

VOLUNTEER SERVICES SKILLS CERTIFICATE

Division: Social Sciences

PROGRAM CODE: 2C37714

The **Volunteer Services Skills Certificate** offers students core courses in behavioral science, combined with at least one behavioral science course that offers service learning. The academic courses provide a fundamental understanding of human behavior. A course that includes service learning requires volunteering in the community combined with written reflection on the volunteer experience. This certificate emphasizes working directly with people in need within the service-learning tradition, and it integrates academics with practice. This certificate can enrich the service of experienced volunteers, guide those interested in volunteering for the first time and transfer students interested in teaching and social service agency work, and provide early experience in public service. This certificate requires a total of 12 units chosen from the categories below as indicated.

Code	Title	Units
Required Courses - List A (select one 3-unit course):		3
PSY 101 F	General Psychology	3
or PSY 101HF	Honors General Psychology	
SOC 101 F	Introduction to Sociology	3
or SOC 101HF	Honors Introduction to Sociology	
Required Courses - List B (select one 3-unit course):		3
PSY 219 F	The Human Services	3
SOC 102 F	Social Problems	3
<i>Service learning is required in PSY 219 F and/or SOC 102 F</i>		
Restricted Electives (select 6 units):		6
CDES 201 F	Child in the Home and Community	3
PSY 131 F	Cross Cultural Psychology	3
PSY 233 F	The Psychology of Adjustment	3
PSY 251 F	Social Psychology	3
or PSY 251HF	Honors Social Psychology	
SOC 250 F	Sociology of Aging	3
SOC 275 F	Marriage and Family	3
or SOC 275HF	Honors Marriage and Family	
SOC 285 F	Drugs and Society	3
SOC 290 F	Sociology of Race and Ethnicity	3
Total Units		12

Outcome 1: Explain the importance of volunteering in the community from a behavioral sciences perspective.

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