

# BEHAVIORAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES



*"I feel so privileged to know my professors. I am continually challenged by their brilliance, genuineness, and compassion. They truly care about their students — not just as students, but as human beings."*

**DEREK B. FELDMAN**  
Psychology (B.A.)



## A GLOBAL SETTING

Each of these disciplines emphasizes an understanding of the behavioral, social, and cultural forces that shape an increasingly interconnected global society. In this time of growing complexity, social and behavioral sciences help make sense of the events in the world, enhancing the ability to make informed choices as individuals, as communities, and as a society.

At the heart of any behavioral and social science discipline is the attempt to understand human beings, both individually and in groups. It is here where students can pursue questions such as: Why does society view men and women differently? What are the dynamics that shape race relations and racial conflict? How do geography and economics contribute to the cultural differences in our world? How do societies define the concept of criminality?

Students come to the department with a variety of different paths in mind: Some seek careers in teaching, social service, museums, historical societies, nonprofit organizations, or corporations. Others are preparing for admission to graduate school and careers in research or higher education.

Webster provides students with a wide variety of methods for pursuing their goals. Students may focus on a traditional program covering several disciplines, or may prepare for a specific career goal such as counseling, clinical research, or social work. In addition to traditional coursework, the curriculum includes independent study, practicum, research, and supervised reading courses.

## ACADEMIC AND CAREER PLANNING

Early in a student's residence, a departmental faculty advisor is assigned to help assess and plan the program of study, focusing on specific academic and career goals. But your academic plan is flexible and may change as you fine-tune your goals and interests. Many courses are interdisciplinary in nature, often apply to multiple majors, and are designed to contribute to a general liberal arts education as well as to prepare you to meet future goals.



## Global Thinking

is an e-newsletter published by Webster University's College of Arts & Sciences. Noting the College's place as "the intellectual foundation of the University," the e-newsletter shares some of the College's happenings with a keen eye toward the comprehensive, international nature of the studies in which the College engages its students. The audience includes students, alumni, staff, full-time and adjunct faculty members, as well as other friends of the College. Check it out online at <http://www.webster.edu/depts/artsci/newsletter.htm>

## SKILLS AND METHODS

Throughout history, human groups have employed a variety of methods to deal with the complexities of social life, social order, and social change. Study within the department provides the ability to examine, interpret, and evaluate these diverse human experiences, with an emphasis on the issues facing members of our “global village.”

No matter your choice of study, our goal is to provide you with an understanding of your own historical context, increase your knowledge of individual behavior, and encourage the recognition and appreciation of diversity.

You will use approaches that range from the scientific to the philosophical, from the experimental to the theoretical. Integral to all the disciplines, however, is the development and application of problem-solving skills, which in combination with other academic skills, enable you to think analytically and to communicate clearly and persuasively.

Our faculty will help you:

- Develop analytical skills
- Integrate theoretical knowledge with practical experience
- Build competencies for specific career objectives or areas of interest

## PSYCHOLOGY

By studying psychology at Webster, you will not only study the specific issues, theories, and science of this discipline — you will also attain a broader understanding of the complexity and diversity of human behavior. You’ll get the whole context for understanding the behavior of the individual.

Our friendly, professionally experienced faculty specialize in a variety of areas that will allow you to approach psychology from several different perspectives, including:

- **Biological and evolutionary perspectives:** The roles of biological processes, structures, and inherited tendencies in explaining human behavior
- **Clinical and counseling perspectives:** The diagnosis and treatment of mental, behavioral disorders, and adjustment problems

- **Lifespan development perspectives:** Examination of how individuals grow, develop, and change throughout the lifespan
- **Learning and cognitive perspectives:** Examination of the mental processes and environmental situations that underlie, shape, and control behavior
- **Social and cross-cultural perspectives:** The roles of social and cultural influences on behavior

## LEGAL STUDIES

Webster’s Legal Studies curriculum gives you the legal skills and background you need — whether you’re preparing for law school, for a second career, or for advancing your existing career in industries such as banking, human resources, insurance, or business management. Approved by the American Bar Association, the program is designed to be flexible for both working adults and traditional full-time students.

Webster faculty are practicing attorneys and judges from a variety of legal backgrounds. You’ll learn from judges with the Missouri Court of Appeals and St. Louis Circuit Court, from U.S. attorneys and municipal attorneys, from criminal prosecutors and public defenders, from intellectual property lawyers and corporate attorneys. More than great legal minds, they are great people, too, who heavily invest their time in pro bono work.

As working judges and attorneys, Webster professors are not only well-versed in the latest trends and expectations in legal professions — they are also connected to the network of internships and job opportunities in the St. Louis legal community. They serve as mentors who take a personal interest in helping you succeed both in school and afterward. With their guidance and the help of Webster Career Services, you’ll know where you’re going next before you’ve even finished your degree.

Webster’s global network also provides unique international law opportunities, such as the popular one- to four-week summer study programs in the Netherlands, near The Hague.



