

College of Community & Public Service Undergraduate Advising Center

Social Work Advising Form

(for students who entered Fall 2011 or later)

I. CANDIDACY REQUIREMENTS – All students must complete the formal admission process

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.

To be eligible for Candidacy students must have:

- 1. A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.500 on a 4.000 scale.**

NOTE: Qualified transfer students applying for admission into the School of Social Work prior to establishing a GPA at GVSU will be considered based on the minimum 2.500 GPA necessary for transfer student admission to GVSU.

- 2. Completion of the following components of the general education curriculum:**

- a. All Foundation Categories; except Mathematical Sciences
- b. Cultures Category: US Diversity

- 3. Complete the School of Social Work Candidacy Course Requirements** as listed in the chart available on the candidacy guide.

NOTE: Transfer students with grades earned at another institution in these courses must meet the grade and repeat criteria indicated.

All Social Work majors who will satisfy the candidacy requirements, must formally apply for Candidacy into the School of Social Work's Baccalaureate program prior to the application deadline for fall semester entry. The candidacy requirement checklist can be found online at www.gvsu.edu/ccpsadvising/swcandidacy

II. SOCIAL WORK CORE – All students must complete the core as indicated (39 credits)

SW 150 Human Needs in Complex Societies (<i>completed as part of the candidacy requirements</i>)	3
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First Year in Program - Fall		First Year in Program - Winter	
SW 317 Generalist Practice I	3	SW 316 Interviewing in Social Work	3
SW 319 Social Welfare Policy & Services	3	SW 318 Generalist Practice II	3
SW 340 Human Behavior & the Social Environment I	3	SW 341 Human Behavior & Social Environment II	3
SW 348 Professional Development in Social Work	3		
Second Year in Program - Fall		Second Year in Program - Winter	
SW 430 Social Work Research (<i>Pre-requisite STA215</i>) *also available in Spring/Summer	4	SW 491 SW Field Education II	3
SW 490 SW Field Education I	3	SW 493 SW Field Seminar II	1
SW 492 SW Field Seminar I	1	SW 495 Social Work Capstone (SWS)	3

Please see the reverse side for additional major requirements.

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III. SOCIAL WORK MAJOR ELECTIVES (6 Credits) – All students must complete TWO courses from the list below	
SW 300	Pluralism in American Society (<i>possibly completed as part of the candidacy requirements</i>)
SW 320	Children and Child Welfare Services
SW 322	Responding to Illness (<i>also satisfies one course of GEN ED/Issues</i>)
SW 354	Social Work: International Service
SW 380	Special Topics in Social Work
SW 439	The Family and Social Work Practice
SW 461	Multicultural Issues in Social Work Practice
SW 499	Independent Study in Social Work
IV. SOCIAL WORK INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ELECTIVE (3 Credits) – All students must complete ONE course from the list below or another course approved by the BSW Director	
GPY 235	World Regional Geography (<i>also satisfies GEN ED/CUL- World Perspective</i>)
HST 310	Cultural and Social Topics in Nonwestern History (<i>also satisfies GEN ED/CUL- World Perspective</i>)
HST 331	Modern Latin America
HST 337	The Age of Islamic Empire
HST 338	Modern Middle East
HST 386	20 th Century Europe
LAS 374	Revolution in the Americas (<i>pre-requisite: LAS 210</i>)
PLS 211	International Relations
PLS 313	International Organization (<i>pre-requisite: PLS211 or Junior Standing</i>)
PLS 327	Politics of Developing Countries (<i>pre-requisite: PLS103 or Junior Standing</i>)
SOC/WGS 350	Family and Gender in the Developing World (<i>also satisfies GEN ED/CUL- World Perspective</i>) – (<i>pre-requisite: Junior Standing</i>)
SW 354	Social Work: International Service (<i>pre-requisite: permission of the instructor</i>)

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