Trauma Studies
Undergraduate Certificate

The undergraduate Certificate Program in Trauma Studies is an interdisciplinary program requiring 18 credits of training across a minimum of 3 disciplines. This certificate is appropriate for students who want to specialize in working in a variety of professional settings with individuals who have been exposed to potentially traumatic events (e.g., physical and sexual assault, intimate partner violence, child abuse and neglect, community and gun violence, war, natural disasters). Students develop knowledge and competencies related to trauma exposure, posttraumatic growth, trauma-related difficulties including PTSD, and implications for working across a variety of professional settings.

Many but not all of the courses required by the Certificate Program in Trauma Studies have prerequisites. Some students may satisfy prerequisites by virtue of their prior curriculum and their major program of study. When this is not the case, students are responsible for satisfying the prerequisites.

All students must take at least one course offered by 3 different departments (including their home department).

Up to 9 credit hours of coursework can apply to the major program of study. Certificate Coordinator’s approval is required for trauma certificate courses to be double-counted towards another undergraduate certificate program at UM-St. Louis.

Required Course:
PSYCH/GS 3232 Psychology of Trauma 3

Select three to five of the following: 9-15
CRIMIN/SOC 4300 Communities and Crime
CRIMIN/GS 4330 Violence Against Women
CRIMIN/SOC/POL SCI/ MVS 4345 War Crimes, Genocide, and Justice in the 20th and 21st Centuries
CRIMIN 4350 Victimology
PSYCH/GERON 3280 Psychology of Death and Dying
PSYCH/CAST 3290 Traumatic Stress in Childhood and Adolescence
PSYCH/CAST/SOC WK 4398 Child Maltreatment: A Multidisciplinary Approach
SOC WK/GS 4610 Intimate Partner Violence

Choose up to two courses from the following: 6
CRIMIN 1120 Criminal Law
CRIMIN 2240 Policing
CRIMIN 2251 Youth Gangs
CRIMIN 3230 Crime Prevention
CRIMIN/GS/SOC 4325 Gender, Crime, and Justice
CRIMIN 4340 Race, Crime, and Justice
ED PSY 3312
CNS ED 3200 Interpersonal Skills in Helping Relationships
MVS 2100/SOC 2801
NURSE 3060 Behavioral Health Concepts

Total Hours 18

Please seek approval of the Coordinator of the Trauma Studies Certificate in advance.

Special Topics courses relevant to trauma studies may be included in the certificate when approved in advance by the coordinator of the trauma studies certificate.