

# Orphans and Vulnerable Children

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The Orphans and Vulnerable Children major is an innovative “problem-focused major” where students can start with the challenges of a global orphan crisis and take courses designed to equip them to intervene in meaningful ways. It is designed to pair easily with a complementary discipline. By design, this interdisciplinary major includes elements of developmental psychology, global health, principles of community development, working with families, assessment, and skills in philanthropy. This major will prepare students to enter into the challenges presented by a world with millions of at-risk children and communities. Students will gain an understanding of issues that range from the development of the individual (including exposure to trauma and violence), to global health and policy issues, to assessing intervention efforts at all levels. Service-learning through practicums and research provide opportunities to apply learning in a hands-on environment and create opportunities for students to contribute to the field as emerging scholars.

## Orphans and Vulnerable Children (BA)

The Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Orphans and Vulnerable Children requires two years of one foreign language and 51 major hours. All major courses must be completed with a grade of C- or better and are included in the major GPA.

### Major Requirements

ANT 280	3	Anthropology of Study Abroad, Short-term Mission, and Tourism
IAS 310	3	Philanthropy and Grant-Writing
OVC 110	3	Introduction to Working with Orphans and Vulnerable Children
OVC 220	3	Violence Against Children
OVC 230	3	Monitoring and Evaluation 1: Data Collection
OVC 330	3	Monitoring and Evaluation 2: Data Analysis
OVC 393	3	Practicum (global focus)
OVC 393	3	Practicum (United States focus)
OVC 493	3	Senior Capstone
PBH 110	3	Global Health
SWK 355	3	Helping Troubled Families

Select one course from the following:

PSY 240	3	Child Psychology
PSY 250	3	Life Span Development

Select one course from the following:

PSY 305	3	Behavior Problems of Children and Adolescents
SED 220	3	Exceptional Children

Select one course from the following:

POS 331	3	Public Policy
SWK 362	3	Social Policy

Select three additional courses totaling at least 9 credits from one of the following areas: PBH, PSY, SED, SOC/ANT, SWK, or approved Missions. A minimum of 6 credits must be upper-division (300/400).

## Orphans and Vulnerable Children (BS)

The Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Orphans and Vulnerable Children requires 57 major hours. All major courses must be completed with a grade of C- or better and are included in the major GPA.

### Major Requirements

ANT 280	3	Anthropology of Study Abroad, Short-term Mission, and Tourism
IAS 310	3	Philanthropy and Grant-Writing
OVC 110	3	Introduction to Working with Orphans and Vulnerable Children
OVC 220	3	Violence Against Children
OVC 230	3	Monitoring and Evaluation 1: Data Collection
OVC 330	3	Monitoring and Evaluation 2: Data Analysis
OVC 393	3	Practicum (global focus)
OVC 393	3	Practicum (United States focus)
OVC 493	3	Senior Capstone
PBH 110	3	Global Health
PBH 370	3	Special Topics (advisor approved)
SWK 355	3	Helping Troubled Families

Select one course from the following:

PSY 240	3	Child Psychology
PSY 250	3	Life Span Development

Select one course from the following:

PSY 305	3	Behavior Problems of Children and Adolescents
SED 220	3	Exceptional Children

Select one course from the following:

POS 331	3	Public Policy
SWK 362	3	Social Policy

### Electives

Select four additional courses totaling at least 12 credits from one of the following areas: PBH, PSY, SED, SOC/ANT, SWK, or approved Missions. A minimum of 9 credits must be upper-division (300/400).

## Orphans and Vulnerable Children Minor

A minor in Orphans and Vulnerable Children requires 21 hours. All minor courses must be completed with a grade of C- or better and are included in the minor GPA.

### Minor Requirements

OVC 110	3	Introduction to Working with Orphans and Vulnerable Children
OVC 220	3	Violence Against Children
OVC 393	3	Practicum

Select one course from the following:

PBH 110	3	Global Health
PBH 370	3	Special Topics (advisor approved)

Select one course from the following:

PSY 240	3	Child Psychology
PSY 250	3	Life Span Development

Select one course from the following:

PSY 305	3	Behavior Problems of Children and Adolescents
SED 220	3	Exceptional Children

Select one course from the following:

IAS 310	3	Philanthropy and Grant-Writing
POS 331	3	Public Policy
SWK 362	3	Social Policy

## Orphans and Vulnerable Children Courses

### OVC 110

3 hours

#### Introduction to Working with Orphans and Vulnerable Children

This course serves as the introduction to the field of working with OVC in a variety of settings, exposing students to global needs and best practices in terms of addressing those needs. It takes an ecological approach to understand the child in a vulnerable context. Topics include orphan care, adoption, foster care, trafficking, and refugees. This course also includes theological and ethical approaches to care.

### OVC 170

1-4 hours

#### Selected Topics

A course offered on a subject of interest but not listed as a regular course offering.

### OVC 220

3 hours

#### Violence Against Children

This course introduces students to the global epidemic of violence against children. It will explore causes and consequence of violence at the individual and systemic level. Topics will cover human rights of children, violence in the home, violence in the work-place, and violence in the community.

### OVC 230

3 hours

#### Monitoring and Evaluation 1: Data Collection

This course provides students with an introduction to methods in monitoring and evaluation. It will focus on designing research that would establish both efficacy and effectiveness. Students will be trained in how to collect data designed to measure program and intervention objectives. Attention is given to working with stakeholders and beneficiaries, with particular focus on respecting the rights and welfare of all those involved. Both qualitative and quantitative methods will be taught.

### OVC 270

1-4 hours

#### Selected Topics

A course offered on a subject of interest but not listed as a regular course offering.

### OVC 330

3 hours

#### Monitoring and Evaluation 2: Data Analysis

This course equips students with specific statistical procedures related to monitoring and evaluation. Students will be trained in presenting results in both oral and written format, with a focus on client consultation. In addition, qualitative analysis will be taught.

### OVC 360

1-4 hours

#### Independent Study

An individualized, directed study involving a specified topic.

### OVC 370

1-4 hours

#### Selected Topics

A course offered on a subject of interest but not listed as a regular course offering.

### OVC 393

1-4 hours

#### Practicum

Supervised learning involving a first-hand field experience or a project. Generally, one hour of credit is awarded for a minimum of 40 hours of practicum experience. Offered primarily during summer.

### OVC 450

1-4 hours

#### Directed Research

Investigative learning involving closely directed research and the use of such facilities as the library or laboratory.

### OVC 480

3 hours

#### Seminar

Required for senior psychology majors with an emphasis on directed readings and discussion. *The content of the readings and discussions will focus on integrative material in the discipline, as well as contemporary issues confronting not only professional psychologists, but lay persons as well. Offered January interterm.*

### OVC 490

1-2 hours

#### Honors

Individualized study or research of an advanced topic within a student's major. Open to students with at least a 3.00 GPA in the major field.

### OVC 493

3 hours

#### Senior Capstone

This course serves as a culminating learning experience that requires students to develop a senior portfolio that synthesizes the curriculum. Students will be encouraged to work on projects that would lead to focus on selected topics.