



Southwestern Michigan College

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Western Michigan University Social Work Curriculum Guide

Pre-Social Work requirements:

- Students who wish to major in social work will be admitted to the pre-social work curriculum at the time of admission to the University. This status does not guarantee admission to the professional social work curriculum.
- Upon completion of 30 credit hours of college level coursework and completion, or current enrollment in **SWRK 2100** (Social Work Services and Professional Roles), which is equivalent to **SOWK 100 at SMC**, students may apply for admission to the School of Social Work. To submit the application, the student must have already been admitted to WMU. **Application deadlines** are **March 15** and **September 15** of each year.
- Please see the WMU social work website <http://wmich.edu/socialwork> for more details on how to apply to the program.
- Students must present a minimum 2.5 GPA to apply to the professional program. Selection is based on several criteria and is competitive, therefore 2.5 is a minimum and may not result in admission.

General education requirements (WES):

- Students must fulfill the **Western Essential Studies (WES)** requirements for graduation from WMU. Please see the [WES transfer guide](#). Your community college advisor should be able to help you with this information.
- Please note, in the list below, that some of the required support courses (required of all social work majors) will also take care of some of the WES requirements.

Required support courses:

WMU credits

SWRK 2100
COM 1040
ECON 2010
BIOS 1100|1120 or 1610
PSCI 2000
PSY 1000

SMC courses

SOWK 100 (Inquiry & Engagement)
SPEE 102 (Oral & Digital Communication)
ECON 202 (Quantitative Literacy)
BISC 111 or BIOL 101 (BISC 111 - Scientific Literacy w/Lab)
POSC 201 (Inquiry & Engagement)
PSYC 101 (Science & Technology)

SOC 2000
STAT 1600

SOCI 201 (Inquiry & Engagement)
MATH 150 (Quantitative Literacy)

Additional course options:

SWRK 3200
SWRK 3000

SOWK 120
SOWK 200

Important notes:

- Students enrolled in the social work curriculum are required to complete a major consisting of 38 credit hours, required support courses of 22-24 credits, and 6 credits of research, totaling 66-68 hours.
- Also, part of the curriculum is a 400-hour internship at a human service agency.
- We are frequently asked whether foreign language is required of social work students. It is not required by the social work department, although it would be a good skill to have.

Contact information:

We look forward to sharing more details about our programs. Please contact us:

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wmich.edu/socialwork/advising

We offer virtual, phone and in-person appointments.