

**West Texas A&M University
Advising Services
Degree Checklist
2026-2027**

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NAME: _____ WT ID: _____ DATE: _____

Social Work (see note below)
Department of Psychology, Sociology and Social Work
OM 416 651-2590

CORE CURRICULUM COURSES: 42 HOURS ♦		HRS
Communication (Core 10)		
ENGL 1301 Intro. to Academic Writing & Argumentation OR ENGL 1311 Writing About Ideas	3	
COMM 1315, 1318, or 1321	3	
Mathematics (Core 20)		
MATH 1314* (recommended), 1316*, 1324*, 1325*, 1332*/**, 1342*/**, 1350*/**, 2412*, or 2413* (2412 & 2413: fourth hr. moves to Core 90)	3	
Life and Physical Sciences (Core 30)		
See University Core Requirements below	(6)	
Language, Philosophy and Culture (Core 40)		
ANTH 2351, ENGL 2321*, 2326*, 2331*, 2341*, 2343*, HIST 2311, 2323, 2372; MCOM 1307; PHIL 1301, 2374; SPAN 2311*, 2312*/**, 2313*, 2315*, or 2371 Choose 1	3	
Creative Arts (Core 50)		
ARTS 1301, 1303, 1304; DANC 2303; MUSI 1306, 1307 (for music majors), 1310; or THRE 1310 Choose 1	3	
American History (Core 60)		
HIST 1301, 1302, 2301, 2381, 2382 Choose 2	6	
Government/Political Science (Core 70)		
POSC 2305 and 2306	6	
Social and Behavioral Sciences (Core 80)		
See University Core Requirements below	(3)	
Component Area Option (Core 90)		
See University Core Requirements below (BIOL lab hours)	(2)	
Take 4-6 hours from (6 if 3-hour BIOL courses are taken for Core 30): AGRI 2300; BUSI 1301, 1304; CIDM 1105, CIDM 1301 or 1315; CS 1301; ECON 2331; EDUC 1300; ENGL 1101, 1102, 1302*, 1312*, 2311*; HNRS 2171; HSCI 2300; IDS 1071 (1-3 hours); MUSI 1053 (1-2 hours); PHIL 2303; SES 1120;	4-6	
Also, extra 4 th -hour credits from Core 20 and Core 30 (MATH, BIOL, CHEM, ENVR, GEOL, PHYS)		
SOCIAL WORK MAJOR REQUIREMENTS: 71 HOURS A grade of "C" or better must be earned in all courses required for major.		
UNIVERSITY CORE REQUIREMENTS: 11 HOURS ♦		
CORE 30 BIOL 1406[3] or 1308, 1407*[3] or 1309*, 2401*[3]; 2402*[3] Choose 2	6	
CORE 80 PSYC 2301 or SOCI 1301	3	
CORE 90 4 th hour(s) from these 4-hour courses if taken for Core 30: BIOL 1406L[1], 1407L[1], 2401L[1], 2402L[1]	0-2	
SOCIAL WORK MAJOR REQUIREMENTS: 60 HOURS		
SOCW/PSYC 2315 Human Behavior & Personal Adjustmt.	3	
SOCW 2361 Introduction to Social Work	3	
SOCW 3301 Social Welfare: Structure and Process	3	
SOCW 3302 Critical Thinking	3	
SOCW/CRIJ/POSC/SOCI 3362* Statistics for Soc. Sciences	3	
SOCW 3380* Human Behavior in the Social Environment I	3	
SOCW 4380* Human Behavior in the Social Environment II	3	
SOCW 4381* Social Policy & Planning	3	
SOCW 4321 Practice Methods with Diverse Populations	3	
SOCW/CRIJ/SOCI 4362 Social Research	3	

Bachelor of Arts Degree
Pre-Social Work: BA.PRE.SOWK (151)
BA.SOWK (152)

Take two courses from:		
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	6	
SOCW 4310*/**** Mezzo Practice with Groups	3	
SOCW 4341*/**** Macro Practice with Communities and Organizations	3	
SOCW 4383*/**** Micro Practice with Individuals and Families	3	
SOCW 4688*/**** Field Instruction I	6	
SOCW 4698*/**** Field Instruction II	6	
REQUIRED COURSE FROM OTHER AREA: 3 HOURS		
Take whichever course was not taken as core requirement: SOCI 1301 Introduction to Sociology OR PSYC 2301 General Psychology		3
BACHELOR OF ARTS REQUIREMENTS: 12 HOURS		OPTION
Six hours of foreign language.	6	
Six hours chosen from art, communication studies, dance, English, history, media communications, modern languages, music, philosophy, religion, and theatre.	6	
ELECTIVES: 6 HOURS BY ADVISEMENT		
ELECTIVES ♦ Recommended: three hours of upper-division non-SOCW elective hours from CRIJ, ECON, COMM, SOCI, POSC, PSYC or another department by advisement.		6
MINIMUM HOURS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE DEGREE		120

* Indicates prerequisites—see catalog for more information.

