

# 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, fulfill the course requirements of the program listed below, and complete a minimum of 60 credit hours. Additionally, each general education course must be completed with a minimum grade of "C." Courses marked with an asterisk may be substituted for different courses with approval. Talk to an advisor for specific details.

## General Education Courses

### COMMUNICATIONS

Course ID	Course	Credits
ENGL 103 or 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

### Additional Notes About the AAS 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)
ENGL 103 or 103W Freshman English 2 (or with workshop)	3 to 4 credits	CRIT 103, CRIT 103W, or test scores (concurrent enrollment allowed); ENGL 101 or test score
EDUC 120 Educational Exploration and Planning	1 credit	CRIT 103, CRIT 103W, or test scores (concurrent enrollment allowed)
MATH 150 Statistics	4 credits	MATH 101, MATH 102, or test scores
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	CRIT 103, CRIT 103W, or test scores (concurrent enrollment allowed)
ENGL 104 Freshman English 3	3 credits	ENGL 103 or ENGL 103W
PSYC 101 General Psychology	3 credits	CRIT 103, CRIT 103W, or test scores (concurrent enrollment allowed)
SOCI 201 Principles of Sociology	3 credits	CRIT 103, CRIT 103W, or test scores (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	CRIT 103, CRIT 103W, or test scores (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	CRIT 103, CRIT 103W, or test scores (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