

APPLIED BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES (BA) ONLINE

The Bachelor of Arts in Applied Behavioral Studies degree from the School of Continuing and Professional Studies (SCPS) is an accelerated, inter-disciplinary, 2-year degree completion program for adult students. This degree is offered at the Loop campus and online. This course-based major is for graduates of community colleges with an Associate's degree who seek broad interdisciplinary preparation for a career in human services, social work, nonprofit management and other related fields.

Applicants to the Bachelor of Arts in Applied Behavioral Sciences need an Associate in Arts or an Associate in Science (from IL schools; other degrees to be evaluated), or have earned 66 semester credit hours, applicable to the program based on review and evaluation. The major consists of courses from the Department of Psychology, the College of Communication, and the School of Continuing and Professional Studies, which offers the majority of courses, including a unique series of Adult Learning Seminars. The courses in the major provide students with multiple perspectives on human behavior, interaction and communications.

- Flexible scheduling including online options available
- Financial Aid, flexible payment options, and **special adult student tuition pricing**
- Acceleration and affordability through transfer credit and prior learning assessment (PLA) credit
- Opportunities to combine bachelor's and master's programs and apply graduate courses to both programs
- Individualized program planning, course selection and advising assistance provided
- Enhanced career opportunities through professional portfolio development, and career placement services instruction from industry practitioners, and wide-ranging Career Services support
- Degree granted by DePaul University, with its excellent academic reputation and the opportunity to join its prestigious and extensive alumni network

Program Requirements	Quarter Hours
Transfer Credit	98
Major Requirements	94
Total hours required	192

Learning Outcomes

Students will be able to:

- Analyze and apply knowledge and theories of behavioral sciences.
- Investigate problems using qualitative and quantitative methods.
- Apply ethical principles in context.
- Explain the value of social justice in behavioral settings.
- Utilize principles of reflective practice in behavioral science.
- Analyze and apply different liberal arts perspectives.

Major Requirements (94 quarter hours)

Understanding Human Behavior (16 credit hours)

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
CMNS 329	PERSUASION	4-4.5
PSY 347	SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY	4
PSY 363	SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS AND RECOVERY	4
DCM 307	ANALYZING HUMAN BEHAVIOR	4

Life Cycle in Context (8 credit hours)

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
DCM 323	THE PSYCHOLOGY OF AGING AND THE AGED	4
PSY 302	PERSONAL ADJUSTMENT AND MENTAL HEALTH	4-4.5

Community and Social Justice (12 credit hours)

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
DCM 304	EVOLVING PROFESSIONAL ETHICS	4
DCM 325	WORK & SOCIETY	4
PSY 353 or PSY 354	ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY COMMUNITY PSYCHOLOGY	4-4.5

Methods (14 credit hours)

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
DA 200 or DA 233	DATA ANALYTICS APPLIED INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	4
DCM 308	INTRODUCTION TO STATISTICS	4
LL 301	RESEARCH METHODS	6

Effective Workplace Dynamics (12 credit hours)

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
DCM 324	EFFECTIVE GROUP AND PERSONAL DYNAMICS	4
ORGC 316	COMMUNICATION AND GROUP DECISION-MAKING	4-4.5
ORGC 353	COMMUNICATION AND ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGE	4-4.5

Leadership Theories and Skills (12 credit hours)

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
LL 270	CRITICAL THINKING	4
CCH 299	ASSESSING AND MANAGING CONFLICT	4
DCM 303	LEADERSHIP MODELS FOR STRONG ORGANIZATIONS	4

Adult Learning Seminars (20 credit hours)

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
LL 201	REFLECTIVE LEARNING	2
or RPL 101	PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT	
DCM 314	LEARNING AND TRANSFORMATION	2
DCM 316	WORK IN A GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT	2
DCM 317	ETHICS IN THE PROFESSIONS	2
DCM 318	SOCIAL JUSTICE IN THE PROFESSIONS	2
DCM 319	CREATIVITY AND INNOVATIVE THINKING	2
FA 199	CAREER ASSESSMENT AND PLANNING	2
LL 303	CAPSTONE PROJECT	6