

Associate in Applied Science in Social Work

Program Overview

Upon completion of this degree, students will have experienced a broad introduction to the field of social work. In coordination with the general education components, students will be able to communicate effectively in a variety of situations in the field, demonstrate knowledge of and apply behavioral science principles in a variety of cultural contexts, and appreciate the role of values in diverse cultural settings.

To Learn More About This Program

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Degree Requirements

To earn this degree, students must have an overall GPA of 2.0 or higher, complete a minimum of 60 credit hours, and fulfill the course requirements of the program listed below. Students are permitted to complete a higher-level math course than shown below. Each general education course, prerequisite course, internship, and capstone course must be completed with a final grade of C or better.

Course Offerings

Students pursuing an Associate in Applied Science in Social Work may complete all requirements for this program fully online. Courses within this program may also be offered on-site at our Dowagiac or Niles campus.

General Education Courses

COMMUNICATIONS

Course ID	Course	Credits
ENGL 103 or ENGL 103W	Freshman English 2 (or with workshop)	3 to 4 credits
ENGL 104	Freshman English 3	3 credits
SPEE 102	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3 credits

MATHEMATICS

Course ID	Course	Credits
MATH 150	Statistics	4 credits

NATURAL SCIENCE

Course ID	Course	Credits
BIOL 110	Human Biology	4 credits
ENST 112	Environmental Science	4 credits

SOCIAL SCIENCE

Course ID	Course	Credits
PSYC 101	General Psychology	3 credits
POSC 201	American Government	3 credits

HUMANITIES

Course ID	Course	Credits
SOCI 240	Minority Groups in America	3 credits
PHIL 210	Introduction to Ethics	4 credits

Major-Specific Required Courses

Course ID	Course	Credits
EDUC 120	Educational Exploration and Planning	1 credit
EDUC 215	Human Development and Learning	3 credits
PHED 103	Life Wellness	3 credits
SOCI 201	Principles of Sociology	3 credits
SOCI 203	Marriage and Family	3 credits
SOWK 100	Intro to Social Work	3 credits
SOWK 120	Social Work/Interview Skills	3 credits
SOWK 200	Social Welfare	3 credits
SOWK 240	Field Experience	3 credits

Complete 1 course from the list below (Online students must take PSYC 205)

Course ID	Course	Credits
ECON 201	Macroeconomics	3 credits
PSYC 205	Child Psychology	3 credits
PSYC 260	Abnormal Psychology	3 credits
SOWK 205	Theories and Methods of Practice 1	3 credits

Total Program Credits: 62

Additional Notes About the A.A.S. in Social Work Program

- A prerequisite course may be needed prior to enrollment in some courses within this program. Specific prerequisite requirements are listed in the Course Description section in the Course Catalog. A summary of the prerequisites is listed below in the Example Course Sequence.
- This program as outlined meets MTA requirements.
- Students should use caution when selecting electives as some courses may only transfer to one or two known schools (e.g., SOWK 205 will only transfer to Ferris State University).
- Courses taken out of sequence may delay a student's ability to complete the program in a timely manner. Please consult your advisor regularly.
- Each student should submit a graduation application at least one full semester before they plan to graduate.
- This program is subject to change. Students should consult with their advisor for program updates.

Example Course Sequence for On-Campus Program Students

The following is a sample of a semester-by-semester approach to completing this program.

FIRST SEMESTER

Courses	Credits	Prerequisites (Minimum Grade of C Required)
EDUC 120 Educational Exploration and Planning	1 credit	ENGL 115, ENGL 103W, ENGL 103, ENGL 104, or English test score (Level 2 or higher); concurrent enrollment in ENGL 115 allowed
ENGL 103 or ENGL 103W Freshman English 2 (or with workshop)	3 to 4 credits	ENGL 103W: English test score (Level 2 or higher) ENGL 103: ENGL 115 or English test score (Level 3); concurrent enrollment in ENGL 115 allowed
MATH 150 Statistics	4 credits	Math test score (Level 3 or higher) or concurrent enrollment in MATH 150C
SOWK 100 Introduction to Social Work	3 credits	None
SPEE 102 Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3 credits	None

