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 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:

Cumulative GPA 2.500 or higher

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; Students must be MTH 110 proficient

WRITING
One course

WRT 130 ..... Strategies in Writing – Stretch II
WRT 150 ..... Strategies in Writing (4 cr)

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

PHYSICAL SCIENCES*
One course. At least one of the Physical Sciences or Life Sciences courses must be a lab course.

CHM 102 ..... Chemistry and Society
GEO 100 ..... Environmental Geology
GEO 103 ..... Oceans
GEO 105 ..... Living with the Great Lakes
GEO 107 ..... Climate Change: A Hot Science
GEO 109 ..... Natural Hazards and Disasters

PHYSICAL SCIENCES* — LAB COURSES

CHM 109 ..... Introductory Chemistry (4 cr)
CHM 125/126 ..... Principles of Chemistry I
CHM 201 ..... Introduction to Chemical Sciences
GEO 111 ..... Exploring the Earth (4 cr)
NRM 140 ..... The Climatic Factor (4 cr)
PHY 105 ..... Descriptive Astronomy
PHY 110 ..... The Physics of Climate Change
PHY 201 ..... Inquiry: The Mechanical and Thermal World (4 cr)
PHY 215 ..... Energy in Modern Life (4 cr)
PHY 220 ..... General Physics I (5 cr)
PHY 230 ..... Principles of Physics I (5 cr)
SCI 226 ..... Integrated Physical Science for PK-3 Teachers

LIFE SCIENCES*
One course. At least one of the Physical Sciences or Life Sciences courses must be a lab course.

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 ..... 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 140 ..... Living foods: ferment them yourself! (4 cr)
CMB 150 ..... Biotechnology and Society (4 cr)
ENV 160 ..... Foundations of Environmental Science (4 cr)
SCI 225 ..... Integrated Life Sciences for PK-3 Teachers (4 cr)

BIO 104 is required for SW Candidacy and fulfills this category.

ARTS*
One course

ART 101 ..... Introduction to Art
ART 153 ..... Making and Meaning in Art and Design
ART 231 ..... Integrating the Visual Arts Across Disciplines
ART 260 ..... Introduction to Painting
ART 270 ..... Sculpture: Creating/Building/Making
ART 271 ..... Sculpture: Digital 3D Modeling and Design
ART 275 ..... Ceramics: The Basics
CLA 141 ..... Architecture and Community in the Ancient World
CLA 250 ..... Classical Art and Archaeology
DAN 200 ..... Introduction to Dance
FVP 225 ..... Film Culture
JPN 222 (GP) ..... Early Modern Japanese Literature and Theatre
MUS 100 ..... Introduction to Music Literature
MUS 128 ..... Strum and Drum for Everyone
MUS 129 ..... Fundamentals of Music
MUS 218 (GP) ..... World Music
PHI 220 ..... Aesthetics
PHO 170 ..... Introduction to Photography
THE 101 ..... Introduction to Theatre
THE 161 ..... Theatre Production
WGS 255 (US) ..... Gender and Popular Culture
WRT 219 ..... Introduction to Creative Writing

PHILOSOPHY AND LITERATURE*
One course

CHI 236 (GP) ..... Popular Chinese Fiction
CLA 101 ..... Greek and Roman Mythology
CLA 201 ..... Classical Literature
CLA 231 ..... Health and Science in Antiquity
COM 202 ..... Critical Interpretation
EAS 210 (GP) ..... Reading East Asia
EDF 215 ..... Introduction to Philosophies of Early Childhood
ENG 103 (GP) ..... World Literature
ENG 105 ..... Literatures in English
ENG 112 ..... Much Ado About Shakespeare
ENG 115 ..... Introduction to Science Fiction
GER 121 (GP) ..... From Valhalla to Hollywood: The Evolution of Germanic Myths
GER 122 (GP) ..... Into the Dark Woods: German Fairy Tales and Their Secrets
INT 100 ..... Reflect, Connect, Engage
JPN 221 (GP) ..... Pre-modern Japanese Literature and Culture (to 1600)
JPN 224 (GP) ..... Post-World War II Japan through Literature and Film
PHI 101 ..... Introduction to Philosophy
PHI 102 ..... Ethics
PHI 202 ..... Philosophy and Ethics of Health
PHI 204 ..... Knowledge, Politics, and Social Media
PHI 206 ..... Business, Value, and Trust: The Philosophy of Work
PLS/HRT 105 ..... Introduction to Human Rights

SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES*
Two courses, each from a different discipline/course prefix

