

General Studies (**G.S.**) courses that are required/recommended for the major or are prerequisites to a major requirement:

BIO 101, Principles of Biology (Required)
ECO 101, Current Issues in the Economy (Required)
ENG 108, College Writing/Research
 or **ETC 200**, Intro to Technical Communication (Required)
MAT 111/E, Introductory Statistics (Recommended)
PSC 101, American National Government (Required)
PSY 101, General Psychology (Required)
SOC 110, Intro to Sociology (Required)

Please consult the university catalog for the complete general studies curriculum and all course options.
<http://catalog.missouriwestern.edu/undergraduate/>

Sample Plan

(This sample plan does not include any developmental coursework or minor courses.)

FRESHMAN YEAR – First Semester			FRESHMAN YEAR – Second Semester		
UNV131	Griffon Edge	1	ENG 108 or ETC 200	College Writing/Research or Introduction to Technical Communication	3
UNV 101	The University Experience	1	BIO 101	Principles of Biology	4
PSC 101	American National Government	3	SOC 110	General Sociology	3
PSY 101	General Psychology	3	COM 104	Oral Communication	3
ENG 104	College Writing/Rhetoric	3	G.S.	Humanities and Fine Arts	3
MAT	G.S. Math (MAT 111/111E Preferred)	3			
Semester Credit Total:		14	Semester Credit Total:		16

SOPHOMORE YEAR – First Semester			SOPHOMORE YEAR – Second Semester		
SWK 250	Introduction to Social Work	4	ECO 101	Current Issues in the Economy	3
SOC 230	Social Problems	3	G.S.	Humanities and Fine Arts	3
Elective	Free Elective	3	Elective	Restricted Elective	3
Elective	Diversity Elective	3	G.S.	Natural Science	4-5
G.S.	Humanities and Fine Arts	3	G.S.	General Studies	1
Semester Credit Total:		15	Semester Credit Total:		14-15

JUNIOR YEAR – First Semester			JUNIOR YEAR – Second Semester		
SWK 330	Human Behavior in the Soc Environment I	3	SWK 430	Human Behavior in the Soc Environment II	3
SWK 350	Social Work Practice I	4	SWK 320	Philosophy & Policy in Social Services I	3
Elective	Restricted Elective	3	SWK 360	Social Work Practice II	3
Elective	Free Elective	3	SOC 400	Race and Ethnic Relations	3
Elective	Diversity Elective	3	Elective	Restricted Elective	3
Semester Credit Total:		16	Semester Credit Total:		15

SENIOR YEAR – First Semester			SENIOR YEAR – Second Semester		
SWK 415	Social Work Practice III	4	SWK 480	SWK Practicum in Social Work	2
SWK 420	Philosophy & Policy in Social Services II	3	SWK 485	Social Work Practicum Seminar	10
Elective	Restricted Elective	3	SWK 470	Program Evaluation	3
Elective	Free Elective (as needed)	2	Semester Credit Total:		15
SOC 460 or CRJ 325	Methods of Social Research or Understanding Research in Crim Just	3			
Semester Credit Total:		15			

Program Admission Requirements

The social work program operates under a selective admissions policy. Students are considered “pre-majors” until they meet the minimum requirements to be accepted as a social work major. Admission to the social work program involves the completion of an application packet. Minimum requirements for admission into the social work program include

- Completion of pre-major courses
 - General Studies math requirements (MAT 111 or MAT 111E preferred)
 - ENG 108 College Writing & Research
Or ETC 200 Intro to Technical Communication (grade C or higher)
 - SOC 230 Social Problems
 - PSC 101 American National Government
 - ECO 101 Current Issues in the Economy
 - BIO 101 Principles of Biology or Equivalent
 - SWK 250 Introduction to Social Work (grade C or higher)
 - SOC 110 Introduction to Sociology (grade C or higher)
 - PSY 101 General Psychology (grade C or higher)
- Must have a minimum GPA of 2.50
- Must have earned a C or better in all completed SWK prefix classes required for the major
- Must agree to and conduct themselves in a manner consistent with accepted professional social work practices and the current NASW Code of Ethics
- Cannot have exhibited behavior (past or present) that will infringe on their present or future ability to adequately fulfill professional social work responsibilities

Students typically complete the social work admissions process during the fall semester of junior year when enrolled in SWK 330 Human Behavior and the Social Environment I/SWK 350 Social Work Practice I. Students must be accepted into the Social Work Program prior to beginning SWK 360 Social Work Practice II unless a student has spoken to the social work faculty advisor and plans to submit his/her application concurrently with taking SWK 360 Social Work Practice II. Admission decisions are based on a student's academic performance, professional, personal and academic conduct, references, and responses to application and interview questions.

The Social Work Program does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, age, creed, ethnic or national origin, disability, political affiliation, or sexual orientation.

In accordance with Council of Social Work Education standards, MWSU does not grant academic credit, course waivers, or field practicum credit for previous life or work experiences.

Once admitted to the social work program, social work majors are expected to maintain professional and academic standards of conduct. The social work program at MWSU reserves the right to place a student on probationary status or remove a student from the major because of violations of these standards (See Social Work Student Handbook).

Program Graduation Requirements

Students pre-admitted into the bachelor degree program (pre-major) have three years to meet admission requirements before moving to the overall 6 time-frame allowed to complete the program requirements.

- Earn a grade of C or higher in all SWK prefix coursework in the major.
- Earn an overall GPA of at least 2.5 and a major GPA of at least 2.0.

University Graduation Requirements

- Earn a minimum of 120 credit hours (100 level and higher, maximum of 6 CED credit hours applicable).
- Earn a minimum of 30 credit hours in upper-division courses. Lower-division transfer courses accepted as meeting upper-division departmental course requirements cannot be used to fulfill this requirement.
- Earn 30 of the last 45 credit hours at MWSU in institutional coursework (exclusive of credit by examination).
- Participate in required departmental and campus wide assessments.
- Fulfill the Missouri Constitution requirement.
- Successfully pass the Missouri Higher Education Civics Achievement exam.