



## Social Sciences Division

# Behavioral Science

A Behavioral Science major prepares students for work in social and human services, business, government, mental health fields — and in almost any area where knowledge of people in the context of their societies is helpful. The skills and knowledge gained through studying behavioral science give students a solid background to enter the workforce or prepare for graduate study.

Graduates of Mount Mary College’s Behavioral Science program have gone on to pursue careers in diverse areas such as:

- Human services
- Government
- Environmental education
- Research
- Business
- Health-related fields
- Housing management
- Rehabilitation
- Urban studies
- Public relations

Mount Mary students apply their classroom knowledge through hands-on learning in lab-based assignments, engaging in service learning opportunities, and using technology related to the field.

### Employment Outlook for Behavioral Science Majors

Both the Behavioral Science and Psychology/Behavioral Science majors prepare students for various career opportunities by offering coordinated courses, research, and application in three related fields: anthropology, psychology and sociology.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, overall employment of counselors is expected to grow faster than the average for all occupations through 2014. For those interested in a career as a counseling psychologist, earning a doctorate is essential.

### Preparing for Advanced Study

Students seeking careers as professional anthropologists, psychologists, or sociologists will require advanced degrees. With additional schooling, many additional career options are available, including:

- Clinical psychologist
- Experimental psychologist
- Librarian
- School or rehabilitation counselor
- Lawyer
- Child counselor
- Museum curator
- Urban planner
- Mediator



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### Mount Mary College offers:

**Bachelor of Science in Behavioral Science:** Provides students with an understanding of individuals and the social structures affecting their lives.

**Bachelor of Science in Psychology/Behavioral Science:** Combines the interdisciplinary behavioral science major with a concentration in coursework that provides students with an understanding of human behavior in the context of culture and society.

**Master of Science in Counseling:** Studies include training in therapeutic support to individuals and families and coursework that leads to licensure as a professional counselor. The college offers three areas of concentration: community, school and clinical mental health counseling.

**Minor in Anthropology/Sociology:** This minor prepares students to better understand culture and society. Students learn to analyze how humans organize social structures and what that means for the emergence of new cultural characteristics.

**Minor in Psychology:** This minor is a supplement to other curricula that helps students in any major gain a greater understanding of the biological and social bases of behavior, and how psychological principles can be applied to human interaction and multiple aspects of everyday life.

**Certificate in Peacebuilding:** Learn basic skills of how to understand a conflict situation and develop an appropriate strategy that takes into account the values, beliefs, and goals of those involved.

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## Internships

Internships are strongly recommended for behavioral science students to help clarify career goals and provide valuable practical experience. Most internships carry two credits per semester and require six to eight hours per week in the field.

Past internship placements for Mount Mary College's behavioral science students include:

- Pathfinders Youth Shelter
- Walker's Point Youth & Family Services
- Department of Corrections
- Milwaukee Public Schools
- Women's Center, Inc., Waukesha
- Milwaukee Women's Center
- Wisconsin Early Autism Project

## Campus Organizations and Enrichment Opportunities

Opportunities for enrichment outside the classroom include participation in the Behavioral Science Club, Alpha Kappa Delta (the international sociology honor society), and Psi Chi, (the international honor society in psychology). Activities include:

- Service learning projects to support underserved populations in Milwaukee
- Fundraisers to help support community organizations and inner city schools
- Professional speakers to share expertise on relevant topics

## Faculty

Mount Mary faculty members are passionate about teaching and inspiring their students. Several behavioral science faculty members have received the annual college teaching excellence award for their dedication to student learning. Many have received grants from national and local sources to write books and conduct research that contributes to the scientific body of knowledge in their field, and to their classroom curriculum.

### Anthropology

- Sister Joanne Pohlman, Ph.D., University of Minnesota

### Counseling

- Terri Jashinski, Ph.D., University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee
- Carrie Smith King, Ph.D., University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee
- Tammy Scheidegger, Ph.D., The Ohio State University
- Melissa Kraemer Smothers, Ph.D., University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee

### Psychology

- Karen Friedlen, Ph.D., University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee
- Lela Joscelyn, Ph.D., University of Windsor - Ontario
- Laurel End, Ph.D., Kent State University

### Sociology

- Krista Moore, Ph.D., Oklahoma State University
- Lynne Woehrl, Ph.D., Syracuse University



## Student Conference

Since 1981 the Social Sciences and Related Disciplines Division has sponsored a student conference allowing students to: present papers and posters, discuss research projects, evaluate field placements/internships, present master's theses and network with alumnae.

## More on the Web

Visit [www.mtmary.edu/div\\_socialscience.htm](http://www.mtmary.edu/div_socialscience.htm) for additional information about the Social Sciences and Related Disciplines Division at Mount Mary College and its academic programs and formats.

## About Mount Mary College

Discover what the more than 1,900 current Mount Mary graduate and undergraduate students already know. Mount Mary offers an engaging and transformational education. Here students explore and expand their hopes and dreams. We invite you to be one of them.

Mount Mary's residential campus is home to a diverse student body. Be a part of our gorgeous suburban campus, just 20 minutes from downtown Milwaukee.

For over 90 years Mount Mary College has been educating women in the Catholic tradition – we are committed to your success. Nearly 100% of our full-time undergraduate students receive a scholarship. Mount Mary is dedicated to making a college education affordable for you.

See how Mount Mary's strong academics, small class sizes, safe and vibrant campus, and student organizations and leadership opportunities will help you achieve your personal and career goals. Contact the Admission Office at 800-321-6265 or [mmc-admiss@mtmary.edu](mailto:mmc-admiss@mtmary.edu).

