

Associate in Applied Science in Social Work

Program Outcomes

Upon completion of this degree, students will have experienced a broad introduction to the field of social work. In coordination with the general education components, students will be able to communicate effectively in a variety of situations in the field, demonstrate knowledge of and apply behavioral science principles in a variety of cultural contexts, and appreciate the role of values in diverse cultural settings.

Employment Opportunities or Additional Educational Options

This degree prepares students to work in the field while attaining a higher-level degree. The National Association of Social Workers provides the following as career options: case management aide, community outreach worker, gerontology aide, intake specialist, social work assistant, and victims advocate associate. Students should meet with their advisor frequently to discuss their specific needs.

To Learn More About This Program

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Degree Requirements

To earn this degree, students must have an overall GPA of 2.0 or higher, complete a minimum of 60 credit hours, and fulfill the course requirements of the program listed below. Students are permitted to complete a higher-level math course than shown below. Each general education course, prerequisite course, internship, and capstone course must be completed with a final grade of "C" or better.

General Education Courses

COMMUNICATIONS

Course ID	Course	Credits
ENGL 103 or ENGL 103W	Freshman English 2 (or with workshop)	3 to 4 credits
ENGL 104	Freshman English 3	3 credits
SPEE 102	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3 credits

MATHEMATICS

Course ID	Course	Credits
MATH 150	Statistics	4 credits

NATURAL SCIENCE

Course ID	Course	Credits
BIOL 110	Human Biology	4 credits
ENST 112	Environmental Science	4 credits

SOCIAL SCIENCE

Course ID	Course	Credits
PSYC 101	General Psychology	3 credits
POSC 201	American Government	3 credits

HUMANITIES

Course ID	Course	Credits
SOCI 240	Minority Groups in America	3 credits
PHIL 210	Introduction to Ethics	4 credits

Major-specific Required Courses

Course ID	Course	Credits
EDUC 120	Educational Exploration and Planning	1 credit
EDUC 215	Human Development and Learning	3 credits
PHED 103	Life Wellness	2 credits
SOCI 201	Principles of Sociology	3 credits
SOCI 203	Marriage and Family	3 credits
SOWK 100	Intro to Social Work	3 credits
SOWK 120	Social Work/Interview Skills	3 credits
SOWK 200	Social Welfare	3 credits
SOWK 240	Field Experience	3 credits

Complete one course from the list below

Course ID	Course	Credits
ECON 201	Macroeconomics	3 credits
PSYC 205	Child Psychology	3 credits
PSYC 260	Abnormal Psychology	3 credits
SOWK 205	Theories and Methods of Practice 1	3 credits

Total Program Credits: 61

Additional Notes About the A.A.S. in Social Work Program

- A prerequisite course may be needed prior to enrollment in some courses within this program. Specific prerequisite requirements are listed in the Course Description section in the Course Catalog. A summary of the prerequisites are listed below in the Example Course Sequence.
- This program as outlined meets MTA requirements.
- Students should use caution when selecting electives as some courses may only transfer to one or two known schools (e.g., SOWK 205 will only transfer to Ferris State University).
- Courses taken out of sequence may delay a student's ability to complete the program in a timely manner. Please consult your advisor regularly.
- Each student should submit a graduation application at least one full semester before he/she plans to graduate.
- This program is subject to change. Students should consult with their advisor for program updates.

Example Course Sequence

The following is a sample of a semester-by-semester approach to completing this program.

FIRST SEMESTER

Courses	Credits	Prerequisites (Minimum Grade of "C" Required)
EDUC 120 Educational Exploration and Planning	1 credit	ENGL 115 or test score (concurrent enrollment allowed)
ENGL 103 or ENGL 103W Freshman English 2 (or with workshop)	3 to 4 credits	ENGL 115 or test score (concurrent enrollment allowed)
MATH 150 Statistics	4 credits	MATH 101, MATH 102, or test score
SOWK 100 Introduction to Social Work	3 credits	None
SPEE 102 Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3 credits	None

SECOND SEMESTER

Courses	Credits	Prerequisites (Minimum Grade of "C" Required)
BIOL 110 Human Biology	4 credits	ENGL 115 or test score (concurrent enrollment allowed)
ENGL 104 Freshman English 3	3 credits	ENGL 103 or ENGL 103W
PSYC 101 General Psychology	3 credits	ENGL 115 or test score (concurrent enrollment allowed)
SOCI 201 Principles of Sociology	3 credits	ENGL 115 or test score (concurrent enrollment allowed)
SOWK 120 Social Work/Interview Skills	3 credits	SPEE 102

THIRD SEMESTER

Courses	Credits	Prerequisites (Minimum Grade of "C" Required)
EDUC 215 Human Development and Learning	3 credits	PSYC 101
ENST 112 Environmental Science	4 credits	None
PHIL 210 Introduction to Ethics	4 credits	ENGL 103 or ENGL 103W
POSC 201 American Government	3 credits	ENGL 115 or test score (concurrent enrollment allowed)
PHED 103 Life Wellness	2 credits	None

FOURTH SEMESTER

Courses	Credits	Prerequisites (Minimum Grade of "C" Required)
SOCI 203 Marriage and Family	3 credits	ENGL 115 or test score (concurrent enrollment allowed)
SOCI 240 Minority Groups in America	3 credits	ENGL 103 or ENGL 103W
SOWK 200 Social Welfare	3 credits	SOWK 100 and SOWK 120
SOWK 240 Field Experience	3 credits	SOWK 100; SOWK 120; completion of 45 credit hours including specific SOWK courses; recommendation of program advisor
Program Elective	3 credits	See Course Descriptions for Details