

SOCIAL WORK, ASSOCIATE IN ARTS (SWO)

Effective: Fall 2016

The Social Work Associate in Arts curriculum was developed to meet the needs of current and prospective students interested in transferring to a college or university and eventually earning a Bachelor in Social Work degree. The curriculum provides students with the introductory-level knowledge in the field of social work study and supports a seamless transfer to the junior level status at a four-year college or university offering a Council of Social Work Education-Accredited Bachelor in Social Work degree (BSW).

Social Workers serve some of the most vulnerable populations; therefore this degree addresses the significant history, policies, theories and applied practices utilized when working with marginalized individuals, families, groups and communities. Social Workers use a person and environment construct that views human challenges through a diverse, multi-systemic lens. An overarching goal of the program is to prepare students to demonstrate the basic knowledge, values and skills that are required of a beginning social work practitioner.

Various transfer institutions require differing elective courses; therefore students are highly encouraged to work closely with a transfer counselor, from the DCCC Career and Counseling Center, to ensure a seamless transfer process to a four-year institution.

Program Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students should be able to:

- Demonstrate self-awareness of who one is and why one is choosing to pursue the profession of social work.
- Understand and apply the knowledge, values and skills of the Social Work Profession at the introductory level.
- Identify the historical development of the knowledge and values of the Social Work profession at the introductory level.
- Analyze the impact of key societal systems that have supported the systemic devaluation of and discrimination toward certain groups in our society.
- Describe the relationship between the knowledge and values of a culturally competent social worker at the introductory level.
- Demonstrate the introductory level skills necessary to work from a strengths perspective with diverse individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities.
- Identify and explain the concepts, assumptions and critiques of developmental theories, especially related to experiences at the intersection of people and their environments, within a multicultural context.

Full-Time Academic Plan

The College Transfer Office (<https://www.dccc.edu/admissions-financial-aid/transfer/transfer-office>) is set up to help Delaware County Community College students transfer to four-year colleges and universities. If you are planning to transfer, you are strongly encouraged to meet with a transfer advisor within your first two semesters (or before you reach 30 transferable college credits from all institutions attended).

First Semester		Hours
CS 100	Introduction to Information Technology	3
ENG 100	English Composition I	3
PSY 140	General Psychology	3
MAT 121 or MAT 151	Introduction to Probability and Statistics or College Algebra	3-4
SWO 101	Introduction to Social Work and Human Services	3
Hours		15-16
Second Semester		Hours
SWO 210	Human Behavior and the Social Environment	3
ENG 112	English Composition II: Writing About Literature	3
COMM 111	Public Speaking	3
SOC 110	Introduction to Sociology	3
HIS 110	American History I (recommended; or higher HIS)	3
Hours		15
Third Semester		Hours
SWO 220	Social Welfare Policy	3
BIO 100 or BIO 110	Biological Sciences or General Biology I	4
PHI 110	Contemporary Moral Problems	3
PSY 225/SOC 215	Experiences in Diversity	3
POL 120	American National Government (recommended; or higher POL)	3
Hours		16
Fourth Semester		Hours
MAT 210	Statistics	3
PSY/SWO 203	Counseling Skills	3
Science Elective/Laboratory Science		4
Arts & Humanities Elective (Literature or Foreign Language)		3
Behavioral & Social Science Elective		3
Hours		16
Total Hours		62-63

Notes

Arts and Humanities Electives

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- ART - Art (<https://catalog.dccc.edu/courses/course-descriptions/art/>)
- COMM - Communication Studies (<https://catalog.dccc.edu/courses/course-descriptions/comm/>)
- DRA - Drama (<https://catalog.dccc.edu/courses/course-descriptions/dra/>)
- ENG - English (<https://catalog.dccc.edu/courses/course-descriptions/eng/>) (ENG 115 and above)
- HUM - Humanities (<https://catalog.dccc.edu/courses/course-descriptions/hum/>)
- MUS - Music (<https://catalog.dccc.edu/courses/course-descriptions/mus/>)
- PHI - Philosophy (<https://catalog.dccc.edu/courses/course-descriptions/phi/>)

Some programs specify or recommend a Foreign Language.

