Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)

CANDIDACY REQUIREMENTS

The Social Work major is a secondary admission program, which only admits students one time per year. This means that although you have been admitted to GVSU, you must meet certain criteria before you are admitted (also called candidacy) into the School of Social Work. All Social Work majors who will satisfy the candidacy requirements listed below prior to program entry, must formally apply for Candidacy into the School of Social Work’s Baccalaureate program prior to the application deadline for fall semester entry. More information, including the Candidacy application packet and deadlines are posted online at www.gvsu.edu/ssw

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3. **Complete the School of Social Work Candidacy Course Requirements** as listed in the chart below. NOTE: Transfer students with grades earned at another institution in these courses must meet the grade and repeat criteria indicated.

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The courses shaded dark gray (above) must be completed with a B- grade or better and not be repeated more than once for a total of 2 attempts. 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 * (SOC313/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 and field placement.

**Notes:**