



WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

**Jackson College**

**Fall 2016**

## **Western Michigan University Social Work Curriculum Guide**

### **Pre-social work requirements:**

- Students who wish to major in social work will be admitted to the pre-social work curriculum at the time of admission to the University. This status does not guarantee admission to the professional social work curriculum;
- Upon completion of 45 credit hours of college level course-work and the course SWRK 2100 (Social Work Services and Professional Roles), students may submit an application for admission to the School of Social Work. In order to submit the application, the student must have already been admitted to the university. **Application deadlines** are May 1 and October 1 of each year;
- Please see the WMU social work website for more details on when and how to apply to the program;
- Students must present a minimum 2.5 GPA to apply to the professional program. Selection is based on several criteria and is competitive, so the 2.5 is a minimum and may not result in admission;
- In addition to GPA, the admissions committee for the School of Social Work also considers volunteer experience (i.e. domestic assault shelters, nursing homes, schools, Family Independent Agencies, soup kitchens) and/or regular employment at such agencies, as part of the selection criteria.

### **General education requirements:**

- Students must fulfill the minimum of 37 general education credits for graduation from WMU. Please see the [general education program transfer guide](#). Your community college advisor should be able to help you with this information;
- Please note, in the list below, that some of the required support courses (required of all social work majors) will also take care of some of the general education requirements.

### **Required support courses:**

#### **WMU courses**

COM 1040  
ECON 2010  
BIOS 1100/1120 or 1610  
HSV 4780  
PSCI 2000  
PSY 1000  
SOC 2000  
STAT 1600 or 3660

#### **JC courses**

COM 231 (Proficiency 4)  
ECN 232 (Area V)  
BIO 110 OR 162 (110 meets Area VI)  
No equivalent  
PLS141 (Area III)  
PSY 140  
SOC 231  
MTH 133 (Proficiency 3)

### **Important notes:**

- Students enrolled in the social work curriculum are required to complete a major consisting of 35 credit hours, required support courses of 22-24 credits, and 6 credits of research, totaling 63-65 hours;
- Also part of the curriculum is a 400 hour internship at a human service agency;
- We are frequently asked whether foreign language is required of social work students. It is not required by the social work department, although it would be a good skill to have;
- Prospective transfer students should be aware that taking the SWRK 2100 class on WMU's campus will delay acceptance into the social work program by at least a semester. Most community colleges do not offer the 2100 course, so most social work students take the course at WMU;
- If you have questions, contact the WMU social work advisor below.

### **Contact information:**

We look forward to sharing more details about our programs. Please contact us:

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We offer appointments via phone or in person.