

University Transfer/Social Work Curriculum

Freshman/Sophomore (University Transfer)

The Social Work curriculum is grounded in a liberal arts perspective and contains a coherent professional foundation. The liberal arts perspective enhances the person-in-environment focus of generalist social work practice. The program does accept course credit through transfer from other accredited universities and colleges.

Students may transfer to Mississippi State University-Meridian from regionally accredited community, junior or senior colleges for any period of enrollment, provided they have earned a 2.0 GPA on all college courses attempted (as computed by Mississippi State University), as well as earned a 2.0 GPA on the 30-hours of core courses. The Program Director reviews all course credit transfer hours and encourages all applicants to seek advisement two semesters prior to their admission to MSU-Meridian. A preadmission advisement appointment may be scheduled by telephone at (601) 484 0146.

Freshman Year

First Semester

EN 1103 English Composition I
FL 1113 Elem. Foreign Language I
MA 1313 College Algebra
SO 1003 Intro. To Sociology
PS 1113 American Government

Total Credit Hours 15

Second Semester

EN 1113 English Composition II
FL 1123 Elem. Foreign Language II
Biology Sciences/Lab
Fine Arts Core
PSY 1013 General Psychology

Total Credit Hours 15

Sophomore Year

First Semester

EC 2113 Principles of Economics
Literature Core
PH 1013/1011 Physical Sci./Lab
CS 1013 Basic Computer Concepts
Total Credit Hours 13

Second Semester

BIO 1004 Anatomy & Physiology/Lab
History Core
CO 1003 Fund. Of Public Speech
Humanities Elective

Total Credit Hours 13

Chart indicates 56 semester university/college transfer hours approved for BSW degree.

Junior/Senior (Social Work Curriculum)

The curriculum for Social Work is progressive and must be completed as scheduled below.

Each student is required to complete the 450-hour field practicum Monday thru Thursday 8 am – 5 pm. **No EXCEPTIONS are made based on prior work experience.** Academic credit for life experience and previous work experience shall not be given, in whole or in part, in place of the field practicum or of the courses in the professional foundation areas, specifically, Social Work Practice I, II, and III. With declaration of the Social Work major, all students are assigned a Social Work faculty advisor.

Junior Year

Fall Semester

SW 2313 Intro. to Social Work
SO 3003 SW with At-risk Populations
ST 3113 Intro. to Statistical Inference
SW 2303 Social Welfare Policy I
SW 3013 Human Behavior in the
Social Environment I

Total Credit Hours 15

Spring Semester

Philosophy Core
SW 2323 Social Welfare Policy II
SW 3213 Intro. to Social Research
SW 3513 Social Work Practice I
SW 3023 Human Behavior in the
Social Environment II
SW 4613 Child Welfare Services

Total Credit Hours 18

Summer Semester

Social Work Elective
2-Humanities Elective* (3 hrs. per Course)
Total Credit Hours 9

Senior Year

Fall Semester

SW 3523 Social Work Practice II
SW 3533 Social Work Practice III
Anthropology Core
SW 4713 Senior Seminar
General Elective

Total Credit Hours 15

Spring Semester

SW 4916 Field Practicum/Sem.
SW 4926 Field Practicum/Sem.

Total Credit Hours 12

Total Number Credit Hours for BSW Degree: 124* 3000/4000 level courses approved by advisor.

Courses

SW 2303. Social Welfare Policy I. (3) Three hours lecture. Prerequisite: PS 1113 and EC 2113. In-depth study of the historical and contemporary effects of social work welfare policy on client systems.

SW 2313. Introduction to Social Work/Social Welfare. (3) Three hours lecture. A study of professional social work and the historical and philosophical development of social work and social welfare.

SW 2323. Social Welfare Policy II. (3) Three hours lecture. Prerequisite: SW 2313 and 2303. The course provides analysis and evaluation of social welfare policies as institutional responses to social problems, social justice, and human needs.

SW 3003. Social Work At-Risk Populations. (3) Three hours lecture. Examines the roles and interaction of social workers with vulnerable groups. Includes concepts of racism, sexism, homophobia, oppression, affirmative action, and xenophobia.

SW 3013. Human Behavior and the Social Environment I. (3) Three hours lecture. Prerequisites: BIO 1104, SO 1003, and PSY 1013. Examines biological, psychological, social-structural, and cultural aspects of human development from conception through young adulthood from a social systems perspective, emphasizing diversity and oppression

SW 3023. Human Behavior and the Social Environment II. (3) Three hours lecture. Prerequisites: PHI 1103, SW 3013. Examines biological, psychological, social-structure, and cultural aspects of human development from middle adulthood to death from a social systems perspective, emphasizing diversity and oppression.

SW/SO 3213. Research Methods in Social Work. (3) Three hours lecture. Prerequisites: MA 1313, ST 3113, and junior standing. A survey of the general field of research and methodology, including an examination of the various types of research designs, techniques, and procedures.

SW 3513. Social Work Practice I. (3) Three hours lecture. Prerequisites: SW 3023. The course emphasizes problem solving methods utilizing communication theories and skills working with individuals, families, groups, and communities in preparation for generalist social work practice.

SW 3523. Social Work Practice II. (3) Three hours lecture. Prerequisites: SW 3513. The course focuses on processes involved in engaging client system(s) in data collection, assessment, intervention, evaluation, and termination in preparation for generalist social work practice.

SW 3533. Social Work Practice III. (3) Three hours lecture. Prerequisites: SW 3523. The course focuses on processes involved in engaging client systems in problem solving with emphases upon groups and larger systems in generalist social work practice.

SW 4713 Social Work Senior Seminar. (3) Three hours lecture. Prerequisite SW 3523. Critical evaluation of current issues in social work practice; examination of career opportunities; and assessment of personal educational preparations of practice.

SW 4916-4926. (12) Social Work Field Practicum/Seminar I-II. (12) Prerequisites: SW 3533, SW 4713. The course provides students opportunities to apply generalist social work practice methods by completing a minimum of 450 supervised hours in a social work agency.

Social Work Electives

SW 4533. Substance Abuse and Addictions in Social Work Services. (3). Role/interaction of social workers with people who use alcohol/drugs (AOD). Concepts of use, abuse, and dependence. Emphasis on the impact of AOD use on families/children.

SW 4613. Child Welfare Services. (3) Three hours lecture. Consent of Instructor. Assessment of parental and society's responsibilities in meeting physical, social psychological, and legal needs of children and examining the delivery, policies, systems, and services.

SW 4623. Social Work with the Aged. (3) Three hours lectures. Consent of instructor. Assessment of social, psychological, physical, and economic needs of aged persons; their utilization of services, conjoint planning, and creation of new community-based resources.

SW 4633. Social Work in Health Care. (3) Three hours lecture. Consent of Instructor. Assessment of social work knowledge, values, and skills in understanding psychosocial aspects of illness, medical terminology, recording, discharge planning, ethics, team disciplines, and community resources.

SW 4643. Social Work Services in Schools. (3) Three hours lecture. Assessment of the development, concepts, policies, planning, implementation, and evaluation of social work services in primary and secondary schools.

SW 4663. Administration in Social Work. (3). Assessment of functions of human service management, planning and program, organizational theory and design, resources, supervision, funding, information systems, and evaluation of service delivery.

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