# Program Change Request

## New Program Proposal

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Viewing: **PSYCH-UC4 : Addiction Studies Undergraduate Certificate**

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### In Workflow

1. **S007050 Chair**
2. **Curricular Alignment Check**
3. **Academic Affairs Program Preapproval**
4. **SSCWK Dean**
5. **Senate C&I**
6. **Senate C&I Editing**
7. **FacultySenate**
8. Academic Affairs
9. Registrar Programs

### Approval Path

1. 11/14/25 4:39 pm Matthew Taylor (taylormatt): Approved for S007050 Chair
2. 12/02/25 4:14 pm Keeta Holmes (holmeskm): Approved for Curricular Alignment Check
3. 09/03/26 11:14 am Betsy Sampson (sampsone): Rollback to Curricular Alignment Check for Academic Affairs Program Preapproval

4. 10/08/26 1:52 pm Keeta Holmes (holmeskm): Approved for Curricular Alignment Check
5. 10/16/26 9:51 am Betsy Sampson (sampsone): Approved for Academic Affairs Program Preapproval
6. 10/16/26 12:30 pm Sharon Johnson (johnsonsha): Approved for SSCWK Dean
7. 11/09/26 3:03 pm Ho Kim (kimho): Approved for Senate C&I
8. 11/10/26 10:46 am Betsy Sampson (sampsone): Approved for Senate C&I Editing

*To be completed by Academic Affairs*

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| Title | Addiction Studies Undergraduate Certificate |
| Program Type | Certificate |
| College/School | |
| Department | |
| Academic Level | Undergraduate |
| CIP Code | 34.0104 - 34.0104 |
| Effective CAT | 2025-26 |

Program Requirements and Description as it will appear in the bulletin.

# Program Description

The UM-St. Louis Undergraduate Certificate Program in Addiction Studies requires 15 credits of coursework and is for students seeking to specialize in addressing alcohol and drug use issues across various professional settings and organizations. Students will learn about the systems, institutions, and policies surrounding substance use harm reduction, treatment, and recovery services, as well as possibilities for career paths to improve lives among people and communities impacted by addiction.

All course prerequisites are included within the program of study. Some courses are offered each academic year but may not be offered every semester. Students should plan accordingly. The Coordinator of the Addiction Studies Certificate must approve substitute coursework.

# Program Requirements

Students must complete at least 9 credit hours in residence at UM-St. Louis.

Up to 9 credit hours of coursework can apply to the major program of study (e.g., Psychology).

Up to 6 credit hours of coursework can apply to a minor or another certificate program.

| Course Number | Title | Hours |
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| **Required Courses** | | |
| PSYCH 1003 | General Psychology (MOTR PSYC 100) | 3 |
| SOC/CRIMIN 2180 | Alcohol, Drugs and Society | 3 |
| PSYCH 2245 | Psychological Disorders | 3 |
| PSYCH 3850 | Multicultural Psychology and Mental Health | 3 |
| PSYCH 4275 | Drug Use and Addiction: People, Policy, and Practice | 3 |
| Total Hours | | 15 |

If other departments are affected by this proposal, please secure "sign-offs" and indicate for each department the following:

| Department | Contact Person | Phone # | Objections |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sociology | Jim Craig | | No |
| Criminology & Criminal Justice | Christopher Sullivan | | No |
| Social Work | Lori Curtis | | No |
| Political Science | David Kimball | | No |
| Nursing | Cara Doerr | | No |

Program Learning Outcomes

| Learning Outcomes |
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| Describe the behavioral, biomedical, psychological, socioeconomic, cultural, and other factors that influence problems associated with drug and alcohol use. |
| Demonstrate respect for members of diverse groups with sensitivity to issues of power, privilege, and discrimination, as well as recognize various sources of expertise based on academic, service, and/or lived experience with substance use and addiction. |
| Evaluate healthcare practices and societal responses to individuals, families, and communities impacted by problems associated with substance use and substance use-related laws and policies. |
| Summarize ethical issues in healthcare, civic, and community programs to address the needs of individuals who use substances. |
| Explain how knowledge and skills from addiction studies apply to a range of workplace settings and civic engagement. |

Attachments AddictionStudiesCurriculum Map8-28-2026.xlsx

This program will be developed with the intention of delivery in the following delivery modes (choose all that apply)

Face to face

Justification for request:

The 15-credit-hour Undergraduate Certificate in Addiction Studies adds a concrete credential for future work in this field. It functions well as a stand-alone certificate for individuals already employed in the field of addiction services. This undergraduate certificate is designed to serve as a gateway to a 4-year degree for individuals with an Associate in Arts (AA) degree. It can be pursued in conjunction with several different major areas of study. It will also pair well with UMSL minor degree programs for individuals completing a Bachelor of Liberal Studies (BLS) degree. An Undergraduate Certificate in Addiction Studies will afford future career opportunities in community agencies and healthcare settings that provide a range of addiction prevention, treatment, and recovery services. The development of this undergraduate certificate has been supported by an R15 award to Dr. Rachel Winograd (Principal Investigator), “Opioid Use Disorder Pharmaceutical Treatments: Investigating a Model and Measure of Intervention Stigma toward Medication (OPTIMISM)” from the National Institute on Drug Abuse under the National Institutes of Health.

Program Reviewer Comments

**Betsy Sampson (sampsone) (09/03/26 11:14 am):** Rollback: Hi Keeta, we have added the updated curriculum curriculum map and learning outcomes to the program.

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