*“I really enjoy my classes and the personal attention I receive from my professors. I have also loved living on campus more than I could have ever imagined.”*

**KATIE CARTER**

*Psychology/Education Major*

*"I chose Webster because of the diverse atmosphere. Webster is a taste of the real world in the sense that almost all populations on Earth are well represented: Asian-Americans, Africans, Blacks, Whites, Hispanic, etc. — and all from different socio-economic levels. The small class sizes are great, and the small-town feel within a big city like St. Louis is perfect for me. I enjoy getting to know my professors on a professional level and having them as mentors to help me prepare for my professional career. I also enjoyed the quality and competitive level of Division III basketball. It is easy to become a part of the more than 52 organizations and athletic/cheerleading groups."*

**BENNY ROBERTS**  
Sociology Major



## ANTHROPOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY

Webster courses in anthropology and sociology will help you develop a multicultural understanding of the historical and current human experience, as well as the analytical skills necessary for critically evaluating the diversity of human belief systems, both past and present. Throughout history, human groups have employed a variety of methods to deal with the complexities of social life, social order, and social change.

Anthropology at its core is the study of human cultures, with a focus on cross-cultural analysis of human groups and the diversity of peoples. Sociology focuses on human behavior in larger group settings, covering issues such as conformity, leadership, prejudice, decision-making, and attitude influence.

In both anthropology and sociology, the research and analytical component will prepare you to tackle future career goals or advanced degree programs in more specialized fields in the social sciences.

## SOCIAL SCIENCES

The degree in Social Science encompasses all the disciplines within Webster's Department of Behavioral and Social Sciences. Students are required to take several classes from each discipline in order to gain a general understanding of the behavioral sciences. This interdisciplinary design allows students to study human societies from many perspectives such as culture, gender, evolution, and family structures. This major is popular for students who desire a broad social science understanding.

As with all of our disciplines, social science graduates pursue a wide variety of post-graduate opportunities, from law school or governmental professions to sociological research, business or academic careers. Some pursue careers in education, social service, museums, historical societies, non-profit organizations, or corporations, while others are preparing for admission to graduate school.

In addition to the required courses in their major, the departmental faculty strongly encourage students to explore courses in our interdisciplinary programs (Human Rights, Women's Studies, International Studies, Multicultural Studies, Ancient Studies, Environmental Studies, Latin American Studies, Practical and Interdisciplinary Ethics, Liberal Arts), language studies (writing, a second language, communications), and applied technology (computer skills, media, film).

Minors also can be declared in anthropology, psychology, and sociology.



Webster's new state-of-the-art, \$22- million Emerson Library features a 24-hour cyber café, online work stations, electronic classroom, and much more.

## Honor Society Clubs Popular

Available to students in the Behavioral and Social Sciences Department are the national honor societies in anthropology, psychology, sociology and legal studies. Students who show promise in their field of study and maintain a high grade point average can seek induction into their respective honor societies based on their achievements.

The honor societies are:

- Lambda Alpha — anthropology
- Psi Chi — psychology
- Alpha Kappa Delta — sociology
- Lambda Epsilon Chi — legal studies



*"The anthropology and sociology programs are very interesting because we learn about different cultures and diversity. Webster's study abroad opportunities are also fantastic. That has been the best experience I've had. Everyone at Webster's Netherlands campus is very laid back. It's a great cultural enlightenment. I also liked Leiden's cafés, pubs, market, and incredible spring weather."*

**JOSEPH SCHAPPE**  
**Anthropology/Sociology Major**

## POSITIONS HELD BY OUR GRADUATES:

- Intake Counseling, St. John's Mercy Hospital
- Clinical Therapist
- High School Teacher
- Youth Counselor, YES
- Human Resource Specialist, Monsanto Company
- Independent Film Producer
- Social Worker, Missouri Division of Social Sciences
- Counselor, Logos School
- Probation Officer
- Journalist
- Claims Representative, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Illinois
- Lawyer
- Professor, Harvard University
- Volunteer Coordinator, AmeriCorps
- Executive Director, Nonprofit Organization
- Forensic Anthropologist
- Loan Officer, Commerce Bank
- Motivational Speaker on Self-Esteem
- University Dean
- Research Analyst, Behavioral Medicine, Washington University
- Ranger, U.S. Park Service
- Data Coordinator, Centers for Disease Control
- Case Manager for HIV/AIDS Outreach
- Television Newswriter
- University Admissions Representative
- Oral Historian
- University Financial Aid Officer
- Crisis Worker
- Social Worker, Saint Louis Public Schools
- University Academic Advisor
- Account Executive, Enterprise Leasing
- Outreach Minister
- Teacher, Outward Bound Program
- Police Officer

## GRADUATE SCHOOLS OUR STUDENTS ATTEND:

- Harvard University
- University of Chicago
- Forest Institute of Professional Psychology
- Webster University
- University of Kansas
- Washington University
- Novo University
- Pennsylvania State University
- University of Illinois
- University of Arizona
- McMasters University
- University of Massachusetts
- University of Wisconsin
- Northwestern University
- University of Michigan
- University of Florida
- Southern Illinois University
- Saint Louis University
- University of California
- University of Missouri—Saint Louis
- Stanford University
- University of Missouri—Columbia
- Rutgers University

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*"Webster is a very different kind of university. There's an atmosphere of mutual respect here that is pervasive. It encourages one-on-one discussion and is so conducive to learning. Teaching at Webster is the best job I've ever had."*

**ANNE GERAGHTY-RATHERT**  
**Faculty and Advisor**  
**Associate with Rathert Law Firm**

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