

# Community Psychology

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Community psychology explores person-environment interactions in order to better understand the ways in which society affects individuals, as well as the ways in which individuals impact society. Understanding these relationships then enables us to develop interventions and strategies that empower individuals, facilitate collaboration within communities, and promote constructive social change. The ultimate purpose of community psychology is to optimize the well-being of both individuals and communities.

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#### Bachelor of Arts in Community Psychology - Minor Required

Code	Title	Credits
General Education Core ( <a href="https://catalognow.msun.edu/general-education-core/general-education-core/">https://catalognow.msun.edu/general-education-core/general-education-core/</a> )		33
<b>Required Courses</b>		
CMLD 101	Intro to Community Leadership	3
CMLD 260	Fndtns of Civil Engagement	3
CMLD 301	Concepts in Comm Leadership	3
COMX 412	Communication and Conflict	3
CMLD 355	Dsgn Comm Based Programs	3
CMLD 360	Evaluation Comm Base Prog	3
CMLD 401	Seminar in Comm Leadership	3
PSYX 100	Intro to Psychology	3
SOCI 101	Introduction to Sociology	3
COMX 212 or SOCI 315	Intro to Intercultural Comm Race, Gndr, & Ethnic Relations	3
PHIL 210	Ethics	3
COMX 210	Communication in Small Groups	3
COMX 320	Prin of Organizational Comm	3
WRIT 338	Public Relations Writing	3
WRIT 328	Media Literacy	3
PSYX 217	Community Psychology	3
PSYX 360	Social Psychology	3
PSYX 361	Industrial Organizational Psyx	3
PSYX 362	Multicultural Psychology	3
PSYX 305	Ecological Psychology	3
<b>Total minimum credits required for degree/minor</b>		<b>120</b>