





Human Services (HSRV) 489

Capstone: A Synthesis of Program Learning Outcomes (Revision 1)

Status:

Replaced with new revision, see the [course listing](#)  for the current revision 

Delivery mode:

Individualized study online 

Credits:

3

Areas of study:

Arts or Social Science

Prerequisites:

All other courses in the HSRV major degree program are completed.**

Precluded:

None

Challenge:

HSRV 489 is not available for challenge.

Faculty:

[Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences](#) 

Notes:

*Professor approval is required.

**A maximum of three other 3-credit options/ elective courses may be taken concurrently with HSRV 489 as the final courses to

complete the degree (12 credits in total).
HSRV major "required" courses may not be
taken concurrently with HSRV 489.

Overview

A capstone course is the culminating event of a course of study, usually taken at the end of a program. It provides an opportunity for students to demonstrate all that has been learned in the program.

Capstone experiences are superior examples of engagement through the integration of learning, knowledge, and application.

Capstone courses promote:

- Coherence among a variety of course materials
- Integration and connection between electives, options, and majors
- Synthesis of thought
- Development of organizational skills and critical thinking
- Integration of personal reflection and experiences into the curriculum
- Preparation for future study
- Effective planning strategies for life, work, and study

Because this course is intended to demonstrate **all** of the learning outcomes in the Human Services major, professor approval will only be given when the student has completed all other courses, or if the course is taken concurrently with no more than three other final courses to complete their degree. HSRV 489 is the final course in the student's program.

Outline

The 5 steps below comprise the HSRV 489 capstone.

Step 1 - Getting Started

You will first skim through the materials and then arrange a learning contract with your tutor. You will make decisions about how you will put your material together by strategizing your approach to the development of your capstone project.

Step 2 - Foundations: Identifying relevant program outcomes

Next you will revisit the program's learning outcomes, and select several of them for further use.

Step 3 - Making Meaning of Chosen Program Outcomes

You will then apply personal reflection and critical thinking to the relation between the program's expectations as derived from its program learning outcomes and your individualized learning.



Step 4 - Synthesis and Integration of Individualized Learning

This step consolidates your individualized learning, integrating and synthesizing it into a final form.

Step 5 - Communication of the Synthesis


The capstone learning process culminates in a communication of what has been learned.

Evaluation


To **receive credit**  for HSRV 489, you must complete four graded assignments and achieve an overall course composite grade of **D (50 percent)**  or higher. The weightings for each assignment are as follows.

Activity	Weight
Assignment 1	30%
Assignment 2	20%
Assignment 3	20%

Activity	Weight
Assignment 4	30%
Total	100%





To learn more about assignments and examinations, please refer to Athabasca University's [online Calendar](#) .

Materials

This course either does not have a course package or the textbooks are open-source material and available to students at no cost. This course has a [Course Administration and Technology Fee](#) , but students are not charged the Course Materials Fee.

All course materials will be accessed online.

Important links

- › [Academic advising](#) 
- › [Program planning](#) 
- › [Request assistance](#) 
- › [Support services](#) 

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