



Pittsburg State University  
**College of Arts and Sciences Program Guide**

Degree: Bachelor of Science  
 Major: Social Work  
 Emphasis/Option:  
 Minor (if required):

As of Fall 2017

**Major Requirements (61-64 hours)**

The social work major consists of not less than 61 hours distributed as follows:

**Pre-Admission Courses (7 hours)**

SWK 201: Introduction to Social Work .....	3
SWK 221: Basic Helping Skills .....	3
SWK 222: Basic Helping Skills Experience .....	1

**Post-Admission Courses**

SWK 344: Mental Health Theory and Practice .....	3
SWK 365: Social Process and Social Policy .....	3
SWK 375: Multiculturalism and Diversity in Social Work Practice .....	3
or SOC 443: Race and Ethnic Relations .....	3
or PSYCH 720: Multicultural Issues in Psychology and Counseling .....	3
SWK 383: Fundamentals of Research in Social Work .....	3
or SOSCI 387: Social Research Design .....	4
or PSYCH 389: Research Methods in Psychology I .....	3
and PSYCH 392: Research Methods in Psychology II .....	3
SWK 385: Human Behavior Social Environment: Individual and Family Functioning .....	3
SWK 420: Advanced Social Work Practice I .....	3
SWK 465: Social Welfare Policy Analysis .....	3
SWK 485: Human Behavior in the Social Environment: Groups and Communities .....	3
SWK 598: Introduction to Addiction .....	3
SWK 599: Social Work and the Law .....	3
SWK 600: Advanced Social Work Practice II: Mezzo .....	3
SWK 601: Advanced Social Work Practice III: Macro .....	3
SWK 621: Practicum in Social Work .....	9
SWK 622: Integrative Seminar in Social Work .....	3

SWK 621 Practicum in Social Work is part of the Professional Semester.

SWK 622 Integrative Seminar in Social Work is part of the Professional Semester.

**Electives (6 hours - all social work electives must be 300 level or above)**

Choose two courses from the following list:

SWK 341: Social Work and the Aged .....	3
SWK 342: Health Care and Social Work .....	3
SWK 343: Social Work with Families Affected by Disability .....	3
SWK 345: Topics in Social Work (____) .....	1-3
SOSCI 388: Social Research Analysis .....	4
SWK 399: Social Work and the Court Process .....	3
SWK 400: Social Work Case Management.....	3
GEOG 401: Urban and Regional Planning .....	3
SOC 443: Race and Ethnic Relations .....	3
JUST 500: Criminal Law and Society .....	3
JUST 501: Criminal Procedure .....	3
SOC 527: Correctional Systems .....	3
SOC 548: Juvenile Delinquency .....	3
PSYCH 571: Abnormal Psychology .....	3

*Admission:* Students may apply for admission to the Social Work Program when they meet the following criteria:

(a) have not less than an overall grade point average of 2.5.

(b) completion of SWK 201 Introduction to Social Work, SWK 221 Basic Helping Skills and SWK 222 Basic Helping Skills Experience. **(A grade of not less than "C" must have been earned in each of the above courses.)**

Students may apply for admission to the social work program during the semester that will result in their eligibility for admission under the above criteria. Admission will be contingent upon successful completion of that semester's enrollment. Transfer students may apply for provisional admission if they meet the criteria outlined under (a) above. They will be expected to satisfactorily complete the criteria outlined under (b) above during their first year of provisional admission status, following which they will be granted full admission to the social work program.

The admission process includes (1) the submission of an application for admission to the social work program, (2) a written self-evaluation dealing with motivation for and commitment to professional social work education, (3) two letters of reference, and (4) a personal interview with the Admissions Committee after the committee has reviewed the applicant's written materials. The Admissions Committee is composed of at least two full-time social work faculty members and a representative from the Social Work Advisory Committee. (Application forms may be obtained from the practicum coordinator or the director of the social work program.)

