

West Texas A&M University
Advising Services
Degree Checklist
2025-2026

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Name: _____ WT ID: _____ Date: _____

Social Work B.A./B.S.		
Department of Psychology, Sociology and Social Work (OM-416) (651-2590)		
Degree: Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) or Bachelor of Science (B.S.)		
May be either depending on option selected; see the "Requirements for Baccalaureate Degrees" section of the Catalog.		
Major: Social Work	BA/BS.SOWK (152)	
Major Code: 152	BA/BS.PRE.SOWK (151)	
University Core Curriculum Requirements (42 hours)	Semester Credit Hours	
Core 10 - Communication (3 hours from ENGL options) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ENGL 1301 or ENGL 1311 	3	
Core 10 - Communication (3 hours from COMM options) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COMM 1315; COMM 1318; or COMM 1321 	3	
Core 20 - Mathematics (3 hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MATH 1314; MATH 1316; MATH 1324; MATH 1325; MATH 1332**; MATH 1342**; MATH 1350**; MATH 2412; or MATH 2413 (4th hour from 4-hour course moves to Core 90.) 	3	
Core 30 - Life and Physical Sciences (6 hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Major-Specific University Core Requirements below 		
Core 40 - Language, Philosophy and Culture (3 hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANTH 2351; ENGL 2321; ENGL 2326; ENGL 2331; ENGL 2341; ENGL 2343; HIST 2311; HIST 2323; HIST 2372; MCOM 1307; PHIL 1301; PHIL 2374; SPAN 2311; SPAN 2312 [or an equivalent course (second year or intermediate level) in a foreign language]; SPAN 2313; SPAN 2315; or SPAN 2371 	3	
Core 50 - Creative Arts (3 hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARTS 1301; ARTS 1303; ARTS 1304; DANC 2303; MUSI 1306; MUSI 1307; MUSI 1310; or THRE 1310 	3	
Core 60 - American History (6 hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIST 1301; HIST 1302; HIST 2301; HIST 2381; or HIST 2382 	3	3
Core 70 - Government / Political Science (6 hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • POSC 2305 and POSC 2306 	3	3
Core 80 - Social and Behavioral Sciences (3 hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Major-Specific University Core Requirements below 		

Core 90 - Component Area Option (6 hours or fewer; may depend on major requirements) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AGRI 2300; BUSI 1301; BUSI 1304; CIDM 1105; CIDM 1301 or CIDM 1315; CS 1301; ECON 2331; EDUC 1300; ENGL 1101; ENGL 1102; ENGL 1302; ENGL 1312; ENGL 2311; HSCI 2300; IDS 1071 (1-3 hours); MUSI 1053 (1-2 hours); PHIL 2303; or SES 1120 <p>(Cannot receive credit for both CIDM 1301 and CIDM 1315 for Core 90.) (ENGL 1101 and ENGL 1102 cannot count for English B.A. requirement.) (4th hours from 4-hour courses in Cores 20 and 30 may be used in this section.)</p>	4	
Social Work Major Requirements (71 hours) ***** C or better required in all courses in the Major Requirements *****		
Major-Specific University Core Requirements (11 hours) The following courses are required for their specific Core areas <u>instead of</u> the courses listed above in the general University Core Curriculum.		
Core 30 - Life and Physical Sciences (6 hours chosen from the following) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BIOL 1308 - Biology for Non-Science Majors I or BIOL 1406 - Basic and Contemporary Biology I BIOL 1309 - Biology for Non-Science Majors II or BIOL 1407 - Basic and Contemporary Biology II BIOL 2401 - Human Anatomy and Physiology I BIOL 2402 - Human Anatomy and Physiology II <p>(Cannot receive University Core credit for both BIOL 1308 and BIOL 1406; or for both BIOL 1309 and BIOL 1407.) (4th hour from 4-hour courses move to Core 90.)</p>	3	3
Core 80 - Social and Behavioral Sciences (3 hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PSYC 2301 - General Psychology or SOCI 1301 - Introduction to Sociology 	3	
Core 90 - Component Area Option (6 hours or fewer; may depend on major requirements) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4th (lab) hours from 4-hour courses in Core 30 	1	1
Social Work Requirements (60 hours)		
SOCW 2361 - Introduction to Social Work	3	
SOCW/PSYC 2315 - Human Behavior and Personal Adjustment	3	
SOCW 3301 - Social Welfare: Structure and Process	3	
SOCW 3302 - Critical Thinking	3	
SOCW/CRIJ/POSC/SOCI 3362 - Statistics for the Social Sciences	3	
SOCW 3380 - Human Behavior in the Social Environment I	3	
SOCW 4310^^ - Mezzo Practice with Groups	3	
SOCW 4321 - Practice Methods with Diverse Populations	3	
SOCW 4341^^ - Macro Practice with Communities and Organizations	3	
SOCW/CRIJ/SOCI 4362 - Social Research	3	
SOCW 4380 - Human Behavior in the Social Environment II	3	
SOCW 4381 - Social Policy and Planning	3	
SOCW 4383^^ - Micro Practice with Individuals and Families	3	
SOCW 4688^^ - Field Instruction I	6	
SOCW 4698^^ - Field Instruction II	6	

