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

Please refer to the individual program pages for program-specific policies and the Policy Information (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/policy-information/) section for general Purdue Global policies.

Progression Requirements

Accelerated Master’s Degree Options

If you are enrolled in a College of Social and Behavioral Sciences bachelor's degree program and wish to continue on to pursue a Purdue Global Master of Public Administration, Master of Science in Educational Psychology, Master of Science in Human Services, Master of Science in Legal Studies, or Master of Science in Psychology, you may be eligible to complete one of the below accelerated master's degree options.

Eligible Degree Programs

Eligible degree programs include:

- Bachelor of Science in Communication
- Bachelor of Science in Corrections
- Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice
- Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Administration
- Bachelor of Science in Environmental Policy and Management
- Bachelor of Science in Fire and Emergency Management
- Bachelor of Science in Fire Science
- Bachelor of Science in Human Services
- Bachelor of Science in Human Services in Youth/Family Services and Administration
- Bachelor of Science in Legal Support and Services
- Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies
- Bachelor of Science in Psychology
- Bachelor of Science in Psychology in Addictions
- Bachelor of Science in Psychology in Applied Behavior Analysis
- Bachelor of Science in Psychology in Industrial/Organizational Psychology

Accelerated Master’s Degree Qualifications

In order to qualify for an accelerated master's degree option, you must meet the following criteria:

- Possess and maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0
- Obtain a grade of “B” or above in each of the master's-level courses
- Have open electives available in your degree plan for which up to four graduate courses may be taken
- Have completed between 30 and 100 quarter credit hours in your bachelor's degree program including any credits received for prior learning
- Submit an essay providing detailed career goals and associated reasons for enrolling in the appropriate master's degree program

Please refer to the individual sections below for additional requirements.

Upon successful completion of the bachelor's degree program, you may apply for entry to the relevant Purdue Global master's degree program. If accepted, you will transfer in the graduate courses completed as part of your undergraduate program and matriculate into a shortened version of the master's degree program.

You should consult with your Student Advisor to ensure that you are eligible for an accelerated master’s degree option and discuss any financial aid implications with the Student Finance Office.

You may be required to take additional courses to fulfill the requisite 180 credits necessary to complete a Purdue Global bachelor's degree.

Accelerated Master of Public Administration Option

If you are interested in continuing on to pursue a Purdue Global Master of Public Administration, you may take the following graduate-level courses in place of open electives:

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Accelerated Master of Science in Educational Psychology Option

If you are interested in continuing on to pursue a Purdue Global Master of Science in Educational Psychology, you may be eligible to take the following graduate-level psychology courses in place of open electives:

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Accelerated Master of Science in Human Services Option

If you are interested in continuing on to pursue a Purdue Global Master of Science in Human Services, you may be eligible to take the following graduate-level human services courses in place of open electives:

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Accelerated Master of Science in Legal Studies Option

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<td>LS502</td>
<td>Legal Research, Analysis, and Writing</td>
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Accelerated Master of Science in Psychology Option

If you are interested in continuing on to pursue a Purdue Global Master of Science in Psychology, you may be eligible to take the following graduate-level psychology courses in place of open electives:

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If you are interested in continuing on to pursue a Purdue Global Master of Science in Psychology with a concentration in addictions, you may be eligible to take the following graduate-level psychology courses in place of open electives:

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Bachelor of Science in Communication

The Bachelor of Science in Communication program is designed to provide you with the skills to become an effective communicator in today's competitive, global workplace. The interdisciplinary approach combines both theory and application, enabling you to gain a critical understanding of social issues, new media, and effective writing and speaking skills.

View Program Details (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/social-behavioral-sciences/communication-bs/)

Bachelor of Science in Corrections

(Not Accepting Enrollments, Effective February 3, 2021) Students interested in a similar program may consider the Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/social-behavioral-sciences/criminal-justice-bs/).

The Bachelor of Science in Corrections program is designed to offer a level of academic study that provides you with a solid foundation in criminal justice and specialized knowledge in the field of corrections. The baccalaureate program focuses on the correctional professional, performing research, and utilizing analytical skills; characteristics that are much sought after by today's correctional staff and administrators.

View Program Details (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/social-behavioral-sciences/corrections-bs/)

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 reviewed the licensure or certification requirements of those occupations, vocations, or professions, nor intended the program to meet such requirements. 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

In addition to the programs below, see Additional Offerings (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/additional-offerings/) for information about other enrollment opportunities. For a list of additional offerings by subject, see the Area of Study index (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/bulletin/#areaofstudynexttext) of the Micro-credential Bulletin (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/bulletin/).
The Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Administration builds on the foundations of early childhood development best practices while preparing you to administer early childhood programs focusing on children from birth through age 8. Foundation coursework concentrates on growth and development, applied theory, health and nutrition, lesson planning, business administration, program leadership and advocacy, current issues and trends, ethics and professionalism, and strategies for building family and community relationships in a diverse society in the early childhood field.