An applicant who has been denied admission to the program may request an appearance before the Admissions Committee in order to show cause why the application should not be rejected. Only students possessing full admission or provisional admission status may enroll in advanced practice social work courses.

A grade of "C" or above in all required courses for the social work major is required for continuation in the program and an overall 2.5 GPA in social work classes is required to graduate.

### **Additional Considerations**

Social work majors must include a minimum of 4 hours in the area of human biological sciences when meeting the natural science general education requirement (BIOL 113 Environmental Life Science meets this requirement). **(In this and in other areas of general education requirements, certain courses are more relevant to the social work major than others; hence, it is urged that students consult carefully with social work faculty advisors in the choice of all general education courses.)**

Specialization in certain fields is being increasingly emphasized in social work practice, and students may wish to gain some insight into and greater knowledge in specific fields that are of particular interest to them, such as group and recreational work, family services, child welfare, probation and correctional work, medical and mental health services, school social work and aging services. Approximately 21 hours of general electives available to the student with a social work major may be used for this purpose through careful selection of courses in the appropriate disciplines in consultation with social work faculty advisors. It should be emphasized, however, that the primary objective of the social work program is the preparation of **generalist practitioners**, and specialty preparation is secondary to the above objective.

# GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

**(46-52 hrs.)**

<b>Basic Skills</b>		<b>12-13 hours</b>
COMM	207	Speech Communication ..... 3
ENGL	101	English Composition..... 3
ENGL	190	Honors English Composition ..... 3
OR ENGL	299	Introduction to Research Writing ..... 3
<b>Mathematics (Select one)</b>		
MATH	110	College Algebra with Review ..... 5
MATH	113	College Algebra ..... 3
MATH	126	Pre-Calculus ..... 4
MATH	133	Quantitative Reasoning..... 3
MATH	143	Elementary Statistics..... 3
<b>Sciences</b>		<b>8-9 hours</b>
Natural Sciences ( <i>Select one</i> )		
BIOL	111/112	General Biology and Laboratory ..... 5
BIOL	113	Environmental Life Science ..... 4
BIOL	211	Principles of Biology I..... 4
Physical Sciences ( <i>Select one</i> )		
CHEM	105/106	Introductory Chemistry and Laboratory..... 4
CHEM	107/108	Chemistry for Life Sciences and Laboratory .... 4
PHYS	160/165	Physical Geology and Laboratory..... 4
PHYS	166/167	Meteorology and Laboratory..... 4
PHYS	171/172	Physical Science and Laboratory ..... 4
PHYS	175/176	Descriptive Astronomy and Laboratory..... 4
PHYS	375/176	Solar System Astronomy and Laboratory ..... 4
<b>Social Studies</b>		<b>3 hours</b>
SOC	100	Introduction to Sociology ..... 3
WGS	200	Introduction to Women's Studies ..... 3
<b>Political Studies (Select one)</b>		<b>3 hours</b>
POLS	101	U.S. Politics ..... 3
POLS	103	Comparative Political Institutions..... 3
<b>Producing and Consuming</b>		<b>5-6 hours</b>
<i>(Select one from two of the following three categories)</i>		
Economy		
ECON	191	Issues in Today's Economy ..... 3
FCS	230	Consumer Ed. and Personal Finance ..... 3
Technology		
EET	247	Computer Programming for Electronic Sys. .... 3
GT	190	Introduction to Technological Systems ..... 2
GT	350	Technology and Civilization..... 3
EDTH	330	Technology for the Classroom..... 3
TE	551	Integrated Technology for Educators..... 3
TM	350	Societal Influence of Technology..... 3
Business		
ACCTG	201	Financial Accounting ..... 3
CIS	130	Computer Information Systems ..... 3
MGT	101	Introduction to Business ..... 3
MGT	105	Introduction to Entrepreneurship..... 3
<b>Fine Arts and Aesthetic Studies (Select one)</b>		<b>2-3 hours</b>
ART	155	Printmaking and Paper Arts..... 3
ART	178	Introduction to the Visual Arts..... 3
ART	188	The Designed World ..... 3
ART	217	Crafts I..... 3
ART	222	Jewelry Design I..... 3
ART	233	Drawing I ..... 3
ART	244	Ceramics I..... 3
ART	266	Sculpture I..... 3
ART	277	Painting I..... 3

