

# CIVIL SOCIETY AND COMMUNITY STUDIES

The Department of Civil Society and Community Studies offers a bachelor of science degree in Community and Organizational Development and a PhD in Human Ecology: Civil Society and Community Research. The Community and Organizational Development major prepares its graduates for careers spanning community and organizational development, nonprofit management, social justice activism, community organizing, social entrepreneurship, corporate social responsibility, higher education, government, social service agencies, and more. It also offers excellent preparation for graduate school in areas such as law, medical and public health advocacy, public policy, human ecology, and more. Academic requirements include specialized emphases in human ecology; general studies in humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences; and coursework focused on community impact and social change processes. Students may also engage in complementary coursework, undergraduate certificates, or additional undergraduate majors.

## DEGREES/MAJORS/CERTIFICATES

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- Community and Organizational Development, BS (<http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/human-ecology/civil-society-community-studies/community-organizational-development-bs/>)

## PEOPLE

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For more information, visit the School of Human Ecology Civil Society and Community Studies faculty and staff directory ([https://humanecology.wisc.edu/staff/uw\\_staff\\_type/faculty-staff/sohe-department/civil-society-community-studies/](https://humanecology.wisc.edu/staff/uw_staff_type/faculty-staff/sohe-department/civil-society-community-studies/)).

## RESOURCES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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#### ADVISING & CAREER CENTER

The Advising & Career Center (ACC) fosters undergraduate students' personal, academic, and professional development. Through advising, academic planning, and career education, we support students as they navigate the college experience—from exploring our majors as prospective students to becoming Human Ecology alumni.

#### Academic Advising

Each Human Ecology student is assigned to an academic advisor in the Advising & Career Center. Human Ecology academic advisors support academic and personal success by partnering with current and prospective Human Ecology students as they identify and clarify their educational

goals, develop meaningful academic plans, and pursue their own Wisconsin Experience.

To explore academic advising resources or schedule an appointment with an academic advisor, visit Advising in Human Ecology (<https://advising.humanecology.wisc.edu/>).

#### Career Development

Each Human Ecology student is assigned to a career advisor in the Advising & Career Center. Active engagement in the career development process is a vital component of a student's personal growth in college and future success as a lifelong learner, professional, and global citizen. Human Ecology career advisors help prepare students for life post-graduation through advising and integration of career readiness throughout our curriculum.

To explore career development resources or schedule an appointment with a Human Ecology career advisor, visit Career Development (<https://advising.humanecology.wisc.edu/careers/scheduling/>).

### SCHOLARSHIPS AND OTHER FINANCIAL RESOURCES

The School of Human Ecology awards many merit and need-based scholarships each year. Students can learn more about these opportunities on the Human Ecology scholarships webpage (<https://humanecology.wisc.edu/academics/scholarships/>). To be eligible for these awards, scholarship recipients must be registered as full-time Human Ecology students. For further questions on the scholarship application, please contact the School of Human Ecology Scholarship Coordinator at [scholarships@sohe.wisc.edu](mailto:scholarships@sohe.wisc.edu).

Students who experience personal challenges or emergency financial situations may inquire about the availability of short-term loans (<https://humanecology.wisc.edu/academics/scholarships/#emergency:~:text=-,Emergency%20financial%20support,-Students%20experiencing%20specific>) with the Human Ecology Academic Deans (<https://advising.humanecology.wisc.edu/academic-dean-services/>) ([deansservices@sohe.wisc.edu](mailto:deansservices@sohe.wisc.edu)). In addition, university scholarships, loans, and employment are available through the Office of Student Financial Aid (<https://financialaid.wisc.edu/>) (333 East Campus Mall #9701; 608-262-3060).