

SOCIAL SCIENCE/SOCIAL WORK

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS

If you're looking for a career with meaning, action, diversity, satisfaction, and an abundance of options, consider social work. Social workers are people who care about people, who want to make things better, who want to relieve suffering, who want their work to make a difference (Careers.socialworkers.org).

Social workers work in social services, hospitals, mental health facilities, hospice centers, and schools. They work with children, the elderly, veterans, people with medical, behavioral, and mental health issues, individuals with substance abuse issues, and those on probation or parole. Social workers act as case workers, administrators, and counselors.

Concentration Requirements 16

<input type="checkbox"/>	ECON	101	Issues in Today's Economy	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	PSYC	101	General Psychology	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	SOCI	101	Sociology	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	SOCI	112	Introduction to Social Work	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	SOCI	122	Basic Helping Skills	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	SOCI	123	Basic Helping Skills Experience	1

General Education Requirements 47

<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM	101	Fundamentals of Speech	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENGL	101	English Composition I	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENGL	102	English Composition II	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	MATH	115	College Algebra	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	PED	116	Lifetime Fitness	1
<input type="checkbox"/>			Physical Science Elective with Lab	5
<input type="checkbox"/>			Natural Science Elective with Lab	5
<input type="checkbox"/>			Humanities Electives (from at least three areas)	12
<input type="checkbox"/>			Social and Behavioral Science Electives	6
<input type="checkbox"/>			General Education Electives	6

Credits Required: 63

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Recommended Course Sequence

SEM 1: ECON 101, SOCI 101

SEM 2: PSYC 101

SEM 3: SOCI 112(offered in the fall semester)

SEM 4: SOCI 122, SOCI 123(offered in the spring semester)

After Graduation

This Associate's degree is designed for students who plan to transfer to a four-year college. Entry level positions in the field are available with an Associate's degree. However, there are greater opportunities for those with further education. Accredited Bachelor's programs prepare students for Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker (LBSW) certification, which expands employment opportunities. A graduate degree in the field opens the doors to becoming a counselor with private practice options.

Overall employment of social workers is projected to grow 12 percent from 2014 to 2024, faster than the average for all occupations.

*Students should be aware that criminal background checks are required for most social work positions, as well as for Bachelor's and graduate education programs. A criminal conviction or past infraction does not always mean that licensure will be denied. It can depend on the seriousness of the crime and other circumstances or mitigating factors. For information on wages, job outlook, and more see: <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/community-and-social-service/mobile/social-workers.htm>

Courses designated as Physical Science, Natural Science, Humanities, Social Behavioral and General Education electives can be found on page 82.

Placement Tests or pre-requisites are required for English Composition I, Math courses and most General Education Electives. See page 31 for complete Placement information. All first-time, full-time students with fewer than 15 credit hours after high school graduation are required to enroll in the College Success Skills course during their first semester.

Some courses are not offer each semester. Always make an appointment with your major advisor to enroll each semester.