Why Human Services at UQ?

Human Services is a rapidly growing industry with excellent employment opportunities in a range of services including government departments such as Child Safety Services, and in community and church-based organisations in both Australia and overseas. Study Human Services at UQ and you will receive the theory and practical knowledge for a challenging and rewarding career that addresses important social issues. You will learn from award-winning lecturers and researchers who are recognised as leaders in the field and gain invaluable hands-on, practical experience that will give you the skills and understanding to start your career in Human Services upon graduation.

What you will study

This degree offers you the unique opportunity of combining study in your field of interest with practical skills and knowledge about the Human Services industry. You can study up to eight courses in your preferred field and have this recognised as a major when you graduate. Your major is combined with skill-based courses and hands-on experience so you will graduate job-ready and well positioned to make a significant difference in your chosen profession.

Your placement will see you assigned to an organisation where you will get the chance to apply the knowledge you’ve learnt in your studies to gain firsthand, practical experience in the human services industry. These practical placements often lead to employment opportunities after graduation.
Majors include:

- **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies**: learn from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander teachers as well as non-Indigenous staff who work closely with these communities.
- **Applied Psychology**: study the application of psychology in areas such as mental health, the workplace, education or sport.
- **Criminology**: learn to examine crime and its regulation in the context of social, economic and political shifts in our society.
- **Peace and Conflict Studies**: understand the causes of political conflict and pathways to peaceful solutions.
- **Sociology**: study social change, modern society and culture, social institutions and the relationship between people and the environment.
- **Public Policy**: study institutions and processes involved in governance including the social, economic and ideological forces that contribute to the making of public policy.

Your future in Human Services

Human Services prepares you for a range of exciting careers such as:

- community corrections officer (Department of Justice and Attorney-General)
- youth development officer
- youth worker
- youth outreach and information worker
- child safety support officer
- community development officer
- community worker
- case manager
- case worker
- project officer
- program coordinator
- outreach worker.

**Your postgraduate options**

- Honours is available as an additional year of study.
- Human Services graduates can become fully qualified social workers after 18 months of study through UQ’s Master of Social Work Studies.
- Postgraduate coursework study in counselling and other related fields.
- Research higher degrees (MPhil and PhD) in your area of interest are also available.

**International students**

Standard UQ English language proficiency requirements apply for this degree. You are required as an international student to complete the degree on a full-time basis.

“When I first graduated from high school I was a little confused about which area I wanted to study. After a bit of travelling my eyes were opened to the importance of equality in our society which led me to a new-found passion in empowerment for women. I loved many of my courses, however, two that stood out were Social policy and Community development as they were fascinating and very insightful. I would absolutely recommend this program to anyone considering it as it has opened up so many pathways for me!”

Read more at: www.health.uq.edu.au/careers

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