

SOCIAL WORK

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

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.

Credits Required: 60

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Recommended Course Sequence

- SEM 1:** SOCI 101
- SEM 2:** SWK 101
- SEM 3:** SWK 102, SWK 103
- SEM 4:** SOCI 207

After Graduation

This Associates degree is designed for students who plan to transfer to a four-year college. Entry level positions in the field are available with an Associates 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>

Concentration Requirements	7
<input type="checkbox"/> SWK 101 Introduction to Social Work	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SWK 102 Basic Helping Skills	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SWK 103 Basic Helping Skills Experience	1

Pathway Requirements	36-38
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Written Communication	
<input type="checkbox"/> ENGL 101 English Composition I	3
<input type="checkbox"/> ENGL 102 English Composition II	3

Verbal Communication	
<input type="checkbox"/> COMM 101 Public Speaking	3

Quantitative/Analytic Methods	
Choose one class	
<input type="checkbox"/> _____	3

Human Experience	
Choose one class	
<input type="checkbox"/> _____	3

Human Systems/No companion Elements	
Choose one class	
<input type="checkbox"/> _____	3

Human Systems/Diverse Perspectives	
<input type="checkbox"/> SOCI 101 Sociology	3
<input type="checkbox"/> RELI 101 Comparative World Religions	3

Human Systems/Social Responsibility	
<input type="checkbox"/> POLS 105 American Government	3

Natural World/Scientific Inquiry	
<input type="checkbox"/> BIOL 120 General Biology <i>OR</i>	
BIOL 122 Environmental Life Science	5

Wellness Strategies/No Companion Elements	
Choose one class	
<input type="checkbox"/> _____	1-3

Wellness Strategies/Scientific Inquiry	
<input type="checkbox"/> PSYC 101 General Psychology	3

General Education Electives	15-18
Any General Education Elective:	6-9
<input type="checkbox"/> _____	3
<input type="checkbox"/> _____	3
<input type="checkbox"/> _____	3

Sociology:	
<input type="checkbox"/> SOCI 201 Marriage & Family	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SOCI 203 Social Problems	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SOCI 207 Anthropology	3

Courses designated as Physical Science, Natural Science, Humanities, Social Behavioral and General Education electives can be found on page 92.
Placement Tests or pre-requisites are required for English Composition I, and Math courses. See page 26 for complete Placement information.
Some courses are not offer each semester. Always make an appointment with your major advisor to enroll each semester.