Mission Statement

The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences prepares undergraduate and graduate students to become professionals, leaders, and change agents in their chosen fields and communities. We offer a variety of academic programs that support career paths that make a difference in response to human societal causes, issues, and needs. Program offerings focus on the knowledge required within these fields as well as ethics, decision-making, communication, and critical thinking skills.

General Policies

Criminal Background Check Policy

If you cannot pass a background check, you will likely experience limitations and/or restrictions on employment opportunities. Before you are fully admitted into one of the following programs, you must have an approved criminal background check from the Purdue Global-approved vendor on file prior to the first day of your term. If an approved criminal background check is not on file with the University prior to the first day of your first term, your enrollment will be cancelled.

- Master of Science in Criminal Justice
- Master of Science in Homeland Security and Emergency Management
- Master of Science in Psychology
- Master of Science in Human Services
- Graduate Certificate in Addictions
- Graduate Certificate in Industrial/Organizational Psychology
- Postgraduate Certificate in Applied Behavior Analysis

Certification, State Board, and National Board Exams

Certain state certification and licensure boards have specific educational requirements for programs to lead to a license or nongovernmental certification that is a precondition for employment in a recognized occupation.

Unless otherwise specified, Purdue Global's programs are not designed to meet any specific state’s licensure or certification requirements. If certain licensed occupations, vocations, or professions are not explicitly listed, Purdue Global has not made a determination with respect to the licensure or certification requirements of those occupations, vocations, or professions. Licensure-track programs may limit enrollment to students in certain states; please see Purdue Global's Program Availability Information (https://www.purdueglobal.edu/catalog-program-availability-info.pdf) to determine enrollment eligibility.

You are responsible for understanding the requirements of optional certification exams. Such requirements may change during the course of your program. You are not automatically certified in any way upon program completion. Although certain programs are designed to prepare you to take various optional certification exams, Purdue Global cannot guarantee you will be eligible to take these exams or become certified. Your eligibility may depend on your work experience, completion of education and/or degree requirements, not having a criminal record, meeting other certification requirements, or the program or the University itself having appropriate accreditation or licensure.

Programs

Master of Public Administration

If you are a practicing or aspiring administrator, the Master of Public Administration program could help you develop the skills and techniques to provide leadership in a wide variety of public service fields. The program teaches you to evaluate, implement, and manage policy and to make ethical and effective decisions in the interest of creating public value.

View Program Details (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/graduate/social-behavioral-sciences/public-administration-masters)

Master of Science in Criminal Justice

The Master of Science in Criminal Justice program is designed to help you satisfy your intellectual curiosity, build knowledge, and prepare to successfully undertake leadership and other professional positions in today’s complex criminal justice environment.

View Program Details (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/graduate/social-behavioral-sciences/criminal-justice-ms)

Master of Science in Environmental Policy

(Not Accepting Enrollments, Effective March 22, 2017)

The Master of Science in Environmental Policy program integrates courses from legal studies, social science, public policy, and leadership into a cross-disciplinary program designed to prepare you to pursue a spectrum of environmental careers in the public and private sectors. The program offers you the opportunity to study environmental policy and issues from a perspective that explores the interrelationships of people in their natural world, public and private sector business and industry, economics, policy, and politics.

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Master of Science in Homeland Security and Emergency Management

The Master of Science in Homeland Security and Emergency Management program integrates courses from criminal justice, social science, public policy, leadership, and business into a cross-disciplinary program designed to prepare you to pursue a spectrum of careers in the public and private sectors.

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Master of Science in Human Services

The Master of Science in Human Services program is designed for professionals who are committed to improving the quality of life for all people in the growing field of human services in the twenty-first century. The curriculum focuses on the delivery of services, accessibility, the design, implementation, and evaluation of interventions, as well as the planning, administration, and coordination of programs.
Master of Science in Legal Studies

The Master of Science in Legal Studies program is designed to provide a solid foundation in legal doctrine and concepts while developing and refining your ability to identify and analyze legal issues. The program highlights the foundations of the American legal system, process and procedure, dispute resolution, legal research and writing, legal reasoning and analysis, ethical decision making, jurisprudence and legal history, and substantive law in selected areas.

Master of Science in Psychology

The Master of Science in Psychology program provides you with a unique opportunity to balance the rich tradition of the past with exciting contemporary applications of psychology. The curriculum focuses on the processes that underlie the individual human experience and behavior, and core knowledge, theories, and research in the discipline.

Graduate Certificate in Addictions

The Graduate Certificate in Addictions program is designed to provide you with the requisite knowledge to pursue employment and career advancement as an addiction professional. Courses focus on chemical and psychological dependency counseling, advanced addictions counseling, group counseling, psychopharmacology, and co-occurring disorders, with an emphasis on application.

Graduate Certificate in Industrial/Organizational Psychology

The Graduate Certificate in Industrial/Organizational Psychology is designed for working professionals who seek to broaden their knowledge and apply the principles of industrial/organizational (I/O) psychology in business and organizational settings. The program offers a rigorous exploration of the theories, methods, and practice of I/O psychology.

Postgraduate Certificate in Applied Behavior Analysis

The Postgraduate Certificate in Applied Behavior Analysis program emphasizes the understanding of behavioral concepts and theories as well as their application to special populations. If you are interested in expanding your knowledge of applied behavior analysis in order to meet the coursework requirements for eligibility to take the Board Certified Behavior Analyst® Examination, consider this certificate program.