

College of Education and Community Innovation Undergraduate Advising Center
School of Social Work Advising Form

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; Student must be MTH 110 proficient
- 3. Complete the School of Social Work Candidacy Course Requirements** as listed on the candidacy guide.
 NOTE: Transfer students with grades earned at another institution 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.

II. SOCIAL WORK CORE – All students must complete the core as indicated

SW 150 Human Needs in Complex Societies <i>(completed as part of the candidacy requirements)</i>			3
SW 300 Social Work Difference, Diversity, and Privilege <i>(completed as a part of the candidacy requirements)</i>			3
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		

Social Work Field Education Prerequisites

STA 215 Introduction to Applied Statistics	3	Culture and Environment Elective (Pick 1) ANT 204; ANT 340; INT 350; PHI 370; PLS 301; PSY 355; PSY 360; PSY 362; PSY 385; SOC 287; SOC 345; SOC 351; SOC 360; SW 351; SW 354	3
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Second Year in Program - Fall		Second Year in Program - Winter	
SW 430 Social Work Research <i>(Prerequisite: STA 215)</i>	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

See Reverse for Additional Graduation Requirements

III. SOCIAL WORK MAJOR ELECTIVES (6 Credits): All students must complete TWO courses from the list below	
SW 320	Children and Child Welfare Services <i>(offered fall semesters)</i>
SW 322	Responding to Illness <i>(also satisfies one course of GenEd: Issues)</i>
SW 333	Working with the LGBT Community <i>(also satisfies one course of GenEd: Issues)</i>
SW 355	Addressing Ageism <i>(also satisfies one course of GenEd: Issues)</i>
SW 428	Trauma Treatment Concepts
SW 351	Cross Cultural Service Learning <i>(offered spring/summer semesters)</i>
SW 354	Social Work: International Service <i>(offered spring/summer semesters)</i>
SW 439	The Family and Social Work Practice <i>(offered winter semesters)</i>
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 Program Coordinator	
AAA 200	Understanding Africa <i>(also satisfies GenEd: Social and Behavioral Sciences and GenEd: Global Perspectives)</i>
ANT 345	Perspectives on Globalization <i>(also satisfies GenEd: Global Perspectives and one course of GenEd: Issues)</i>
GPY 235	Global Regional Geography <i>(also satisfies GenEd: Global Perspective)</i>
HST 211	History of Islamic Civilization <i>(also satisfies GenEd: Global Perspectives)</i>
HST 212	India: History and Civilization <i>(also satisfies GenEd: Global Perspectives and GenEd: Historical Analysis)</i>
HST 310	Cultural and Social Topics in Nonwestern History <i>(also satisfies GenEd: Global Perspective)</i>
HST 319/ INT 319	Human Traffic and Trafficking <i>(also satisfies one course of GenEd: Issues)</i>
HST 331	Modern Latin America
HST 337	The Age of Islamic Empire
HST 338	Modern Middle East
HST 386	20th Century Europe
LAS 374	Revolution in the Americas
MES 201	Introduction to the Middle East <i>(also satisfies GenEd: Global Perspectives and GenEd: Historical Analysis)</i>
PLS 211	International Relations <i>(also satisfies GenEd: Global Perspective)</i>
PLS 313	International Organization
PLS 327	Politics of Developing Countries
SOC 350/ WGS 350	Family and Gender in the Developing Global* <i>(also satisfies GenEd: Global Perspective and one course of GenEd: Issues)</i>
SW 354	Social Work: International Service* <i>(offered spring/summer semesters)</i>
V. INTER-PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE ELECTIVE (3 credits): All students must complete ONE course from the list below.	
COM 302	Small Group Communication <i>(offered on sufficient demand)</i>
CJ 420	Juvenile Correctional Counseling* <i>(offered winter semesters)</i>
IDS 350	Civil Discourse <i>(also satisfies one course of GenEd: Issues)</i>
INT 341	Leadership for Social Change <i>(offered fall semesters; also satisfies one course of GenEd: Issues)</i>
PHI 325	Ethics in Professional Life <i>(also satisfies one course of GenEd: Issues)</i>
PNH 101	Public and Nonprofit Administration
PNH 335	Grant Writing <i>(offered fall semesters)</i>
PNH 360	Voluntarism and the Nonprofit Sector
PSY 310	Behavior Modification*
PSY 452	Counseling: Theories and Applications*
*indicates additional pre-requisites may be required.	
SW 354 will not count for both a Social Work Elective and Social Work International Relations Elective, it can be used to satisfy one or the other.	