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), which is equivalent to SOC 250 at Delta, 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:

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<td>COM 1040</td>
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<td>ECON 2010</td>
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<td>BIOS 1100/1120 or 1610</td>
<td>BIO 111 or 171 (BIO 111 meets Scientific Literacy w/Lab)</td>
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<td>PSCI 2000</td>
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SOC 2000  SOC 211 or 211H (Inquiry & Engagement)
STAT 1600 or 3660  MTH 208 or MTH 209 (Science & Technology)

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. **Delta does offer the course and it is SOC 250 at Delta.**

Contact information:

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

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