES PROVIDES
- Career, job search, placement services free to all students
- Field trips, employer on-campus visits
- Information, networking opportunities and skill development
- Visit www.vcsu.edu/careerservices/

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Recent graduates have found employment as case managers, directors of residential facilities, probation officers, parole officers, and personnel specialists at local agencies such as James River Correctional Center, Barnes County Juvenile Court, ND State Hospital, Barnes County Sheriff’s Department, and Open Door Center.

EXPLORE HUMAN SERVICES
www.ncja.org/
http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/
http://www.justice.gov/
http://www.nd.gov/docr/

QUOTE
“We are excited to have this opportunity to expand our Human Services degree by offering something many students have asked for, a criminal justice concentration.”

Steven King, CASS Department Chair and Professor
Valley City, ND
Human Services - Criminal Justice Concentration
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LEARNING OUTCOMES
1. Content: Students will accumulate an understanding of the interaction between individual and societal forces, and why knowledge of social and historical context, norms, institutions, and inequalities are important to human services.
2. Social Theory and Critical Evaluation: Students will develop an understanding of how philosophies, methodologies, and theories define, give meaning to, and shape scholarly and applied understanding of the social sciences. In addition, human services students should understand how theory and research may relate to applied settings.
3. Application: Students will demonstrate their knowledge of content and social theory by illustrating that they can utilize it in real world experiences and applied settings.

ABILITIES
Communication
Written and Spoken
Aesthetic Engagement
Receptivity
Problem Solving
Research and Creative/Critical Thinking
Global Awareness
Works with Diversity

For degree and graduation requirements see pages 39-40.

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General Education Requirements 39 Hours
Communication & Collaboration 9 Hrs
- ENGL 110 College Composition I
- ENGL 120 College Composition II or ENGL 125 Intro to Professional Wrtg
- COMM 110 Fund of Public Speaking or COMM 212 Interpersonal Comm or COMM 216 Intercultural Comm

Problem Solving 11 Hrs
- Mathematics - 3 crs (Select one course)
  - MATH 103 College Algebra
  - MATH 104 Finite Mathematics
  - MATH 107 Precalculus
  - MATH 165 Calculus I
- Lab Science - 8 crs (Select two courses)
  - BIOL 111, 150, 151, 170, 220, 221
  - CHEM 115, 116, 121, 122
  - GEOL 100, 106
  - PHYS 100, 110, 161, 162, 251, 252
  - TECH 161

Technology 3 Hrs
- (Select one course)
  - CIS 170 Intro to Computer Info Systems
  - CSCI 127 Intro Java; CSCI 160 Intro Struct

Wellness 2 Hrs
- HPER 100 Concepts Fitness & Wellness

Aesthetic Engagement 6 Hrs
- Literacies - 3 crs (Select one course)
  - ENGL 220, 225, 241, 242, 261, 262
  - HUM 201 Civil, Thought, & Lit Heritage
  - SPAN 201 2nd Yr I; SPAN 202 2nd Yr II
  - THEA 110 Intro Theatre; THEA 161 Acting I

Art & Music - 3 crs (Select one course)
- ART 110 Introduction to Visual Arts
- HUM 202 Fine Arts & Aesthetics
- MUS 100 Music Appreciation
- MUS 101 Music Fundamentals
- MUS 207 History of Rock’n’Roll

Global Awareness & Effective Citizen 6 Hrs
- (Select two courses)
  - COMM 112 Under Media; COMM 114 Human; ECON 201 Prin Micro; ECON 202 Prin Macro
  - GEOG 151 Human Geog
  - HIST 103, 104, 211, 212, 260, 267, 270
  - POLS 115 Amer Gov; POLS 116 State Gov
  - PSYC 111 Intro Psych
  - SOC 110 Intro to Soc; SOC 111 Intro Anthro

Additional General Education 2 Hrs
- Select one additional course from the area of Aesthetic Engagement or Global Awareness or
  - ART 112 (3), ART 231 (3), ART 281 (3), GEOG 111 (2), MUS 104 (1), MUS 105 (1), MUS 131 (1), MUS 141 (1), PHYS 275 (1), THEA 201 (1-3)

Required Courses 45-54 Hours
COMM 311 Communication & Interviewing 3
- MGMT 330 Principles of Management 3
- MGMT 430 Organizational Behavior 3
- PSYC 250 Developmental Psychology 3
- PSYC 360 Group Dynamics 3
- PSYC 410 Mental Health 3
- PSYC 450 Personality Theories 3
- PSYC 470 Counseling Theory & Practice 3
- SOC 110 Introduction to Sociology ** 3
- SOC 120 Introduction to Human Services 3
- SOC 220 The Family 3
- SOC 300 Race, Ethnic, & Gender Rel 3
- SOC 340 Research Methods 3
- SOC 422 Social Science Theory 3
- SOC 497 Behavior Science Internship 3-12

Criminal Justice Concentration 21 Hrs
- COMM 216 Intercultural Comm 3
- OR COMM 314 Public Relations 3
- SOC/POLS 252 Intro Criminal Justice 3
- POLS 115 American Natl Government 3
- OR POLS 116 State and Local Government 3
- POLS 376 U.S. Constitution: Civil Lib 3
- PSYC 370 Abnormal Psychology 3
- SOC 390 Criminology and Delinquency 3
- SOC/PSYC 416 Corrections: Inst. & Comm 3

Total General Education 39 Hrs
Total Major Requirement 66-75 Hrs
Total General Education 39 Hrs
Total Credits Needed to Graduate 120 Hrs