



WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Bay de Noc Community College

Fall 2018

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 program;
- Upon completion of 30 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. The official acceptance 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 School of Social Work admissions committee also considers volunteer experiences (i.e. nursing homes, domestic assault shelters, Family Independent Agencies, soup kitchens, schools) 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

BIOS 1120/1100 or 1610

COM 1040

Bay de Noc courses

BIOL 103 or 112

CM 104 (Proficiency 4)

ECON 2010
HSV 4780
PSCI 2000
PSY 1000
SOC 2000
STAT 1600 or 3660

ECON 132 (Area V)
No equivalent
POLI 111 (Area III)
PSYC 201
SOCY 151
MATH 210 (Proficiency 3)

Important notes:

- Students enrolled in the social work curriculum are required to complete a major consisting of 38 credit hours, required support courses of 22-24 credits, and 6 credit hours of research, totaling 66-68 credits;
- Also part of the curriculum is a 400 hour internship at a human service agency;
- We are frequently asked whether foreign language is a requirement in the social work major. Although it would be a good skill to have it is not required for WMU social work students;
- Prospective students should be aware that taking SWRK 2100 at WMU will delay acceptance into the social work program by at least a semester. Most community colleges do not offer a direct equivalent for SWRK 2100, so most students take it at WMU.

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.