

Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)

(effective for students who entered Fall 2017 or later)

CANDIDACY REQUIREMENTS

The Social Work major is a secondary admission program, which only admits students one time per year. This means that although students have been admitted to GVSU, they must meet certain criteria before being admitted into the School of Social Work (also called candidacy). 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 is posted online at www.gvsu.edu/ssw

To be eligible for Candidacy students must have:

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

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.

Cumulative
GPA 2.500 or
higher

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

- a. All Foundation Categories; except Mathematical Sciences

FOUNDATIONS

NATURAL SCIENCES

Two courses, one from Physical Sciences and one from Life Sciences; one must be a lab course

PHYSICAL SCIENCES*

CHM 102
CHM 111
GEO 100
GEO 103
GEO 105 Living with the Great Lakes

Complete a physical science course of your choice (lab course optional).

PHYSICAL SCIENCES* — LAB COURSES

CHM 109 Introductory Chemistry (4 cr)
CHM 115 Principles of Chemistry I (4 cr)
CHM 201 Introduction to Chemical Sciences (4 cr)
GEO 111 Exploring the Earth (4 cr)
NRM 140 The Climatic Factor (4 cr)
PHY 105 Descriptive Astronomy
PHY 201 Inquiry: The Mechanical and Thermal World (4 cr)
PHY 220 General Physics I (5 cr)
PHY 230 Principles of Physics I (5 cr)
SCI 226 Integrated Physical Science for K-8 Teachers

LIFE SCIENCES*

ANT 206 Human Origins
BIO 105 Environmental Science
BMS 100 Human Health and Disease
CMB 155 Introduction to Cell and Molecular Biology

LIFE SCIENCES* — LAB COURSES

BIO 104
BIO 107
BIO 109
BIO 120
BMS 202
CMB 150
SCI 225
Choose one for SW Candidacy: **BIO104, BIO 120, or BMS 202**
This will count as your life science with lab course

WRITING

One course

WRT 150 Strategies in Writing (4 cr)

Students must receive a grade of C (not C-) or better to fulfill this requirement.

Effective Fall 2012: SOC280 is now SOC205.

Effective Fall 2016: SOC205 is now SOC105; and SOC382 is now SOC 313

If you completed or transferred an equivalent to SOC280 it will apply to the SOC105 requirement listed above.

*This requirement may be fulfilled through study abroad. Contact the Padnos International Center for details.

ARTS* One course

ART 101 Introduction to Art
ART 153 Making and Meaning in Art and Design
ART 159 Drawing Fundamentals
ART 260 Introduction to Painting
ART 270 Introduction to Sculpture
ART 271 Digital 3D Modeling and Design
ART 275 Introduction to Ceramics
CLA 250 Classical Art and Archaeology
DAN 200 Introduction to Dance
FVP 225 Film Culture
MUS 100 Introduction to Music Literature
MUS 129 Fundamentals of Music
MUS 218 (GP) World Music
PHI 220 Aesthetics
PHO 175 Understanding Still Photography
THE 101 Introduction to Theatre
THE 161 Theatre Production
WRT 219 Introduction to Creative Writing

PHILOSOPHY AND LITERATURE* One course

CLA 101 Greek and Roman Mythology
CLA 201 Classical Literature
COM 202 Critical Interpretation
ENG 105 Literatures in English
ENG 115 Introduction to Science Fiction
ENG 203 World Literature
ENG 212 Introduction to Shakespeare
ENG/AAA 23* (GP) Early African American Literature
LIB 100 Reflect, Connect, Engage
PHI 101 Introduction to Philosophy
PHI 102 Ethics
PHI 202 Ethics of Health
PLS/HRT 105 Introduction to Human Rights

MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES* One course

CIS 101
CIS 160
GPY 200
MTH 122
MTH 123
MTH 124
MTH 125
MTH 131 Introduction to Mathematics
MTH 201 Calculus I (4 cr)
MTH 221 Mathematics for Elementary Teachers I
PHI 103 Logic
STA 215 Introductory Applied Statistics

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

The prerequisite to all Mathematical Sciences courses is MTH 110 or its equivalent.

Some courses have additional prerequisites.

SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES*

Two courses, each from a different discipline

AAA 200 (GP) Understanding Africa
AAA 201 (US) Introduction to African American Studies
ANT 204 (GP) People and Cultures of the World
ANT 207 (US) Language and Culture

ANT 220
CJ 101
DS 201
ECO 100
ECO 210
ECO 211
GPY 220
GPY 235 (GP)
GSI 201 (GP) (Dis)Order and (In)Justice: An Introduction to Global Studies

Required for SW Candidacy:
SW150, PLS102, PSY101, & SOC101

Are all courses required for SW
Candidacy and fulfill this category.

