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Department of Applied Behavioral Sciences

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Majors offered:

Human Services, B.S.

Helping is at the heart of the Human Services major. The Human Services major at York College is a career-oriented degree in which students develop the skills and knowledge needed to help facilitate positive change for individuals, families, and communities. Human Services is one of the fastest-growing professions. The major requirements prepare students to work immediately in a multitude of settings - hospitals, group homes, schools, court systems, retirement communities, employment agencies, rehabilitation centers, and correctional facilities - with a variety of clients. The Human Services major also prepares students to enter into graduate programs, including those in Social Work, Occupational Therapy, Marriage and Family Therapy, Counseling, and Gerontology. The Human Services faculty assist students in personalizing the program to fit their interests in areas including criminal justice, youth development, not-for-profit management, or gerontology. Human Service students gain valuable, hands on experience throughout the program including internships and community-based research projects with faculty.

Recreation Leadership, B.S.

This program is designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills needed to pursue a variety of professional careers providing recreational opportunities and interventions that improve people's quality of life, help strengthen communities, and increase individuals' health and well-being. All students will develop skills including leadership, teamwork, program planning, organizing recreation programs, and managing recreation departments. Students will choose one of three emphasis areas: Outdoor Leadership, Recreational Therapy, or Youth and Family Recreation. The Outdoor Leadership emphasis focuses on working with people of all ages in recreation centers, camps and outdoor settings, and military recreation. The Recreational Therapy emphasis prepares students for professional careers in health care and human service agencies that serve individuals with disabilities. Examples include hospitals, treatment centers, specialized schools/camps, adapted sports programs, and long-term care facilities. The Recreational Therapy emphasis is a great option for those students who want to pursue a graduate degree in Occupational Therapy. The Youth and Family Recreation emphasis focuses on working with youth and family focused agencies. All students will have a variety of experiential learning opportunities both in and out of the classroom, including two focused field experiences, to help prepare them for success after graduation.

Sociology, B.S.

Sociology is the study of human behavior and group life. As a science, it examines how broader forces in society, such as the economy, the media, religion, and government, shape human

experience. Contemporary sociologists are particularly interested in studying persisting social inequalities (i.e. inequalities of class, race, ethnicity, gender, age, sexuality, ability, and the like), and in utilizing research findings to develop recommendations for positive social change. Students majoring in Sociology have access to opportunities for collaboration with faculty in data collection and analysis, writing research reports, and presenting research findings at professional conferences. The program also provides students a wide variety of opportunities to engage in volunteer work, internships, and other professional activities with diverse agencies and organizations aimed at improving the community and enhancing the quality of community residents' everyday lives. Students graduating from our programs are well equipped to pursue graduate studies not only in Sociology but also in a wide variety of related disciplines including Social Work, Counseling, Criminology, Human Resource Management, Administration and Leadership Studies, Economics, Public Policy, Marketing, Business, and Law, to name a few. Our graduates are also well prepared to move directly into occupations in social services, local and state government, community development, criminal justice, health care, human resources, and education.

Minors offered:

Anthropology	Human Services
Applied Youth Development	Outdoor Leadership
Gerontology	Sociology

Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice

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Majors offered:

Criminal Justice, A.S.

Criminal Justice, B.S.

The Criminal Justice program is designed to provide students with a basic understanding and comprehensive overview of the criminal and juvenile justice systems including the police, courts, and corrections fields; encourage theoretical and informed inquiry into justice practices and policies; develop introductory skills in research methodology and statistics; and prepare students for professional careers in criminal justice as well as to provide a foundation for the advanced study of criminal justice, law, or other graduate studies. Experiential learning (internship) opportunities are available with various local, state, and federal agencies in the Criminal Justice system.

Minors offered:

Criminal Justice
Criminalistics

Department of Education

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Majors offered:

Early Elementary Education, PreK-4 certification, B.S.

