

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
SOCIAL WORK
Associate in Arts OR Associate in Science Degree
Effective WIU 14-15 catalog

The following is a list of courses that satisfy the **Associate in Arts OR Associate in Science Degree** requirements here at Sauk Valley Community College as well as the requirements for the Social Work program at Western Illinois University. Students transferring without the AA or AS Degree or General Education Core may need to complete different general education courses.

GENERAL EDUCATION CORE CURRICULUM

COMMUNICATIONS **9 CREDITS**
*ENG 101, *ENG 103, SPE 131 Effective 6/99, a "C" or better is required.

MATHEMATICS **3 CREDITS**
*Choose one: MAT 115, 203, 204, 205, 220, 221, 230, 240

HUMANITIES AND FINE ARTS **9 CREDITS**
Either PHL 101, 102, or 103 is required

Select two additional courses, one course must be from *Fine Arts*.
Only one course noted with the same letter subscript can be used for Humanities/Fine Arts credit.
Interdisciplinary courses encompassing both the humanities and fine arts may be used for both categories.

Humanities

LAN 262; ENG 160, 201, 203, 204, 212, 215A, 225, 226, 227, 228, 230A;
PHL 101, 102; PHL 104; HUM 150, 210

Fine Arts

ART 118, 119, 120, 121B, 122B; HUM 112; MUS 150, 201; SPE 141, HUM 150, 210

SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES **9 CREDITS**
PSY 103; SOC 111; GOV 163

PHYSICAL AND LIFE SCIENCES **7-8 CREDITS**
BIO 103 required
Select one course in Physical Sciences
CHE 102, 103, 105, GSC 105, 106, 115; PHY 175, 201, 211

SVCC DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

ORIENTATION **1 CREDIT**
FYE 101 (PSY 100 will be accepted if already completed)

PERSONAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT **3 CREDITS**
ART 101, 113; BIO 120; BUS 237; CIS 109; EDU 105; MUS 106, 131, 133, 135, 137, 139, 140,
MUS 155, 160, 215; PED 115 or any 100 level physical education course; SPE 145, 161, 232

MAJOR FIELD REQUIREMENTS

PROFESSIONAL REQUIREMENTS/ELECTIVES **22-23 CREDITS**

SOC 200; Additional general education Social and Behavioral Sciences course

FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT: One semester of foreign language is required.

High school credit will not count towards this requirement. Spanish is recommended.

MULTICULTURAL REQUIREMENT: *PHL 104 OR SOC 116

*PHL 104 can fulfill both a Humanities general education as well as the multicultural requirement.
Transfer Electives – SPE 151 recommended

64 TOTAL CREDITS

IMPORTANT APPLICATION INFORMATION ON THE BACK SIDE!

Social Work -- Western Illinois University

The **Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.)** degree program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. The B.S.W. prepares students as generalist social workers for entry level professional employment in social service agencies, providing services to individuals, families, groups, organizations, neighborhoods, and communities. Generalist social workers serve children, adolescents, adults, and elderly persons with a variety of needs. The Social Work curriculum provides students with the opportunity to obtain the knowledge, values, and skills needed for beginning professional practice and for continuation of their studies at the graduate level. This curriculum is built upon and integrates the liberal arts through the basic University General Education requirements.

All students enter social work as a pre-social major (PSW). To be formally admitted to the program as a Social Work (SCLWK) major, students must complete an interview with a faculty member and complete the application packet demonstrating fulfillment of or substantial progress in the following:

Social Work Major Admission Requirements

1. Cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better
2. 30 semester hours of credit to include:
SOC 200 with a grade of C or better (3 hrs.)
BIO 103 (4 hrs.)
ENG 101 (3 hrs.)
PSY 103 (3 hrs.)
SOC 111 (3 hrs.)
3. Provide acceptable documentation of a minimum of 100 hours of volunteer or paid human service experience, such as direct experience with persons using the services provided in medical settings, day care centers, nursing homes, church-related programs, or other similar settings.
4. Complete the Social Work Program application materials, have a personal interview with a member of the Social Work faculty, and complete the Social Work Assessment Exam.
5. Be accepted, on the basis of the application process, by the Social Work faculty. If the application is denied, the student has the right to appeal to the chairperson. The department will consider the appeal as a committee of the whole.

Application Information

The Social Work application will require several writing samples on topics relative to the major including a paper on the student's volunteer/work experiences, the Social Work code of ethics, cheating/ plagiarism, and a personal assessment. The application also includes an interview with a WIU department member. Students interested in this major should contact the department **prior** to transfer in order to complete the application process in a timely manner. All application forms are available on the departmental website at www.wiu.edu/socialwork.

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STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FINAL COURSE ARTICULATION