

Programs

Master of Science in Human Services

(39 credits)

The Master of Science in Human Services is a graduate professional degree designed to prepare students for professional positions in psychosocial health and human services in a variety of public and private agencies. Graduates are empowered with advanced skills for serving clients within the context of their communities and environments.

The program promotes educational access to students from a wide range of backgrounds, provides a transformative educational process in which students gain advanced professional knowledge and skills, and builds students' capacity as informed, effective and ethical citizens.

The program offers two tracks, an 18 month 39-credit degree in Human Services and a 2-year graduate degree in Human Services and Addiction Counseling that includes all the academic preparation necessary to be eligible for the Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor ([LADC](#)) credential in the State of Connecticut once they have completed the state requirements for licensure.

Upon completing the program of study in Human Services, students will:

- Demonstrate the ability to advocate for clients through knowledge of community resources in the human services network.
- Demonstrate the ability to analyze major social issues, social problems, and current socio-political and socio-cultural events which affect human services.
- Demonstrate the ability to apply basic methods and techniques used to evaluate individuals with mental illness, developmental disabilities or cognitive impairments.
- Demonstrate the ability to implement common psychosocial treatment approaches based on key theories and related concepts.
- Demonstrate the ability to define achievable goals of counseling and contributions and limitations of various treatment modalities.
- Demonstrate the ability to understand and apply legal and ethical standards affecting the delivery of human services.
- Demonstrate the ability to assess behavioral, cognitive, affective, and environmental factors in order to identify and set long-term achievable client goals.
- Demonstrate the ability to understand psychological and socio-cultural aspects of normal and abnormal behavior, theories of causation and treatment approaches.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree from a nationally or regionally accredited institution approved by the [U.S. Department of Education](#) (USDE) or the [Council for Higher Education Accreditation](#) (CHEA).

- Minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0.
- Personal interview.
- Proficiency in essential software and tools, including Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint), data analysis tools (such as Excel or statistical software), and communication platforms (e.g., Zoom, Google Meet).
- For non-native English-speakers, a minimum score of 550 paper-based, 80 internet-based, or 213 computer-based on the Test of English as a Foreign Language.
- Proof of identity.
- Proof of immunization in accordance with Connecticut state requirements.
- Applicants intending to use [VA benefits](#) need to submit a copy of their certificate of eligibility to the school certifying official.
- Completion of at least 15 credits in psychology, human services and/or social work. Credits from closely related disciplines may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

The applicant must submit:

- Official transcripts from all nationally and regionally accredited degree-granting institutions, approved by the USDE or CHEA, attended.
- An essay (of 500–600 words, double-spaced) on their professional career interests, reasons for entering the program and expectations of the program.
- Two letters of recommendation from former professors or professional associates.
- Resume or C.V.

Applicants may apply for admission to the program in the fall in mod. 1 or in the spring in mod. 3. All new applications must be completed and submitted to the Program Director at least 6 weeks prior to starting the program.

Transfer Credits

Albertus Magnus College will accept a maximum of 6 graduate hours from nationally or regionally accredited institutions approved by the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) or the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) toward satisfying the program requirements. Such credits must have been completed prior to entrance into the program and must satisfy degree requirements. Transfer credits must have been completed with a minimum grade of 3.0 within the last five years. Transfer credits will be considered on an individual basis. Students must submit an official transcript showing proof of completion of the course(s) to be transferred. All requests to transfer credits must be completed prior to starting the program. Internal transfer students from other Albertus graduate programs must complete at least 50% of their requirements (21 credits) in the Albertus M.S. in Human Services program.

Tuition and Fees

- Application Fee: \$50.00
- Tutorial Surcharge: \$500.00 (for student requested tutorial)
- Thesis Continuation Fee: \$250.00 per registration period (within seven years of matriculation) until completion of the thesis.

Fees and rates are subject to change.

Accreditation

Albertus Magnus College is accredited by the [New England Commission of Higher Education](#) (NECHE).

The Master of Science in Human Services is accredited by the [State of Connecticut Office of Higher Education](#).

The Master of Science in Human Services is accredited by the [Council for Standards in Human Service Education](#) (CSHSE) located at 9600 SW Oak Street, Ste 565, Tigard, OR 97223.

Program Format

Classes are offered in five, eight-week modules during the calendar year.

Academic Advisement

Admitted students are assigned a faculty advisor, typically the program director. Together the student and advisor will develop a program of study. Throughout the program the advisor will assist students with course planning, registration and regular academic review.

Course Load

Students may register for no more than 6 credits per mod. or 12 credits per semester.

Graduation Requirements

Students are responsible for reviewing the program requirements for their specific catalog year, fulfilling those requirements, and maintaining regular communication with the program director. To earn a graduate degree from Albertus Magnus College, students must successfully complete all program requirements and achieve a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0. All requirements must be completed within seven years of matriculation, beginning with the module or semester in which the student starts their first course in the program. Graduate courses that exceed the time limit no longer count toward meeting program requirements, including transferred courses.

Graduation with Honors

Master’s degree candidates who have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.90 or above and a grade of “A-” or better in HS 660 are awarded honors and will have the notation included on their transcript and diploma.

PROGRAM OF STUDY

REQUIRED CORE (39 credits)

HS 504	Writing in the Social Sciences
HS 530	Ethical and Legal Issues in Human Services

HS 531	Theory, Practice, Trends and Multicultural Issues in Human Services
PY 530	Theories of Counseling
PY 533	Psychopathology
PY 536	Case Management
PY 537	Counseling Techniques
PY 539	Program Evaluation
PY 540	Organizational Behavior and Group Dynamics
HS 580	Field Experience
HS 660	Capstone Project

* Note: HS 580 (6 credits)

Select one (3 credits):

PY 541	Addictions Counseling
PY 542	Career Counseling and Vocational Rehabilitation

4 + 1 Program: BA/BS to MS in Human Services

The 4+1 Master of Science in Human Services program is designed for high-achieving **traditional undergraduate** students who wish to complete both a bachelor’s degree and a master’s degree in an accelerated format.

Students complete a total of 159 credits: 120 at the undergraduate level and 39 at the graduate level. During their senior year, students take two graduate-level courses that count toward both undergraduate and graduate degree requirements. These graduate credits are offered at no additional cost during the undergraduate phase for students formally accepted into the 4+1 program.

Eligible students must apply to the MS in Human Services program in the spring semester of their junior year. A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5 is required for consideration. Upon acceptance, students are assigned a graduate faculty advisor in addition to their undergraduate faculty advisor to support their academic and professional development.

This program offers a streamlined, cost-effective pathway to advanced education in human services, preparing students for leadership roles in community organizations, social service agencies, and related fields.