

## SAMPLE Four-Year Plan B.S. Social Work FALL 2020 Requirements

The curriculum in the social work major is somewhat flexible in that there are some required sequences and it allows students to move through other coursework in many ways. This four-year plan illustrates one possible path a new freshman could take to complete a degree in four years. This is not an official document and is not the only way that a social work degree can be completed in four years. Current students should refer to their individual Academic Advising Report in WINS for specific graduation requirements.

### First Year

Fall Semester	Units
English 101 Intro to College Writing and Reading	3
Math 139 Quantitative Reasoning	3
Gened CORE 130 Individual and Society	3
General Education Elective	3
Intrauniversity 104 New Student Seminar	1
PEGNRL 192 Personal Health and Fitness for Life	1
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>14</b>

Spring Semester	Units
English 102 Intro to College Writing, Reading, Research	3
Social Work 101 Introduction to the Social Work Profession	1
Social Work 102 Introduction to Social Work	3
GenEd CORE 140 Global Perspectives	3
Biology 120 Biological Foundations (GL)	4
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>14</b>

**Notes:** The math and English courses you will take during your first year will depend on UW System placement exam scores. This four-year plan reflects the math and English courses most common for students in this major. All students are encouraged to complete placement testing prior to attending Warhawks SOAR (Student Orientation, Advising, and Registration). Biology 120 is required for the social work major and also satisfies the university lab science (GL) requirement.

**Opportunities:** The Hearts in Action Learning Community is a great option for first-year students interested in the social work major or other helping professions. Interested students can sign up through their housing application or at orientation. For more information, visit [www.uw.edu/fye/learning-community](http://www.uw.edu/fye/learning-community).

### Second Year

Fall Semester	Units
Political Science 141 American Government and Politics	3
Gened CORE 110 World of the Arts	3
BS Math/Stats/CompSci Requirement	3
Minor Course	3
General Education Elective	3
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>15</b>

Spring Semester	Units
Social Work 311 Human Behavior	4
Communication 110 Intro to Human Communication	3
BS Math/Stats/CompSci Requirement	3
U.S. Racial and Ethnic Diversity Course	3
Minor Course	3
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>16</b>

**Notes:** While any student can declare a major in Social Work, students must apply to the Social Work Professional Training program. Admission to the professional training program requires completion of 40 or more college credits, a combined cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.50, completion of Gened CORE 130 or Psychology 211, completion of Social Work 102 with a grade of C or better, and completion of or enrollment in Social work 101 and 311 which must be completed with a C or better.

**Opportunities:** Joining a university-sponsored club and actively participating is strongly encouraged. Involvement in a club or activity will help you develop interpersonal skills, give you the opportunity to learn and practice leadership skills, and adds to your resume. Some clubs that may be of particular interest to Social Work majors include: Social Work Student Organization, Empower, Student Optimist Club, and Best Buddies.



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### Third Year

Fall Semester	Units	Spring Semester	Units
Social Work 371 Social Work Practice 1	3	Social Work 372 Social Work Practice II	3
Gened CORE 390 World of Ideas	3	Social Work 462 Social Welfare Policy	3
BS Lab Science Requirement (non-Biology)	4-5	Minor Course	3
Minor Course	3	Minor Course	3
Minor Course	3	Elective	3
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>16-17</b>	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>15</b>

**Notes:** Social work majors may elect to take a summer course after the third year for additional flexibility in the fourth year.

**Opportunities:** Undergraduate research is not required as part of the social work program but is highly recommended for students who have an interest in attending graduate school in the future. Completing a directed research project with a faculty mentor has many benefits: it develops a student's critical thinking and writing abilities, signals to graduate school programs that a student is prepared for independent research of their own, and it can provide a student with financial support since many undergraduate research opportunities are paid.

### Fourth Year

Fall Semester	Units	Spring Semester	Units
Social Work 473 Social Work Practice III	3	Social Work 493 Social Work Experience	12
Social Work 402 Social Work Research	4	<i>The Social Work Experience course consists of</i>	
Social Work 489 Senior Seminar in Social Work	1	<i>a 480-hour internship at a community agency</i>	
Minor Course	3		
Elective	3	**Elective (if needed to reach 120 credits)	3
**Elective (could also be taken with internship)	0-3		
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>14-17</b>	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>12-15</b>

**Notes:** All students must earn 120 credits to earn a bachelor's degree and all requirements in this program can be completed in fewer than 120 credits. Most students have the opportunity to choose additional courses in the fourth year to expand skills, explore interests, or try something new.

**Opportunities:** LSINDP 399: Career Information in Letters and Sciences is a 1-credit course that focuses on career and graduate school opportunities; identifying skills, strengths, and work values; creating effective job search materials; developing a networking strategy; and planning for a successful post-graduation transition.

**Planning for Graduation:** Students are encouraged to apply for graduation one full semester prior to their intended graduation date. Information about commencement is on the Registrar's Office website (<http://www.uww.edu/registrar/graduation>) and the application for graduation is available to students in the WINS Student Information System.



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