

Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)

(Fall 2011 to Spring/Summer 2016)

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

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.
2. **Completion of the following components of the general education curriculum:**
 - a. All Foundation Categories; except Mathematical Sciences
 - b. Cultures Category: US Diversity

Cumulative
GPA 2.500 or
higher?

FOUNDATIONS

Natural Sciences

2 courses, 1 from each category; 1 must contain a Lab

Physical Sciences* (pp. 12-13)

CHM 102...Chemistry and Society
 CHM 111...Introduction to Green Chemistry
 GEO 100...Environmental Geology
 GEO 103...Oceans
 GEO 105...Living with the Great Lakes

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 204...Inquiry: Electricity, Magnetism, and Optics (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* (pp. 14-15)

BIO104 is required for SSW and should be selected as your life science with lab course ↓

Lab Courses

BIO 104...Biology for the 21st Century (4 cr)
 BIO 107...Great Lakes and Other Water Resources (4 cr)
 BIO 109...Plants in the World (4 cr)
 BIO 120...General Biology I (4 cr)
 BMS 202...Anatomy and Physiology (4 cr)
 CMB 150...Biotechnology and Society (4 cr)
 SCI 225...Integrated Life Science for K-8 Teachers (4 cr)

← Complete a physical science non-lab course of your choice

Writing (p. 16)

1 course
 WRT 150...Strategies in Writing (4 cr)

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

Arts* (pp. 17-18)

1 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 275...Introduction to Ceramics
 CFV 225...Film Culture
 CLA 250...Classical Art and Archaeology
 CLA 275...Ancient Drama
 CTH 101...Introduction to Theatre
 GTH 161...Theatre Production
 DAN 200...Introduction to Dance
 MUS 100...Introduction to Music Literature
 MUS 129...Fundamentals of Music
 MUS 218 (WP)...World Music
 PHI 220...Aesthetics
 WRT 219...Introduction to Creative Writing

Philosophy and Literature* (pp. 19-20)

1 course

CLA 101...Greek and Roman Mythology
 CLA 201...Classical Literature
 COM 202...Critical Interpretation
 ENG 105...Literatures in English
 ENG 203...World Literature
 ENG 212...Introduction to Shakespeare
 ENGLA231 (WP)...Early African American Literature
 LIB 100...Introduction to Liberal Education
 PHI 101...Introduction to Philosophy
 PHI 102...Ethics
 PLS 105...Introduction to Human Rights

Mathematical Sciences* (pp. 21-22)

1 course

CIS 160...Programming with Visual BASIC
 GPY 200...Computer Cartography
 MTH 122...College Algebra
 MTH 123...Trigonometry
 MTH 125...Survey of Calculus
 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

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

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

CULTURES

U.S. Diversity (pp. 40-42)

1 course

AAA 201 (SBS)..... Introduction to African American Studies
 AAWS 352 (I-HR).... Black Women's Culture and Communities
 AAA 355 History of the Underground Railroad
 ANT 311 (I-I)..... Native Peoples of North America
 EDF 315 Diverse Perspectives on Education
 ENG 335 (I-I)..... Literature of American Minorities
 GPY 353 Geography of the United States and Canada
 HST 205 American History to 1877
 HST 206 American History Since 1877
 HST 314 African American History
 ITC 100 Introduction to Intercultural Competence
 LAS 373 (I-I) Latinos/as in West Michigan
 LIB 201 (SBS)..... Diversity in the United States
 LIB 320 (I-HR)..... Voices of the Civil Rights Movement in the United States
 LIB 350 (I-HR).... The Immigrant Experience in the U.S.
 LIB 401 Visionary Thinkers in the American Mosaic
 MES 202 Arab Americans
 MGT 355 The Diversified Workforce
 MUS 219 Jazz History
 MUS 300 Exploring American Music
 SOC 205 (SBS)..... Social Problems
 SOC/WGS 317 (I-I).... Sociology of Gender
 SOC/WGS 318 (I-I).... Sociology of Sexuality
 SOC 323 Families in Society
 SOC 381 Class, Race, Gender, and Sexuality
 SOC 382 (I-HR).... Race and Ethnicity
 SOC 420 (I-I).... Sociology of Community
 SPA 313 U.S. Latino/a Civilization and Culture
 WGS 255 Gender and Popular Culture

SOC105 and SOC313 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.

Effective Fall 2012: SOC280 is now SOC205.
 Effective Fall 2016: SOC205 is now SOC105 and SOC382 is now SOC313.

If you completed or transferred an equivalent to one of these classes it will be applied

Social and Behavioral Sciences* (pp. 23-25)

2 courses from 2 disciplines

AAA 200 (WP)....Understanding Africa
 AAA 201 (US)....Introduction to African American Studies
 ANT 204 (WP)....Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
 ANT 220Introduction to Archaeology (4 cr)
 CI 101Justice and Society
 ECO 100Current Economic Issues
 ECO 210Introductory Macroeconomics
 ECO 211Introductory Microeconomics
 GPY 220Cultural Geography
 GPY 235 (WP)....World Regional Geography
 LAS 210 (WP)....Exploring Latin America
 LIB 201 (US)....Diversity in the United States
 PA 270Public and Nonprofit Administration
 PLS 102American Government and Politics
 PLS 103 (WP)....Issues in World Politics
 PSY 101Introductory Psychology
 REL 100 (WP)....Religions of the World
 SOC 201Introduction to Sociology
 SOC 205 (US)....Social Problems
 SW 150Human Needs in Complex Societies
 WGS 200Introduction to Gender Studies

SW150, PLS102, PSY101, & SOC101 are all courses required for SW Candidacy.

Historical Perspectives* (pp. 26-27)

1 course

ANT 215 (WP)....Origins of Civilization
 CLA 121Greek Civilization
 CLA 131Introduction to Roman Civilization
 EAS 201 (WP)....East Asia in the Contemporary World
 HSC 201The Scientific Revolution
 HSC 202The Technological Revolution
 HST 101Introduction to World Civilizations
 HST 102Introduction to European Civilizations
 HST 103Introduction to American Civilizations
 HST 203World History to 1500 A.D.
 HST 207European Civilization to the Later Middle Ages
 HST 208European Civilization since the Later Middle Ages
 HST 212 (WP)....India: History and Civilization
 MES 201 (WP)....Introduction to the Middle East

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.

Subject	CR	Grade Earned	Completed @ GVSU	Transfer Course	Notes:
BIO 104	4				
ECO 210 or ECO211 or SOC 315 (formerly 385)	3				
PLS 102	3				
PSY 101	3				
SOC 101 (formerly 201)	3				
SOC 105 (formerly 205) or SOC252 (formerly 384)	3				
SW 150	3				
*SOC 313 (formerly 382) or *SW 300	3				
*PSY 303	3				
*PSY 360 or *SOC 360	3				

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.

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