<p>Six credit hours from:</p> <p>CRIJ 4376 - Community Resources in Corrections PSYC 4375 - Theories of Counseling SOCW 4303 - Social Services for Children and Families SOCW 4305 - Social Services and the Aging SOCW 4320 - Loss and Grief SOCW 4335 - Values, Ethics and Religion in Social Work SOCW 4345 - Health-Care Policy and Planning SOCW 4370 - Comparative Social Welfare: Go Global SOCW 4395 - Current Issues in Social Work</p>	6
<p>Required Courses from Other Areas Take whichever course was not taken for Social and Behavioral Sciences (Core 80).</p> <p>PSYC 2301 - General Psychology or SOCI 1301 - Introduction to Sociology</p>	3
<p>B.A./B.S. Requirements (6-12 hours) Complete the requirements for your specific degree.</p>	
<p>B.A. Degree In addition to the core curriculum, a minimum of 12 hours as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least six hours of foreign language, and • Six hours chosen from art, communication studies, dance, English, history, media communications, modern languages, music, philosophy, religion, and theatre. <p>or</p> <p>B.S. Degree In addition to the core curriculum, a minimum of 6 hours as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Six hours chosen from biology, chemistry, environmental science, geology, geosciences, mathematics, physics, and natural sciences. 	6 6 or 6
<p>Electives (est. 6-12 hours) ***** C or better required in all courses in the Major Subject *****</p>	
<p>Electives by advisement</p>	6-12
<p>Total hours required to complete degree: 120 hours</p>	
<p>Depending on transfer credits and other substitutions/waivers, student may need to take additional electives as needed to total a minimum of 120 hours or the minimum total hours required for this degree, of which at least 36 must be advanced (3000/4000 level) and earned at WTAMU.</p>	
<p>Prerequisites Some courses may require prerequisites. See the University Catalog for more information.</p>	
<p>** MATH 1332, 1342 and 1350 While MATH 1332, 1342 and 1350 will fulfill core math requirements, they will NOT prepare students for higher-level math courses such as Plane Trigonometry (MATH 1316) or Pre-Calculus (MATH 2412).</p>	
<p>^^ Prerequisite for Advanced Work Admission to the Social Work Program is a prerequisite for admission into SOCW 4310, SOCW 4341, and SOCW 4383, SOCW 4688 and SOCW 4698. See individual course descriptions for additional prerequisites.</p>	

Criteria for Admission into the Social Work Program

All students registering as social work majors will be considered pre-majors (Major Code: 151) before they are officially admitted into the Social Work Program. Criteria for admission into the Social Work Program are*:

1. Completion of the University's core curriculum courses, including BIOL.
2. Completion of the beginning-level social work courses: SOCW 2361, SOCW 2315 and SOCW 3301. A student must have earned a grade of "C" or better in all courses required for the major.
3. An overall cumulative grade point of 2.50 or higher.
4. An application for admission to the Social Work Program accompanied by (1) at least two letters of reference from people who can attest to the student's desire and commitment to helping people, (2) the student's latest transcripts and (3) a copy of the student's degree plan.
5. Once students are officially admitted into the Social Work Program, the BSW Program Director of the student's advisor will complete a Change of Major/Advisor Form, changing the major code to 152.

Advising Notes

NOTE: This is NOT a degree plan. All undergraduate students must request an official degree plan from their academic dean's office by the time they have completed 30 credit hours. In addition, this document is used as an advising resource. For official information, please refer to the University Catalog.