

The Bachelor of Social Work Program

CANDIDACY PROCESS

The Social Work major is a secondary admit program. This means that although you have been admitted to GVSU, you must meet certain criteria for admission into the School of Social Work. All Social Work majors who satisfy the candidacy requirements listed below must formally apply for Candidacy in the School of Social Work's Baccalaureate program during the spring/summer prior to fall entry into the Social Work program. The Candidacy Application is on-line and should be completed by the posted May deadline for early consideration. All applications must be completed and submitted by the posted August deadline.

To be eligible for Candidacy students must have:

1. A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 (4.0 scale).
2. Completion of the following components of the general education curriculum:
 - a. All Foundation Categories; except Mathematical Sciences
 - b. Cultures Category: US Diversity
3. School of Social Work Candidacy Course Requirements (See chart below right)
4. Earned a minimum grade of B- (2.7) **and** not have repeated the following courses more than once: PLS 102; PSY 303; PSY or SOC 360; SOC 280; SOC 382 or SW 300; SOC 384; SOC 385; and SW150 (Indicated by highlights in the chart below.) NOTE: Transfer students with grades earned at another institution in these courses must meet the grade and repeat criteria indicated above.

Cumulative
GPA 2.500 or
higher?

Natural Sciences Category

*BIO104 is required for SSW

*You must also complete a physical science non-lab of your choice.

Mathematical Sciences Category

STA215 is required for SSW, but not required prior to seeking candidacy.

NOTE: MTH110 or its equivalent is a pre-requisite for STA215.

Social & Behavioral Sciences Category

SW150, PLS102, PSY101, & SOC201 are all required for SSW.

FOUNDATIONS		CULTURES	
Natural Sciences (2 courses, 1 from each category; 1 must contain a lab) pp. 13–17		World Perspectives (1 course) pp. 30–37	
<p>Physical Sciences</p> <p>CHM 102 CHM 111 GEO 100 GEO 103 GEO 105</p> <p>Lab Courses</p> <p>CHM 109 PHY 201 CHM 115 PHY 204 CHM 201 PHY 220 GEO 111 PHY 230 NRM 140 SCI 226 PHY 105</p>	<p>Life Sciences</p> <p>ANT 206 BIO 105(T11) BMS 104</p> <p>Lab Courses</p> <p>BIO 104 BIO 107 BIO 109 BIO 120 BMS 202 CMB 151 SCI 225</p>	<p>AAA 290 (SBS) AAA 390 (T15) AAA 392 (T1) AAAPLS 319 ANT 111 ANT 204 (SBS) ANT 215 (H) ANT 315 (T9) ANT 316 (T14) ANT 340 (T11) ANT 345 (T15) ANT 346 ANT 360 (T7) ANT 370 (T8) ARA 202 BUS 301 (T15) CHI 202 EAS 201 ECO 349 (T15) ECO 369 (T15) ENG 204 ENG AAA 231 (PL) FRE 202 GER 202 GPY 235 (SBS) GPY 324 (T17) GPY 350 (T15) GPY 351 GPY 355 GPY 362 GRK 202 HST 204</p>	<p>HST 211 (T9) HST 212 HST 230 HST 235 HST 240 HST 241 HST 310 HTM 175 ITA 202 JPN 202 LAS 210 (SBS) LAF 202 LIB 335 (T9) MES 201 MGT 303 (T15) MGT 466 (T15) MUS 218 (A) PHI 210 PHI 240 PLS 103 (SBS) PLS 281 PLS 283 PLS 284 PLS 382 PLS 385 POL 202 PSY 355 RST 225 RUS 202 SPA 202 SOC/WGS 350 (T1) US 201 (T20)</p>
<p>Writing (1 course) p. 9–10</p> <p>WRT 150</p> <p><small>Students must receive a grade of E (last C-) or better to fulfill this requirement.</small></p>	<p>Arts (1 course) pp. 19–20</p> <p>ART 101 CTH 161 CLA 250 DAN 200 CLA 275 MUS 100 CFV 225 MUS 129 CTH 101 MUS 218 (W) PHI 220</p>	<p>Philosophy and Literature (1 course) pp. 23–24</p> <p>CLA 101 ENG/AAA 231(W) CLA 201 LIB 100 COM 202 PHI 101 ENG 105 PHI 102 ENG 203 RST 331 ENG 212 RST 333</p>	<p>Mathematical Sciences (1 course) pp. 21–22</p> <p>CIS 160 MTH 131 GPY 200 MTH 201 MTH 121 MTH 221 MTH 121 PHI 103 MTH 121 STA 215</p> <p><small>Prerequisite to all courses is MTH 110 or its equivalent.</small></p>
<p>Social and Behavioral Sciences (2 courses from 2 disciplines) pp. 27–29</p> <p>AAA 290 (N) LAS 210 (W) AAA 291 (US) PA 270 ANT 204 (N) PLS 102 ANT 220 PLS 103 (W) CI 101 PSY 101 ECO 100 SOC 201 ECO 210 SOC 280 (US) ECO 211 SW 150 GPY 220 WGS 200 GPY 235 (W)</p>	<p>Historical Perspectives (1 course) pp. 25–26</p> <p>ANT 215(W) HST 102 CLA 121 HST 103 CLA 131 HST 203 HSC 201(T2) HST 207 HSC 202 HST 208 HST 101</p>	<p>U.S. Diversity (1 course) pp. 38–40</p> <p>AAA 201 (SBS) LIB 320 (T13) AAA WGS LIB 350 (T1) 352 (T8) LIB 401 (T20) AAA 355 (T13) MGT 355 (T1) ANT 311 (T20) MUS 219 ED 315 MUS 300 (T20) ENG 335 (T1) SOC 280 (SBS) GPY 353 SOC 323 (T4) HST 205 SOC 381 (T20) HST 206 SOC 382 HST 314 SPA 313 ICE 100 US 201 (T20)</p>	

World Perspectives Category

You will fulfill this category, but it's not required prior to seeking candidacy.

Candidacy Course Requirements						
Subject	Course #	CR	Grade Earned	@ GVSU	@ Transfer	Repeat ?
BIO	104	4				
ECO	210 or 211 or	3				
SOC	385					
PLS	102	3				
PSY	101	3				
SOC	201	3				
SOC	280 or 384	3				
SW	150	3				
*SOC	382					
or SW	300	3				
*PSY	303	3				
or SOC	360	3				
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The courses shaded gray (above) must be completed with a B-grade or better and not be repeated more than once (2 attempts total). NOTE: Transfer students with grades earned at another institution in these courses must meet the grade and repeat criteria indicated above.

The courses marked with * (SOC382/SW300; PSY303; PSY/SOC360) are **strongly recommended** to be completed prior to seeking admission to the SSW. However, you may complete these courses concurrently with the first year of SW core courses. They **MUST** be completed prior to the start of the second year of SW core courses.

U.S. Diversity Category

SOC280 and SOC382 are options in the candidacy course requirements that would also meet this category. Regardless of course choice, you must fulfill this category prior to seeking candidacy.