

# Formal Minor in Addiction Studies, Track 1

College of Liberal Arts

## Description

The Departments of Psychology, Sociology, and Criminal Justice at WSU Vancouver offer an interdisciplinary minor that provides basic undergraduate training in addiction studies. This minor creates a unique opportunity for students and faculty to integrate disease and sociocultural models of addiction in order to collaborate on novel techniques for treating addictive behaviors.

## Track 1 Description

This track comprises course work in the Department of Psychology. It is aimed at preparing students for certification as chemical dependency professionals (CDP) in Washington State. The minor provides theoretical and practical training in the diagnosis and treatment of addictive behaviors. It is important to note that courses in Track 1, taken by themselves, address only a subset of these competencies and therefore those wishing to obtain certification would need to take additional course work through Clark College's Addiction Counselor Education Department (ACED).

## More Information

Explore the Liberal Arts programs website:  
[www.vancouver.wsu.edu/departments.htm](http://www.vancouver.wsu.edu/departments.htm)

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## Apply

Formal or Certified minor: Requires a minimum of 19 semester credits, which must include the following courses:

Required Courses:

- PSYCH 110 – Introduction to Addiction Studies (Course pending approval; students may take the Psych 301 seminar, "Introduction to Addiction Studies," as a substitute for this course until approval for Psych 110 is granted.)
- PSYCH 265 – Biopsychological Effects of Alcohol and Drugs
- PSYCH 333 – Abnormal Psychology
- PSYCH 342 – Assessment and Treatment of Dual Diagnosis
- PSYCH 442 – Advanced Addiction Treatment Techniques

And one from the following:

- SOC 368 – Sociological Theories of Addictive Behavior  
OR
- SOC 468 – Addictive Behavior across the Demographic Spectrum  
OR
- CRIMJ 428 – Drug and Alcohol Use and Abuse

# Formal Minor in Addiction Studies, Track 2

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## Description

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## Track 2 Description

This track is geared toward students preparing for careers in public policy, law enforcement, social work, and related fields, who wish to obtain additional training in the political, social, and cultural components of addictive behaviors, but who do not wish to be certified as chemical dependency professionals in Washington State.

## More Information

Explore the Liberal Arts programs website:  
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## Apply

Formal or Certified minor: Requires a minimum of 17 semester credits, which must include the following courses:

Required Courses:

- PSYCH 110 - Introduction to Addiction Studies (Course pending approval; students may take the Psych 301 seminar, "Introduction to Addiction Studies," as a substitute for this course until approval for Psych 110 is granted.)
- SOC 368 - Sociological Theories of Addictive Behavior
- SOC 468 - Addictive Behavior Across the Demographic Spectrum
- CRMJ 428 - Drug and Alcohol Use and Abuse

Plus one of the following two courses:

- PSYCH 320 - Health Psychology
- PSYCH 342 - Assessment and Treatment of Dual Diagnosis

And one of the following three courses:

- CRMJ 400 - Issues in the Administration of Criminal Justice
- HD 301 - Family Stress and Coping
- ENGL 362 - Rhetoric of Racism