The skills that students learn in the early childhood period are absolutely critical for their later success in elementary school. Participants in our Early Elementary Education program (ECH) will acquire the knowledge and skills they need to help young children excel in the Prekindergarten through Grade 4 classroom. To this end, the ECH program at YCP offers coursework on the cognitive, social, and emotional development of young children; language and literacy development of children from birth through age 9; and teaching methods in the key content areas. The Early Elementary program prepares students for licensure in Prekindergarten through Grade 4. Students pursuing certification in Early Elementary Education must complete the Department of Education certification requirements including effectively engaging in field experiences in school settings, successfully obtaining Pre-Professional Educator Status (PPES), and maintaining professional and personal dispositions.

Early Elementary Education/Special Education, B.S.

The dual Early Elementary/Special Education major is designed to facilitate understanding and appreciation of the individual differences that exist in today's special and general educational settings. In an era of increasing diversity and inclusionary practices, it is imperative that prospective teachers gain knowledge and skill about students with special needs so that, as teachers, they can promote a highly effective instructional environment. This degree prepares students for professional teacher certification in both general education (PreK-Grade 4) and special education (PreK-Grade 12). Students pursuing certification as an Early Elementary Education and Special Education dual major must complete the Department of Education certification requirements including effectively engaging in field experiences in school settings, successfully obtaining Pre-Professional Educator Status (PPES), and maintaining professional and personal dispositions.

Middle Level Education, grades 4-8 certification, B.S.

The Middle Level program provides students with the knowledge, skills, experience, and disposition to be an effective educator of students in grades 4-8. Middle Level majors can choose to specialize in either one or two concentration areas. Single concentration specialists have the opportunity to specialize in one of four concentration areas: English/Language Arts, Math, Science, or Social Studies. Double concentration specialists have the opportunity to specialize in two content areas as allowed by PDE: Math/Science, Math/Social Studies, Math/English, Science/Social Studies, or Science/English. The required professional preparation courses, in conjunction with valuable field experiences, will enable middle level teachers to meet many challenges, including the ability to empower students with the requisite knowledge, skills, and attitudes to become lifelong learners. The Middle Level Education program prepares students for licensure in grades 4-8, in specified content areas. Students pursuing certification in Middle Level Education must complete the Department of Education certification requirements including effectively engaging in field experiences in school settings, successfully obtaining Pre-Professional Educator Status (PPES), and maintaining professional and personal dispositions.

Middle Level Education/Special Education, B.S.

The dual Middle Level/Special Education major is designed to facilitate an understanding and appreciation of the individual differences that exist in today's special and general educational

settings. In an era of increasing diversity and inclusionary practices, it is imperative that prospective teachers gain knowledge and skill about students with special needs so that, as teachers, they can promote a highly effective instructional environment. This degree prepares students for professional teacher certification in middle level education (Grades 4-8, one or two concentration areas) and special education (PreK-Grade 12). Students pursuing certification as a Middle Level Education and Special Education dual major must complete the Department of Education certification requirements including effectively engaging in field experiences in school settings, successfully obtaining Pre-Professional Educator Status (PPES), and maintaining professional and personal dispositions.

Music Education, K-12 certification, B.S.

This program provides students the opportunity to prepare for a career in teaching Music in grades kindergarten through twelve. Students in the program learn the content and pedagogical knowledge required to become transformative classroom teachers and to support their future students' academic achievement. Content courses help students learn vocal or instrumental music skills, as well as music appreciation, theory, history, arrangement, and technology. Education courses help students learn the instructional techniques, assessment methods, and technological knowledge to succeed in today's dynamic classrooms. Students pursuing certification in Music Education must complete the Department of Education certification requirements including effectively engaging in field experiences in school settings, successfully obtaining Pre-Professional Educator Status (PPES), and maintaining professional and personal dispositions.

Secondary Education, Biology, grades 7-12 certification, B.S.

This program provides students the opportunity to prepare for a career in teaching Biology at the middle school and/or high school level. Students in the program learn the content and pedagogical knowledge required to become transformative classroom teachers and to support their future students' academic achievement. Content courses help students develop knowledge and skills in the field of Science; emphasizing Biology but including Chemistry, Physics, and Earth and Space Science. Education courses help students learn the instructional techniques, assessment methods, and technological knowledge to succeed in today's dynamic classrooms. Students pursuing certification in Secondary Education must complete the Department of Education certification requirements including effectively engaging in field experiences in school settings, successfully obtaining Pre-Professional Educator Status (PPES), and maintaining professional and personal dispositions.

