



Jackson 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 enrollment in **SWRK 2100** (Social Work Services and Professional Roles), which is equivalent to **SWK 292 at JC**, 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 courses

SWRK 2100  
COM 1040  
ECON 2010  
BIOS 1100|1120 or 1610  
PSCI 2000  
PSY 1000  
SOC 2000  
STAT 1600

#### Jackson courses

SWK 292 (Inquiry and Engagement)  
COM 231 or 234 (Oral & Digital Communication)  
ECN 232 (Quantitative Literacy)  
BIO 110 or 162 (110 meets Scientific Literacy w/Lab)  
PLS 141 (Inquiry & Engagement)  
PSY 130 (Science & Technology)  
SOC 231 (Inquiry & Engagement)  
MAT 133 or CIS 203 (Science & Technology)

**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 credit 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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