

Westfield State University
Baccalaureate Social Work Program
Required Courses and Sequence of Courses

The Baccalaureate Social Work Program requires that students complete five foundation courses (16 credits), ten social work courses (30 credits), and a two semester field practicum (12 credits). Social Work courses must be taken in the order described below. To take courses beyond the fall of a student's junior year she/he must apply to the program to be a major.¹ Students are strongly encouraged to declare social work as their major before their junior year and be listed as a pre-social work major with a social work faculty member assigned as their advisor.

Prior to Junior Year/Prior to coming to WSU, the student should have completed:

SOCI	0101	Principles of Sociology	(3)
SOCW	0103	Introduction to Social Work and Social Welfare	(3)
POLS	0101	American National Government	(3)
	OR	HIST 0132 US History and Government since 1865	
ECON	0101	Principles of Macroeconomics	(3)
PSYC	0101	Introduction to Psychology	(3)
BIOL	0104	Human Biology	(4)
	OR	BIOL 0106 Biology Today	

During the junior and senior years students will take a majority of the social work classes. Major courses must be taken in sequence. The major cannot be completed in less than four semesters. The average student's schedule would look like the following for their junior and senior years (Please note, junior year classes are offered on a M-W-F schedule and senior year classes are offered on a T-Th schedule to allow M-W-F for completion of the field practicum hours):

Fall Junior Year (9 social work credits)

SOCW	0241	Human Behavior and the Social Environment I	(3)
SOCW	0204	Research Methods in Social Work	(3)
SOCW	0340	Introduction to Generalist Practice	(3)

Student will fill schedule with core courses, electives, and other major/minor courses.

Spring Junior Year (9 social work credits)

SOCW	0242	Human Behavior and the Social Environment II	(3)
SOCW	0301	Advanced Research Methods	(3)
SOCW	0342	Generalist Practice with Individuals	(3)

Student will fill schedule with core courses, electives, and other major/minor courses.

Fall Senior Year (12 social work credits)

SOCW	0343	Generalist Practice with Families and Groups	(3)
SOCW	0351	Field Practicum I	(6)
SOCW	0243	Social Welfare Policy Analysis	(3)

Student will fill schedule with core courses, electives, and other major/minor courses.

Spring Senior Year (9 social work credits)

SOCW	0341	Generalist Practice with Communities and Organizations	(3)
SOCW	0352	Field Practicum II	(6)

Student will fill schedule with core courses, electives, and other major/minor courses.

¹ Application materials are available on-line at: <http://www.wsc.ma.edu/socialwork/>.