Secondary Education, English, grades 7-12 certification, B.A.

This program provides students the opportunity to prepare for a career in teaching English at the middle school and/or high school level. Students in the program learn the content and pedagogical knowledge required to become transformative classroom teachers and to support their future students' academic achievement. Content courses help students develop knowledge and skills in the field of English and Communications; including Literature, Writing, and Film. Education courses help students learn the instructional techniques, assessment methods, and technological knowledge to succeed in today's dynamic classrooms. Students pursuing certification in Secondary Education must complete the Department of Education certification requirements including effectively engaging in field experiences in school settings, successfully obtaining Pre-Professional Educator Status (PPES), and maintaining professional and personal dispositions.

Secondary Education, General Science, grades 7-12 certification, B.S.

This program provides students the opportunity to prepare for a career in teaching Science at the middle school and/or high school level. Students in the program learn the content and pedagogical knowledge required to become transformative classroom teachers and to support their future

students' academic achievement. Content courses help students develop knowledge and skills in the field of Science; including Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Earth and Space Science. Education courses help students learn the instructional techniques, assessment methods, and technological knowledge to succeed in today's dynamic classrooms. Students pursuing certification in Secondary Education must complete the Department of Education certification requirements including effectively engaging in field experiences in school settings, successfully obtaining Pre-Professional Educator Status (PPES), and maintaining professional and personal dispositions.

Secondary Education, Mathematics, grades 7-12 certification, B.S.

This program provides students the opportunity to prepare for a career in teaching Mathematics at the middle school and/or high school level. Students in the program learn the content and pedagogical knowledge required to become transformative classroom teachers and to support their future students' academic achievement. Content courses help students develop knowledge and skills in the field of Mathematics; including Algebra, Geometry, and Calculus. Education courses help students learn the instructional techniques, assessment methods, and technological knowledge to succeed in today's dynamic classrooms. Students pursuing certification in Secondary Education must complete the Department of Education certification requirements including effectively engaging in field experiences in school settings, successfully obtaining Pre-Professional Educator Status (PPES), and maintaining professional and personal dispositions.

Secondary Education, Social Studies, grades 7-12 certification, B.S.

This program provides students the opportunity to prepare for a career in teaching Social Studies at the middle school and/or high school level. Students in the program learn the content and pedagogical knowledge required to become transformative classroom teachers and to support their future students' academic achievement. Content courses help students develop knowledge and skills in the field of Social Studies; including History, Geography, Economics, Government, and Sociology. Education courses help students learn the instructional techniques, assessment methods, and technological knowledge to succeed in today's dynamic classrooms. Students pursuing certification in Secondary Education must complete the Department of Education certification requirements including effectively engaging in field experiences in school settings, successfully obtaining Pre-Professional Educator Status (PPES), and maintaining professional and personal dispositions.

Spanish Education, K-12 certification, B.A.

This program provides students the opportunity to prepare for a career in teaching Spanish in grades kindergarten through twelve. Students in the program learn the content and pedagogical knowledge required to become transformative classroom teachers and to support their future students' academic achievement. Content courses help students learn Spanish language skills, as well as Spanish literature and culture. Education courses help students learn the instructional techniques, assessment methods, and technological knowledge to succeed in today's dynamic classrooms. Students pursuing certification in Spanish Education must complete the Department of Education certification requirements including effectively engaging in field experiences in school settings, successfully obtaining Pre-Professional Educator Status (PPES), and maintaining professional and personal dispositions.

Minor offered:

Urban Education

Department of Psychology

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Major offered:

Psychology, B.S.

The Psychology major at York College provides a supportive environment for students interested in studying human behavior and thinking. Core and Area Requirements have been designated to provide the background for further educational and professional growth. Students work closely with faculty on research projects spanning three semesters that teach them evidence-based decision-making. Electives, both within and outside the field of psychology, allow students to concentrate on individual career goals and needs. Internships with a variety of local organizations, including schools, health care agencies, and professional research organizations, allow students to put to practice what they have learned as they prepare for a career or graduate program. Psychology is an extremely employable degree, and students at York, one of the top psychology programs among small colleges, enjoy numerous career opportunities.

Minors offered:

Neuroscience

Psychology
