

# Westfield State University

## Baccalaureate Social Work Program

### *Required Courses and Sequence of Courses*

The Baccalaureate Social Work (BSW) Program requires that each student complete the following to obtain their BSW degree: 1) *WSU Common Core Curriculum*; 2) *social work foundation courses*; 3) *60 hours of human service experience prior to junior year*; 4) *all social work required courses with a grade of "C" or better*; and 5) *additional electives to complete 120 college credits*.

The BSW Program requires 67 total credits; six foundation courses (19 credits); ten social work courses (30 credits); and a two-semester field practicum and capstone research project (18 credits). To take courses beyond the fall of a student's junior year she/he must apply to the program to be a major. 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.

#### **Foundation Courses** (*Students should complete these prior to Junior Year at WSU*) – 19 credits:

|      |      |   |           |
|------|------|---|-----------|
| 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*     |           |
| EGST | 0101 | Introduction to Comparative Ethnic Studies*         | (3)       |
|      | OR   | EGST 0102 Introduction to Women's & Gender Studies* |           |
| PSYC | 0101 | Introduction to Psychology*                         | (3)       |
| BIOL | 0104 | Human Biology*                                      | (4)       |
|      | OR   | BIOL 0106 Biology Today*                            |           |
|      |      |   | <b>19</b> |

\* - Courses that simultaneously fulfill the common core curriculum.

#### **Social Work Major Courses** (*Courses must be taken in sequence*) – 48 credits:

##### **Fall Junior Year (9 social work credits)**

|  |      |   |          |
|--|------|---|----------|
| SOCW   | 0241 | Human Behavior and the Social Environment I     | (3)      |
| SOCW   | 0204 | Introduction to Research Methods in Social Work | (3)      |
| SOCW   | 0340 | Introduction to Generalist Practice             | (3)      |
| <i>Student will fill schedule with core courses, electives, and other major/minor courses.</i> |      |   | <b>9</b> |

##### **Spring Junior Year (12 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)       |
| SOCW   | 0360 | Diversity and Social Justice                 | (3)       |
| <i>Student will fill schedule with core courses, electives, and other major/minor courses.</i> |      |  | <b>12</b> |

##### **Fall Senior Year (15 social work credits)**

|  |      |  |           |
|--|------|--|-----------|
| SOCW   | 0343 | Generalist Practice with Families and Groups | (3)       |
| SOCW   | 0351 | Social Work Practicum I                      | (7)       |
| SOCW   | 0243 | Social Welfare Policy Analysis               | (3)       |
| SOCW   | 0353 | Senior Capstone I                            | (2)       |
| <i>Student will fill schedule with core courses, electives, and other major/minor courses.</i> |      |  | <b>15</b> |

##### **Spring Senior Year (12 social work credits)**

|  |      |  |           |
|--|------|--|-----------|
| SOCW   | 0341 | Generalist Practice with Communities and Organizations | (3)       |
| SOCW   | 0352 | Social Work Practicum II                               | (7)       |
| SOCW   | 0354 | Senior Capstone II                                     | (2)       |
| <i>Student will fill schedule with core courses, electives, and other major/minor courses.</i> |      |  | <b>12</b> |

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

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**Baccalaureate Social Work Program**  
*Program Completion Plan for Social Work Major in Four Years*

**Fall Freshman Year**

SOCI 0101 Principles of Sociology (3)  
POLS 0101 American National Government  
or HIST 0132 US History and Government since 1865 (3)

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

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**Spring Freshman Year**

PSYC 0101 Introduction to Psychology (3)  
SOCW 0103 Introduction to Social Work and Social Welfare (3)

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

**Fall Sophomore Year**

BIOL 0104 Biology or BIOL 0106 Biology Today (4)

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

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**Spring Sophomore Year**

EGST 0101 Introduction to Comparative Ethnic Studies  
or EGST 0102 Introduction to Women and Gender Studies (3)

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

**Fall Junior Year (9 social work credits)**

SOCW 0241 Human Behav. & the Social Environment I (3)  
SOCW 0204 Intro to 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.*

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**Spring Junior Year (12 social work credits)**

SOCW 0242 Human Behav. & the Social Environment II (3)  
SOCW 0301 Advanced Research Methods (3)  
SOCW 0342 Generalist Practice with Individuals (3)  
SOCW 0360 Diversity & Social Justice (3)

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

**Fall Senior Year (15 social work credits)**

SOCW 0243 Social Policy Analysis (3)  
SOCW 0343 Generalist Practice with Families & Groups (3)  
SOCW 0351 Field Practicum I (7)  
SOCW 0353 Senior Capstone I (2)

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

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**Spring Senior Year (12 social work credits)**

SOCW 0341 Generalist Practice with Communities  
& Organizations (3)  
SOCW 0352 Field Practicum II (7)  
SOCW 0354 Senior Capstone II (2)

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