Bachelor of Arts: Human Services

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As a human service professional, you’ll help individuals and families build skills for self-empowerment and understand best practices for their relationships and lives.

Offered through the Department of Individual Studies, this interdisciplinary degree includes courses in social work, family services, gerontology and psychology.

Program features

• Prepare to work with individuals and families from diverse backgrounds
• Develop skills to assist in times of crisis and educate a broad range of age groups - from infants to seniors - preparing you for success in the social services field
• Gain practical skills and real-world experiences through an internship or final project
• Learn from committed faculty who will help prepare you for a variety of careers related to the human services field, ranging from adoption and foster care to juvenile justice
• Flexible, online delivery designed for adult learners and working professionals

According to a 2020 employment study conducted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, employees with a bachelor’s degree earn 48% more than those with some or no college.

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Visit the online.uni.edu/human-services to complete an online interest form and to receive additional information.

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Flexible delivery
Delivered entirely online, courses are offered asynchronously with some synchronous meeting times required in the evenings. Both a part-time track and full-time track are offered.

Affordability
Financial aid
Financial aid may be available for students who qualify, based on number of units per semester and financial need.
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Tuition & fees for 2022-23*
$338 per unit of undergraduate credit
$40 technology fee per course
$100 records and documents fee
(Covers all transcripts and other fees. Charged at the time of graduation.)

*Tuition and fees may be adjusted by the Iowa Board of Regents.

Program requirements
✓ A minimum 2.0 GPA
✓ Recommended: Associate of Arts degree* or 60 credits completed from an accredited institution is encouraged – UNI will accept up to 65 transferable units of credit

*This program can also be started without any previous college credit. Students without an AA degree may need to take additional courses to satisfy the UNIFI General Education program. Your advisor will help you select the appropriate courses.

Next steps
1. Complete the steps for admission to UNI at uni.edu/apply and request copies of your official transcripts be sent to the UNI Office of Admissions.
2. Once accepted into the program, UNI will send details about how to enroll in the first course.
3. For each following term, Online and Distance Education will notify students about the details and enrollment process for the next courses.

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Tentative course sequence
33 total units of credit | units in parentheses following course titles

Spring 2023
FAM SERV 1055  Human Growth and Development (3) OR
PSYCH 2202  Development Psychology (3)
SOC 1000  Introduction to Sociology (3) or elective
Full-time students will also take a Human Services Context course (3) and a University elective (3).

Summer 2023
Human Services Skills course (3)
University elective (3)

Fall 2023
FAM SERV 3150  Families and Aging (3)
SW 1041  Global Social Work (3)
Full-time students will also take a Human Services Skills course (3) and a University elective (3).

Spring 2024
Human Services Skills course (3)
University elective (3)
Full-time students will instead take FAM SERV 4159 Internship/Final Project (3) and a University elective (4-10).

Summer 2024*
Human Services Context course (3)
University elective (3)

Fall 2024*
Human Services Context course (3)
University elective (3)

Spring 2025*
FAM SERV 4159  Internship/Final Project (3)
University elective (4-10)

Fall 2025
FAM SERV 1020  Family Relationships (3)
PSYCH 1001  Introduction to Psychology (3) or elective
Full-time students will also take a Human Services Skills course (3) and a University elective (3).

*For part-time students only.

Human Services Context and Skills courses
To fulfill this required area, students must select 4 courses (12 units) from at least two (2) of following course subject areas: FAM SERV, GERO, PSYCH, SW and SOC.