SECOND SEMESTER

Courses	Credits	Prerequisites (Minimum Grade of C Required)
BIOL 110 Human Biology	4 credits	ENGL 115, ENGL 103W, ENGL 103, ENGL 104, or English test score (Level 2 or higher); concurrent enrollment in ENGL 115 allowed
ENGL 104 Freshman English 3	3 credits	ENGL 103 or ENGL 103W
PSYC 101 General Psychology	3 credits	ENGL 115, ENGL 103W, ENGL 103, ENGL 104, or English test score (Level 2 or higher); concurrent enrollment in ENGL 115 allowed
SOCI 201 Principles of Sociology	3 credits	ENGL 115, ENGL 103W, ENGL 103, ENGL 104, or English test score (Level 2 or higher); concurrent enrollment in ENGL 115 allowed
SOWK 120 Social Work/Interview Skills	3 credits	SPEE 102

THIRD SEMESTER

Courses	Credits	Prerequisites (Minimum Grade of C Required)
EDUC 215 Human Development and Learning	3 credits	PSYC 101
ENST 112 Environmental Science	4 credits	None
PHIL 210 Introduction to Ethics	4 credits	ENGL 115, ENGL 103W, ENGL 103, ENGL 104, or English test score (Level 2 or higher); concurrent enrollment in ENGL 115 allowed
POSC 201 American Government	3 credits	ENGL 115, ENGL 103W, ENGL 103, ENGL 104, or English test score (Level 2 or higher); concurrent enrollment in ENGL 115 allowed
PHED 103 Life Wellness	3 credits	None

FOURTH SEMESTER

Courses	Credits	Prerequisites (Minimum Grade of C Required)
SOCI 203 Marriage and Family	3 credits	ENGL 115, ENGL 103W, ENGL 103, ENGL 104, or English test score (Level 2 or higher); concurrent enrollment in ENGL 115 allowed
SOCI 240 Minority Groups in America	3 credits	ENGL 115, ENGL 103W, ENGL 103, ENGL 104, or English test score (Level 2 or higher); concurrent enrollment in ENGL 115 allowed
SOWK 200 Social Welfare	3 credits	SOWK 100 and SOWK 120
SOWK 240 Field Experience	3 credits	SOWK 100; SOWK 120; completion of 45 credit hours including specific SOWK courses; recommendation of program advisor
Program Elective	3 credits	See Course Description for details

Example Course Sequence for Online Program Students

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EDUC 120 Educational Exploration and Planning	1 credit	ENGL 115, ENGL 103W, ENGL 103, ENGL 104, or English test score (Level 2 or higher); concurrent enrollment in ENGL 115 allowed
ENGL 103 or ENGL 103W Freshman English 2 (or with workshop) <i>*ENGL 103W may not be offered online*</i>	3 to 4 credits	ENGL 103W: English test score (Level 2 or higher) ENGL 103: ENGL 115 or English test score (Level 3); concurrent enrollment in ENGL 115 allowed
MATH 150 Statistics	4 credits	Math test score (Level 3 or higher) or concurrent enrollment in MATH 150C
SOWK 100 Introduction to Social Work	3 credits	None
SPEE 102 Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3 credits	None

SECOND SEMESTER

Courses	Credits	Prerequisites (Minimum Grade of C Required)
BIOL 110 Human Biology	4 credits	ENGL 115, ENGL 103W, ENGL 103, ENGL 104, or English test score (Level 2 or higher); concurrent enrollment in ENGL 115 allowed
ENGL 104 Freshman English 3	3 credits	ENGL 103 or ENGL 103W
PSYC 101 General Psychology	3 credits	ENGL 115, ENGL 103W, ENGL 103, ENGL 104, or English test score (Level 2 or higher); concurrent enrollment in ENGL 115 allowed
SOCI 201 Principles of Sociology	3 credits	ENGL 115, ENGL 103W, ENGL 103, ENGL 104, or English test score (Level 2 or higher); concurrent enrollment in ENGL 115 allowed
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ENST 112 Environmental Science	4 credits	None
PHIL 210 Introduction to Ethics	4 credits	ENGL 115, ENGL 103W, ENGL 103, ENGL 104, or English test score (Level 2 or higher); concurrent enrollment in ENGL 115 allowed
POSC 201 American Government	3 credits	ENGL 115, ENGL 103W, ENGL 103, ENGL 104, or English test score (Level 2 or higher); concurrent enrollment in ENGL 115 allowed
PHED 103 Life Wellness	3 credits	None

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Courses	Credits	Prerequisites (Minimum Grade of C Required)
PSYC 205 Child Psychology	3 credits	PSYC 101
SOCI 203 Marriage and Family	3 credits	ENGL 115, ENGL 103W, ENGL 103, ENGL 104, or English test score (Level 2 or higher); concurrent enrollment in ENGL 115 allowed
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