Code	Title	Hours
<i>Foreign Languages:</i>		
FRE 101	Elementary French I	
FRE 102	Elementary French II	
FRE 111	Intermediate French I	
FRE 112	Intermediate French II	
SPA 101	Elementary Spanish I	
SPA 102	Elementary Spanish II	
SPA 201	Intermediate Spanish I	
SPA 202	Intermediate Spanish II	

Behavioral and Social Science

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- ADJ - Administration of Justice (<https://catalog.dccc.edu/courses/course-descriptions/adj/>)
- ECE - Early Childhood Education (<https://catalog.dccc.edu/courses/course-descriptions/ece/>)
- ECO - Economics (<https://catalog.dccc.edu/courses/course-descriptions/eco/>)
- EDU - Education (<https://catalog.dccc.edu/courses/course-descriptions/edu/>)
- HIS - History (<https://catalog.dccc.edu/courses/course-descriptions/his/>)
- INT - Interdisciplinary (<https://catalog.dccc.edu/courses/course-descriptions/int/>)
- POL - Political Science (<https://catalog.dccc.edu/courses/course-descriptions/pol/>)
- PSY - Psychology (<https://catalog.dccc.edu/courses/course-descriptions/psy/>)
- SOC - Sociology (<https://catalog.dccc.edu/courses/course-descriptions/soc/>)
- SWO - Social Work (<https://catalog.dccc.edu/courses/course-descriptions/swo/>)
- TSC - Trauma Studies (<https://catalog.dccc.edu/courses/course-descriptions/tsc/>)

See Advisor/Counselor.

Part-Time Academic Plan

Course	Title	Hours
First Semester		
CS 100	Introduction to Information Technology	3
ENG 100	English Composition I	3
PSY 140	General Psychology	3
Hours		9
Second Semester		
MAT 121 or MAT 151	Introduction to Probability and Statistics or College Algebra	3-4

SWO 101	Introduction to Social Work and Human Services	3
SWO 210	Human Behavior and the Social Environment	3
Hours		9-10
Third Semester		
ENG 112	English Composition II: Writing About Literature	3
COMM 111	Public Speaking	3
SOC 110	Introduction to Sociology	3
Hours		9
Fourth Semester		
HIS 110	American History I	3
SWO 220	Social Welfare Policy	3
BIO 100	Biological Sciences	4
Hours		10
Fifth Semester		
PHI 110	Contemporary Moral Problems	3
PSY 225/SOC 215	Experiences in Diversity	3
POL 120	American National Government	3
Hours		9
Sixth Semester		
MAT 210	Statistics	3
SWO/PSY 203	Counseling Skills	3
Science Elective/Laboratory Science		4
Hours		10
Seventh Semester		
Humanities Elective (Literature or Foreign Language)		3
Social Science Elective		3
Hours		6
Total Hours		62-63

Global Understanding designated courses. (https://catalog.dccc.edu/academic-programs/college-academic-learning-goals/#GU_Course_List)

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Psychology Electives - 9 credits

Electives

Code	Title	Hours
PSY 200	Personality Theories	3
PSY 203	Counseling Skills	3
PSY 204	Addiction, Drugs, and the Brain	3
PSY 205	Human Sexuality	3
PSY 215	Industrial Psychology	3
PSY 210	Lifespan Human Development ²	3
PSY 220	Abnormal Psychology ²	3
PSY 221	Social Psychology	3
PSY 225	Experiences in Diversity	3

PSY 235	Educational Psychology	3
PSY 241	Child Development	3
PSY 242	Adolescent Psychology	3
PSY 255	Brain and Behavior ²	3
PSY 290	Adulthood and Aging	3

Advising

Electives determined by Transfer school. Psychology majors should meet with a Transfer counselor to choose electives accordingly. All electives, including those listed above in the General Education Courses, should be selected with careful consideration to Transfer school requirements.

¹If another elective already meets the GU CALG, then choose any Social Science elective.

²Students are permitted to take the *third* Psychology Core Course as a Psychology Elective.

³Lab Science Elective - any 4 credit lab course in BIO, CHE, ESS or PHY.

Campus Locations

HYBRID DEGREE (online* and classroom)

85% online

The following courses may not be available online:

Code	Title	Hours
Classroom Only		
COMM 111	Public Speaking	3
BIO 100	Biological Sciences	4
PSY/SWO 203	Counseling Skills	3
	Science Elective/Laboratory Science	4

* Some online courses have **field requirements** or **in-person or proctored testing**. Online courses with these requirements have additional information posted under the **COURSE DESCRIPTION** section when you are registering. Please note these requirements when registering.

Career