The Bachelor of Science in Fire Science is designed to provide you with foundational skills in firefighter safety, building codes, fire prevention, code inspection, and firefighting strategy and tactics. In addition, the program explores technical, legal, and social aspects of arson, the application of technology to firefighting, and the psychological effects of fire dynamics.

The Bachelor of Science in Legal Support and Services program is designed to offer a broad-based foundation in the knowledge of the law and other related practical study areas, in conjunction with the practical and technical skills and competencies required of various professions in the legal field. Comprehensive study in areas such as legal research and writing, American justice system, legal ethics, legal philosophy, and various legal disciplines help prepare you for diverse career opportunities.

The Bachelor of Science in Human Services program is designed to help you gain the skills, knowledge, attitudes, and experience to assess, intervene, and evaluate the situations of the most vulnerable in our society in order to provide services that respond to the needs of clients.

The Bachelor of Science in Environmental Policy and Management program offers an interdisciplinary opportunity to study environmental issues and policy from a perspective that explores the interrelationship between public and private sectors and society, economics, and the environment. The program focuses on the environment in conjunction with a set of core courses in science, economics, and policy.

The Bachelor of Science in Fire and Emergency Management program is designed for emergency services personnel and addresses the new challenges in technology, human resource management, and fiscal responsibility. This bachelor’s degree is designed to empower you to pursue leadership roles that include managing all aspects of modern fire, EMS, and emergency preparedness agencies.

The Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies program allows you to receive credit for eligible prior learning, which may include transfer credit from a regionally or nationally accredited institution, military training, or other experiential learning.

The Bachelor of Science in Human Services in Youth/Family Services and Administration program draws from multiple disciplines, such as developmental psychology, sociology, law, and criminal justice, to help you meet the complex challenges in the growing field of human services. You will be prepared to enter careers in family and youth services, social services and administration, juvenile and family law, program planning, case management, and community advocacy.

The Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Administration is designed to help you gain the skills, knowledge, attitudes, and experience to assess, intervene, and evaluate the situations of the most vulnerable in our society in order to provide services that respond to the needs of clients.

The Bachelor of Science in Human Services program is designed to provide you with content knowledge of the major concepts, values, theories, psychological studies, research methods, and historical trends in
psychology as they apply to human behavior, learning, and development. This degree will prepare you to pursue career opportunities in various fields where you may implement your psychological knowledge, skills, and values. The program may prepare you for graduate work to pursue more specialized careers. You will study how psychology relates to everyday life and the importance of culture and diversity. Courses are designed to help you develop and use psychological skills, critical thinking, and the scientific approach to problem solving to evaluate behavior and mental processes while applying psychological principles to personal, social, and organizational issues.

View Program Details (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/social-behavioral-sciences/psychology-bs/)

**Bachelor of Science in Psychology in Addictions**

The Bachelor of Science in Psychology in Addictions provides you with content knowledge of the major concepts, values, theories, psychological studies, research methods, and historical trends in psychology as they apply to the many aspects of addiction science, assessment, prevention, intervention, treatment, and case management.

View Program Details (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/social-behavioral-sciences/psychology-addictions-bs/)

**Bachelor of Science in Psychology in Applied Behavior Analysis**

The Bachelor of Science in Psychology in Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) degree provides you with the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to prepare for graduate study or to work effectively with individuals in a variety of settings. This program provides an examination of the design, analysis, and application of learning theories and behavioral principles.

View Program Details (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/social-behavioral-sciences/psychology-applied-behavior-analysis-bs/)

**Bachelor of Science in Psychology in Industrial/Organizational Psychology**

The Bachelor of Science in Psychology in Industrial/Organizational Psychology program provides foundational preparation for a variety of roles in business, government, and nonprofit organizations utilizing rigor and methods of psychology as applied to issues of critical relevance and to organizational effectiveness: talent management, coaching, assessment, selection, training, organizational development, performance (i.e., improvement, management), and work-life balance.

View Program Details (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/social-behavioral-sciences/industrial-organizational-psychology-bs/)

**Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice**

The Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice program is designed to prepare you with applied knowledge, technical skills, communication abilities, and general knowledge to pursue a wide range of entry-level positions in the field of criminal justice. Upon graduation, you may pursue employment opportunities in various criminal justice environments such as law enforcement, courts, adult and juvenile corrections, corporate security, public safety, loss prevention, private protective services or investigations, or community-based programs and services.

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

**Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice and Criminology**

(Not Accepting Enrollments, Effective February 3, 2021) Students interested in a similar program may consider the Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/social-behavioral-sciences/criminal-justice-aas/).

The Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice and Criminology program provides a foundation in criminological, sociological, and psychological theories. Applied knowledge, technical skills, and communication abilities gained within this program offers you the ability to pursue or advance your career in a wide range of positions in the field of criminal justice, including law enforcement, criminological research, crime analysis, the courts, adult and juvenile justice, and public safety.