** 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).

*** Or an equivalent course (second year, second semester) in a foreign language.

**** Students must be formally admitted to the Social Work program prior to enrolling in this course.

~ Criteria for admission to the Social Work Program: All students registering as social work majors will be considered pre-majors before they are officially admitted into the Social Work Program. The criteria for admission are: completion of the University's core curriculum courses, including biology; completion of the beginning-level social work courses—2361, 2315 and 3301—with a grade of "C" or better; a cumulative grade point average of 2.25 or higher; an application for admission to the 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, and (2) the student's latest transcripts; and the filing of a degree plan with the dean of the College of Education and Social Sciences.

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.

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BA.SOWK (152) / BA.PRE.SOWK (151)

Year 1: Fall		Year 1: Spring	
CORE 10 (Communication) – ENGL 1301 or 1311	3	CORE 10 (Communication) – COMM 1315, 1318 or 1321	3
CORE 20 (Mathematics) – See checklist for options ¹ – MATH 1314, 1316 or 1324 (recommended)	3	CORE 30 (Life & Phys. Sci.) – BIOL 1309/1309L or 1407/1407L (4 th hr from BIOL 1407/1407L counts toward Core 90)	3-4
CORE 30 (Life & Phys. Sci.) – BIOL 1308/1308L or 1406/1406L (4 th hr from BIOL 1406/1406L counts toward Core 90)	3-4	CORE 60 (American History) – See checklist for options ¹	3
CORE 90 (Comp. Area Opt.) – See checklist for options ¹ – IDS 1071 (recommended)	1	CORE 80 (Soc. & Behav. Sci.) – SOCI 1301 Intro. to Sociology	3
SOCW 2361 Introduction to Social Work	3	CORE 90 (Comp. Area Opt.) – See checklist for options ¹ – ENGL 1302, 1312 or 2311 (recommended)	3
Elective	3		
Total:	16-17	Total:	15-16
Year 2: Fall		Year 2: Spring	
CORE 60 (American History) – See checklist for options ¹	3	CORE 40 (Lang., Phil. & Culture) – See checklist for options ¹	3
CORE 70 (Govt./Political Sci.) – POSC 2305 ¹	3	CORE 50 (Creative Arts) – See checklist for options ¹	3
CORE 90 (Comp. Area Opt.) – See checklist for options ¹ (needed if BIOL 1308 and/or 1309 were taken for Core 30)	0-2	CORE 70 (Govt./Political Sci.) – POSC 2306 ¹	3
SOCW 2315 Human Behavior and Personal Adjustment	3	SOCW 3302 Critical Thinking	3
SOCW 3301 Social Welfare: Structure and Process	3	B.A. Requirement – See checklist for options	3
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Total:	15-17	Total:	15
Year 3: Fall		Year 3: Spring	
PSYC 2301 General Psychology	3	SOCW 4321 Practice Methods with Diverse Populations	3
SOCW 3362 Statistics for the Social Sciences	3	SOCW 4380 Human Behavior in the Social Environment II	3
SOCW 3380 Human Behavior in the Social Environment I	3	SOCW 4381 Social Policy and Planning	3
B.A. Requirement – See checklist for options	3	SOCW Elective – See checklist or ² below	3
Elective	3	B.A. Requirement – See checklist for options	3
Total:	15	Total:	15
Year 4: Fall		Year 4: Spring	
SOCW 4310 Mezzo Practice with Groups	3	SOCW 4688 Field Instruction I	6
SOCW 4341 Macro Practice with Communities & Orgs.	3	SOCW 4698 Field Instruction II	6
SOCW 4362 Social Research	3		
SOCW 4383 Micro Practice with Individuals and Families	3		
SOCW Elective – See checklist or ² below	3		
Total:	15	Total:	12

¹ **CORE:** Social Work majors are required to take specific courses for Core 30, Core 80, and Core 90. For all other categories, they may select from any available options (see degree checklist). Apart from the major-specific core requirement, there is no set order in which core courses must be taken.

² **SOCW Electives:** Take two courses from: CRIJ 4376; PSYC 4375; SOCW 4303, 4305, 4320, 4335, 4345, 4370, 4395.

Identified Marketable Skills	Top Three Local Employers or Industries/Professional Programs/Possible Career Opportunities
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Additional notes:

- The core curriculum must total exactly 42 hours; excess hours must be moved to the major as an elective or a major requirement and stay within the 120-hour requirement or approved total submitted to the Coordinating Board for degree requirements. Some majors specify particular courses to meet core curriculum requirements when options are available.

- At least 36 hours of advanced work (3000- or 4000-level courses) for which tuition is paid must be earned at WTAMU. A maximum of six semester hours in religion (RELI) and six semester hours in physical education (PHED) courses can count toward a baccalaureate degree.

DISCLAIMER: This curriculum guide should be used in conjunction with the corresponding degree checklist for general planning purposes only. The degree checklist (later a student's official degree plan) should be referred to as the comprehensive list of all courses required for the degree. An official degree plan is required after completing 30 hours. Students should always seek the advice of their academic adviser before scheduling classes.