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 ..... Introduction to Archaeology (4 cr)
CJ 101 ..... Justice and Society
CJ 245 ..... Communities and Crime
COM 201 ..... Speech
DS 201 ..... Digital Identities and Communities
EAS 245 ..... Topics in East Asian Food Cultures
ECO 100 ..... Current Economic Issues
ECO 201 ..... Introductory Microeconomics
EDF 115 ..... Introduction to Education: A critical exploration of schooling in America
GPY 111 ..... Cities, Towns, and Villages
GPY 220 ..... Cultural Geography
GPY 235 (GP) ..... Geography for a Changing World
GSI 201 (GP) ..... (Dis)Order and (In)Justice: An Introduction to Global Studies
GSI/PLS 215 (GP) ..... Global Migration
GSI 290 ..... Changemakers! Introduction to Social Impact
HPE 207 ..... Personal Health and Wellness
INT 201 (US) ..... Diversity in the United States
LAS 210 (GP) ..... Exploring Latin America
LAS 220 (US) ..... Introduction to Latino/a Studies
LS 101 ..... Law in Our Lives
MLL 200 (US) ..... Beyond Borders: Language Learning and the Formation of Identity
PNH 101 ..... Public and Nonprofit Organizations in Action
PLS 102 (US) ..... Issues in U.S. Politics
PLS 103 (GP) ..... Issues in World Politics
PLS 211 (GP) ..... International Relations
PSY 101 ..... Introductory Psychology
REL 100 (GP) ..... Religions of the World
RTX 102 ..... Building Resilience for Life and Connection
SOC 101 ..... Introduction to Sociology
SOC 105 (US) ..... Social Problems
SOC/ENS/NRM 222 ..... Humans in West Michigan Watersheds
SOC 286 (US) ..... Health and Society
SOC 287 (US) ..... Sociology of Religion
SW 150 ..... Introduction to Social Work and Social Welfare
WGS 101 (US) ..... Introduction to Gender Studies

SW150, PLS102, PSY101, & SOC101 are all courses required for SW Candidacy and fulfill this category.

HISTORICAL ANALYSIS*
One course

ANT 215 (GP) ..... Origins of Civilization
CLA 121 ..... Greek Civilization
CLA 131 ..... Roman Civilization
EAS 201 (GP) ..... East Asia in the Contemporary World
ENS 238 ..... Polluted, Poisoned, and Pillaged: Exploring Michigan's Waterways Through Time
GSI/HST 202 (GP) ..... History of Global Change and Social Transformation
HSC 201 (GP) ..... The Scientific Revolution
HSC 202 (GP) ..... 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 205 (US) ..... American History to 1877
HST 206 (US) ..... American History since 1877
HST 207 (GP) ..... European Civilization to the Later Middle Ages
HST 208 (GP) ..... European Civilization since the Later Middle Ages
HST 209 ..... History and Social Studies for Elementary Teachers
HST 211 (GP) ..... History of Islamic Civilization
HST 212 (GP) ..... India: History and Civilization
HST 230 (GP) ..... Latin American World History
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
REL 200 ..... Understanding Religions in Human Experience
WGS 224 ..... Introduction to LGBTQ Studies

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 in these courses must meet the grade, GPA and repeat criteria indicated above.

Candidacy Course Requirements				
In-progress/ Completed	Course Requirement	Course Title	CR	Notes:
	BIO 104	Biology for the 21st Century *also satisfies GenEd: Life Science w/ lab*	4	
	PLS 102	American Government and Politics *also satisfies GenEd: Social and Behavioral Sciences*	3	
	PSY 101	Introductory Psychology *also satisfies GenEd: Social and Behavioral Sciences*	3	
	PSY 303 OR PSY 324	Psychopathology OR Developmental Psychopathology	3	
	SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology *also satisfies GenEd: Social and Behavioral Sciences*	3	
	SW 150	Human Needs in Complex Society *also satisfies GenEd: Social and Behavioral Sciences*	3	
	SW 300	Social Work Difference, Diversity and Privilege	3	
	Social Problems/ Social Inequality (Pick one)	BMS 222: Introduction to Public Health *offered fall semester* CJ 101: Justice and Society *also satisfies GenEd: Social and Behavioral Sciences* ECO 210: Introduction to Macroeconomics *also satisfies GenEd: Social and Behavioral Sciences* ECO 211: Introduction to Microeconomics *also satisfies GenEd: Social and Behavioral Sciences* SOC 105: Social Problems *also satisfies GenEd: U.S. Diversity* 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 *also satisfies GenEd: U.S. Diversity* CJ 320/WGS 320: Crimes Against Women* *offered fall semester*	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.