View Program Details (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/social-behavioral-sciences/criminal-justice-criminology-aas/)

**Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Development**

The Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Development program is designed to provide you with the introductory knowledge and skills to work with young children (birth through age 8) and families in early childhood settings. Specific emphasis is placed on the young child’s growth and development, working with children in the inclusive classroom, health and nutrition needs, and lesson planning and implementation.

View Program Details (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/social-behavioral-sciences/early-childhood-development-aas/)

**Associate of Applied Science in Fire Science**

The Associate of Applied Science in Fire Science is designed to provide you with foundational skills in firefighter safety, building codes, fire prevention, code inspection, and firefighting strategy and tactics. In addition, the program explores technical, legal, and social aspects of arson, the application of technology to firefighting, and the psychological effects of fire dynamics.

View Program Details (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/social-behavioral-sciences/fire-science-aas/)

**Associate of Applied Science in Human Services**

The Associate of Applied Science in Human Services program draws from multiple disciplines, such as health services, psychology, sociology, law, and criminal justice, to help prepare you to meet the complex challenges of the twenty-first century in the growing field of human services. The program is designed to help you gain the introductory skills, knowledge, and attitudes to assess the situations of the most vulnerable in our society in order to provide services that respond to the needs of clients.
View Program Details (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/social-behavioral-sciences/autism-spectrum-disorders-postbaccalaureate-certificate/)

**Corrections Certificate**

(Not Accepting Enrollments, Effective February 3, 2021) Students interested in a similar program may consider the Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/social-behavioral-sciences/criminal-justice-aas/).

The Corrections Certificate program is designed to prepare you to pursue entry-level and supervisory positions in today's complex corrections environment. The field of corrections provides a variety of job opportunities, and correctional officers perform a variety of law enforcement roles in supervising and maintaining security in correctional facilities.

View Program Details (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/social-behavioral-sciences/corrections-certificate/)

**Crime Scene Technician Certificate**

The Crime Scene Technician Certificate program is designed to provide you with a foundational understanding of the analytical procedures used by crime scene technicians, as well as the documentation, collection, and preservation processes employed to handle evidence. Program coursework will cover evidentiary procedures in a criminal investigation, such as locating, collecting, and analyzing crime scene evidence, handling and processing physical evidence, identifying the boundaries of a crime scene, managing a crime scene, and searching the crime scene for specific types of evidence that can be used in a criminal prosecution.

View Program Details (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/social-behavioral-sciences/crime-scene-technician-certificate/)

**Human Services Certificate in Child and Family Services**

The Human Services Certificate in Child and Family Services is designed for individuals who want to secure a position or potential promotion in the field of human services. The curriculum will introduce you to child and family services and provide basic skills and general knowledge.

View Program Details (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/social-behavioral-sciences/human-services-certificate-child-family-services/)

**Human Services Certificate in Elder Care Services**

The Human Services Certificate in Elder Care Services is designed for individuals who wish to enter the field of gerontology with a basic foundation centered on working with the older adult population. The curriculum will introduce and enhance basic skills as well as focus on some of the specific knowledge required of a human services professional who has a goal of working in elder care services.

View Program Details (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/social-behavioral-sciences/human-services-elder-care-certificate/)

**Legal Secretary Certificate**

The Legal Secretary Certificate program is designed to provide you with an introduction to legal secretarial skills and enhance your abilities on the job. Coursework focuses on the role of the paralegal in the civil litigation
process and helps you develop the skills necessary for effective legal writing, document processing, and use of software applications.

View Program Details (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/social-behavioral-sciences/legal-secretary-certificate/)

Management and Supervision Certificate in Criminal Justice

If you are currently a professional in the criminal justice field or interested in learning more about the profession, the Management and Supervision Certificate in Criminal Justice could help increase your knowledge of supervision and management. You will study supervisory practices in criminal justice organizations, management theory and how to manage in a criminal justice organization, organizational behavior, employment law, and human resource development.

View Program Details (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/social-behavioral-sciences/management-supervision-criminal-justice-certificate/)

Pathway to Paralegal Postbaccalaureate Certificate

If you already possess a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution and want to enter the paralegal profession, consider the Pathway to Paralegal Postbaccalaureate Certificate program. Courses teach you how to communicate effectively in a legal environment, conduct legal research, and evaluate legal sources.

View Program Details (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/social-behavioral-sciences/pathway-paralegal-postbaccalaureate-certificate/)

Private Security Certificate

(Not Accepting Enrollments, Effective December 8, 2021) Students interested in a similar program may consider the Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/social-behavioral-sciences/criminal-justice-aas/).

If you are currently a professional in the criminal justice field or interested in learning more about the profession, the Private Security Certificate program could help increase your knowledge of private security. The program offers 10 courses designed to introduce you to the field of private and corporate security, examine the range of security responsibilities, and teach you how to provide asset protection to a myriad of clients.

View Program Details (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/social-behavioral-sciences/private-security-certificate/)