GS/PLS 215 (GP) Global Migration
LAS 210 (GP) Exploring Latin America
LAS 220 (US) Introduction to Latin/a Studies
LIB 201 (US) Diversity in the United States
PA 270 Public and Nonprofit Administration
PLS 102 American Government and Politics
PLS 103 (GP) Issues in World Politics
PLS 211 (GP) International Relations
PSY 101 Introductory Psychology
REL 100 (GP) Religions of the World
SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology
SOC 105 (US) Social Problems
SOC 287 (US) Sociology of Religion
SW 150 Introduction to Social Work and Social Welfare
WGS 200 Introduction to Gender Studies

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES* One course

ANT 215 (GP) Origins of Civilization
CLA 121 Greek Civilization
CLA 131 Introduction to Roman Civilization
EAS 201 (GP) East Asia in the Contemporary World
GS/HST 202 (GP) History of Global Change and Social Transformation
HSC 201 The Scientific Revolution
HSC 202 The Technological Revolution
HST 101 (GP) Introduction to World Civilizations
HST 102 (GP) Introduction to European Civilizations
HST 103 (US) Introduction to American Civilizations
HST 203 (GP) World History to 1500 A.D.
HST 204 (GP) World History since 1500
HST 206 (US) American History since 1877
HST 207 European Civilization to the Later Middle Ages
HST 208 (GP) European Civilization since the Later Middle Ages
HST 211 (GP) History of Islamic Civilization
HST 212 (GP) India: History and Civilization
HST 240 (GP) A History of East Asia to 1800
HST 241 (GP) A History of East Asia since 1800
MES 201 (GP) Introduction to the Middle East
WGS 224 Introduction to LGBTQ Studies

Additional candidacy requirements listed on the reverse side

3. Complete the School of Social Work Candidacy Course Requirements, while meeting the following criteria:

- a. Earn a minimum grade of C (2.0) in all courses (excluding MTH 110),
- b. Earn at least a 2.500 between all candidacy courses;
- c. Not have repeated a course more than once.

NOTE: Transfer students with grades earned at another institution must meet grade, GPA, and repeat criteria indicated above.

Candidacy Course Requirements				
In-progress/ Completed	Course Requirement	Course Title	CR	Notes:
	BIO 104 OR BIO 120 OR BMS 202	Biology for the 21 st Century <i>also satisfies GenEd: Life Science w/ lab</i> Biology for the 21 st Century <i>also satisfies GenEd: Life Science w/ lab</i> Biology for the 21 st Century <i>also satisfies GenEd: Life Science w/ lab</i>	4	
	PLS 102	American Government and Politics <i>also satisfies GenEd: Social and Behavioral Sciences</i>	3	
	PSY 101	Introductory Psychology <i>also satisfies GenEd: Social and Behavioral Sciences</i>	3	
	PSY 303 OR PSY 324	Psychopathology OR Developmental Psychopathology	3	
	SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology <i>also satisfies GenEd: Social and Behavioral Sciences</i>	3	
	SW 150	Human Needs in Complex Society <i>also satisfies GenEd: Social and Behavioral Sciences</i>	3	
	SW 300	Social Work and Difference, Diversity, and Privilege	3	
	Social Problems/ Social Inequality (Pick one)	BMS 222: Introduction to Public Health <i>offered fall semester</i> CJ 101: Justice and Society <i>also satisfies GenEd: Social and Behavioral Sciences</i> ECO 210: Introduction to Macroeconomics <i>also satisfies GenEd: Social and Behavioral Sciences</i> ECO 211: Introduction to Microeconomics <i>also satisfies GenEd: Social and Behavioral Sciences</i> SOC 105: Social Problems <i>also satisfies GenEd: U.S. Diversity</i> SOC 252: Sociology of Drug Use and Abuse SOC 286: Sociology of Health Care SOC 315: Social Class Inequality* SOC 381: Class, Race, Gender, & Sexuality <i>also satisfies GenEd: U.S. Diversity</i> CJ 320/WGS 320: Crimes Against Women* <i>offered fall semester</i>	3	
	MTH 110	Proficiency Required+		

All candidacy course requirements must be completed with a C or better.

*Requires junior standing

+For admission into the School of Social Work only, MTH 110 proficiency can be demonstrated via the math placement test, ACT or SAT scores, successfully completing MTH 110 or by successfully completing STA 215.