



Bay de Noc Community College

2021/22

## 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 30 credit hours of college level coursework and SWRK 2100 (Social Work Services and Professional Roles), students may apply for admission to the School of Social Work. To submit the application, the student must have already been admitted to WMU. **Application deadlines** are March 15 and September 15 of each year.
- Please see the WMU social work website for more details on 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, therefore 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 (WES):

- Students must fulfill the Western Essential Studies (WES) requirements for graduation from WMU. Please see the [WES 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 WES requirements.

### Required support courses:

#### WMU Courses

SWRK 2100  
COM 1040  
ECON 2010  
BIOS 1100|1120 or 1610

#### Bay Courses

No equivalent at Bay  
COMM 104 (Oral & Digital Communication)  
ECON 132 (Quantitative Literacy)  
BIOL 103 or 112 (103 meets Scientific Literacy w/Lab)

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

POLI 111 or 111H (Inquiry & Engagement)  
PSYC 201 (Science & Technology)  
SOCY 151 (Inquiry & Engagement)  
MATH 210 (Science & Technology)  
No equivalent at Bay

**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 credits of research, totaling 66-68 credit 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 at WMU 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. **Bay does not offer the course.**

**Contact information:**

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

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