ART	288	Introduction to Art History I..... 3
ART	289	Introduction to Art History II ..... 3
ART	311	Art Education ..... 3
ART	351	Printmaking, Papermaking, Bookarts and the Letterpress..... 3
ART	430	Automotive: Art and Design ..... 3
COMM	105	Performance Appreciation..... 3
COMM	205	Performance Studies..... 3
COMM	295	Theatre History ..... 3
ENGL	250	Introduction to Creative Writing ..... 3
HHP	151	Dance Appreciation..... 3
MUSIC	120	Music Appreciation..... 3
MUSIC	121	Introduction to Music Literature ..... 2

<b>Cultural Studies (Select one)</b>		<b>3 hours</b>
ANTH	101	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology..... 3
MLL	114	Chinese Language and Culture I ..... 3
MLL	124	French Language and Culture I ..... 3
MLL	154	Spanish Language and Culture I ..... 3
MLL	184	Russian Language and Culture I ..... 3
MLL	194	Korean Language and Culture I..... 3
GEOG	106	World Regional Geography ..... 3
GEOG	300	Elements of Geography..... 3
GEOG	304	Human Geography..... 3
WGS	399	Global Women's Issues..... 3

<b>Health and Well Being</b>		<b>4-6 hours</b>
Psychological		
PSYCH	155	General Psychology ..... 3
Physical ( <i>Select one</i> )		
FCS	203	Nutrition and Health. .... 3
FCS	301	Nutrition ..... 3
HHP	150	Lifetime Fitness Concepts..... 1
NURS	303	Introduction to Public Health..... 3

<b>Human Heritage</b>		<b>6 hours</b>
<i>(Select one from two of the following three categories)</i>		
History		
HIST	101	World History to 1500..... 3
HIST	102	World History from 1500..... 3
HIST	201	American History to 1865 ..... 3
HIST	202	American History from 1865..... 3
Literature		
ENGL	113	General Literature ..... 3
ENGL	114	General Literature(Genre) ..... 3
ENGL	116	General Literature(Theme)..... 3
ENGL	120	Literature and Film ..... 3
ENGL	315	Mythology ..... 3
ENGL	320	Literature and Film ..... 3
Philosophy		
PHIL	103	Introduction to Philosophy. .... 3
PHIL	105	Ethics..... 3
PHIL	112	Biomedical Ethics..... 3
PHIL	113	Business Ethics..... 3
PHIL	114	Environmental Ethics..... 3
PHIL	207	Critical Thinking ..... 3
PHIL	208	Logic..... 3
PHIL	231	World Religions..... 3

Notes

NOTE: The information contained herein is intended to be used for the planning of a student's academic program and does not constitute a contract. While this guide was prepared with the latest information, courses, graduation requirements, and curricula are subject to change.

When a student attains 85 semester hours of credit (including current enrollment) the student must apply for a degree check in the Office of the Registrar (Degree Checking Section), Room 102 Russ Hall.

**MINIMUM GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:** The minimum requirements for graduation include 124 semester hours of which 60 hours must be from a four year university. In addition, 45 semester hours must be upper division and 30 hours in residence at PSU (including 24 of the last 30). Minimum GPA for non-education degree is 2.0 overall [2.0 in major], secondary education degree is 2.5 overall [2.75 in major], and early/late childhood/unified degree is 2.80 overall [3.0 in major]. A minimum GPA of 2.0 in any minor and in residence coursework is required. General Education and all degree requirements are provided in the online catalog. Refer to individual departments for specific requirements.