

Social Work

Degree Type

Associate of Arts

Program Description

The Social Work Associate of Arts degree will prepare students with foundational information in the field of Social Work and is designed for those who plan to transfer to a four-year institution for a Bachelor's in Social Work (BSW) or related field. Social work practice consists of the professional application of social work values, principles, and techniques to one or more of the following ends: helping people obtain tangible services; counseling and psychotherapy with individuals, families, and groups; helping communities or groups provide or improve social and health services; and participating in legislative processes. The practice of social work requires knowledge of human development and behavior; social and economic, and cultural institutions; and of the interaction of all these factors.

Social Work is an excellent career choice for those who care about human dignity and social justice. The field is just as diverse as the individuals, families, and communities being served.

The Social Work program offers maximum transferability. The 30-credit general education core offers courses that transfer to Pennsylvania State System Higher Education (PASSHE) universities and other local colleges and universities. Students completing the A.A. degree in Social Work will be able to transfer the equivalent of the first two years of a bachelor's degree to any one of the fourteen four-year universities in the PASSHE system and complete the remainder of the degree program with two more years of full time study.

Career Opportunities

Graduates of this program will be prepared for transfer to a four-year college or university.

Program Objectives

Upon completion of the program, the student will be able to:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the historical development of the knowledge and values of the Social Work profession at the introductory level.
2. Identify the values of the Social Work Profession.
3. Identify values of culturally competent social work at the introductory level, which promotes the strength and well-being of diverse individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.
4. Assess lifespan development in a multicultural context, and the significance of intersections of people and their environments.

Obtaining the Degree

To earn the Social Work Associate of Arts degree, students must:

- Matriculate in the program;
- Satisfactorily complete all degree requirements, including General Education and Major Requirements of the degree.

General Education Requirements

Course Code	Title	Credits
FYE 101	First Year Experience	1
BIO 104	Principles of Biology I Lecture	3
BIO 114	Principles of Biology I Lab	1
CIT 100	Microcomputer Applications	3
COM 101	Public Speaking	3
ENG 110	English Composition I**	3
ENG 200	English Composition II: Studies in Literature**	3
GOV 100	Introduction to American National Government**	3
MAT 145	College Algebra	3
	PHI 110 or PHI 200	3
SOC 205	Race, Class, and Gender in Society	3

Major Requirements

Course Code	Title	Credits
HIS 100	U.S. History I: Discovery through Reconstruction**	3
PSY 100	General Psychology**	3
PSY 130	Human Development Across the Lifespan	3
SOC 100	Introduction to Sociology**	3
SWK 100	Introduction to Social Work	3
SOC 135	Families in Society	3
SWK 210	Social Welfare	3
SWK 225	Ethics in the Social Sciences	3

Major Elective: Choose 9 Credits

Course Code	Title	Credits
SOC/ADD 115	Chemical Dependency & Addictions	3
SOC 125	Drugs in Society	3
PSY/ADD 225	Introduction to Chemical Dependency Counseling	3
ANT 100	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology**	3
ART 101	Introduction to Art History**	3
ART 105	Drawing Fundamentals	3
CRJ 110	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
HIS 110	U.S. History II: Reconstruction to Present**	3
FLM 110	Introduction to American Cinema	3
MUS 100	Introduction to Music	3
PHI 100	Critical Thinking	3
PSY 140	Principles of Behavior Management	3
REL 100	World Religions/Religious Studies	3
SOC 200	Contemporary Social Issues	3
SWK 117	Beginning Interviewing Skills & Documentation	3
Total Credits		62

Course Sequencing

Note(s)

Students are encouraged to take the courses in their suggested sequence. Students are also encouraged to meet with their Faculty Advisor to determine the pre-requisites and co-requisites prior to registering for elective courses.

Fall 1

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FYE 101	First Year Experience	1
CIT 100	Microcomputer Applications	3
ENG 110	English Composition I**	3
MAT 145	College Algebra	3
PSY 100	General Psychology**	3
SWK 100	Introduction to Social Work	3

Spring 1

Course Code	Title	Credits
COM 101	Public Speaking	3
ENG 200	English Composition II: Studies in Literature**	3
PSY 130	Human Development Across the Lifespan	3
SOC 100	Introduction to Sociology**	3
	Elective - Major	3

Fall 2

Course Code	Title	Credits
BIO 104	Principles of Biology I Lecture	3
BIO 114	Principles of Biology I Lab	1
SOC 135	Families in Society	3
SWK 225	Ethics in the Social Sciences	3
HIS 100	U.S. History I: Discovery through Reconstruction**	3
	Elective - Major	3

Spring 2

Course Code	Title	Credits
GOV 100	Introduction to American National Government**	3
	PHI 110 or PHI 200	3
SOC 205	Race, Class, and Gender in Society	3
SWK 210	Social Welfare	3
	Elective - Major	3