



Grand Rapids Community College

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## 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 **SW 150 at GRCC**, 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 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  
PSCI 2000  
PSY 1000

#### GRCC Courses

SW 150 (Inquiry & Engagement)  
COM 131 (Oral & Digital Communication)  
EC 252 (Quantitative Literacy)  
BI 101 or 151 (BI 101 meets Scientific Literacy w/Lab)  
PS 110 (Inquiry & Engagement)  
PY 201 (Science & Technology)

SOC 2000  
STAT 1600 or 3660  
SWRK 3200

SO 251 (Inquiry & Engagement)  
MA 215 (Science & Technology)  
SW 216

**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. **GRCC does offer the course and it is SW 150 at GRCC.**

**Contact information:**

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

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