

## Social Work Program Western Illinois University - Macomb

This is a summary of the requirements for an Associate in Arts (AA) degree with a social work concentration, for students planning to transfer to Western Illinois University. The AA degree requires completion of both the general education curriculum and electives for a total of 62 semester hours.

Students should choose the recommended courses from the EICCD General Education curriculum, and complete their AA degree by selecting courses that fulfill requirements for the College of Business. Any remaining electives should be selected from those that have an exact course equivalent at Western Illinois University and is required or recommended for their major.

### EICCD General Education Requirements Summary

| Gen Ed<br>Category                | Minimum Semester<br>Hours Required |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 Communications                  | 9                                  |
| 2 Arts & Humanities               | 9                                  |
| 3 Cultural/Historical Perspective | 6                                  |
| 4 Social Sciences                 | 6                                  |
| 5 Natural Sciences                | 8                                  |
| 6 Mathematics                     | 3                                  |
| 7 Computer Skills                 | 3                                  |
| 8 Electives                       | <u>18</u>                          |
| TOTAL HOURS                       | 62                                 |

### Admission:

**WIU-Macomb:** Transfer students may be admitted with 24 semester hours and a 2.0 GPA or with fewer than 24 semester hours as long as students meet the freshmen admission standards, have at least a combined 2.0 GPA for all college work attempted from all institutions attended and are in good standing at the last college attended.

### General Education:

Students who have completed an AA or AS degree will have met the WIU general education requirements and have junior standing. Students who do not complete an AA or AS degree should complete general education courses from WIU's approved list and have a grade of "C" or better in both English composition courses. Most current articulation information may be found at: <http://www.student.services.wiu.edu/admissions/info/transfer/CCHS/artind.asp>

**Foreign Language:** The Social Work major does include at least one semester of foreign language to be completed.

**Graduation Requirement:** Students must successfully complete the Illinois constitution test if not an Illinois high school graduate and complete 60 semester hours at a four-year institution that includes 40 semester hours of upper division course work and 30 semester hours at Western.

**Social Work Program Requirement:** Transfer students may enroll in a Pre-Social Work Program. Enrollment in the Pre-Social Work Program does not guarantee acceptance as a candidate for the Bachelor of Social Work degree. Among the requirements students must satisfy to earn the degree is achievement of a 2.5 grade point average in major courses prior to enrollment in the required practicum course, maintain a 2.5 grade point average at conclusion of WIU SW 480 and obtain a grade of "C" or better in every graded core SW course.

To be accepted as a major in the Bachelor of Social Work degree program, students must satisfy the following requirements:

1. Complete WIU SW 100, Introduction to Social Work, with a grade of "C" or better.
2. Complete a minimum of 30 s.h. of credit toward the degree including WIU Biol 100, Eng 180, Psy 100 and Soc 100.
3. Have a minimum 2.00 GPA overall.

4. Provide acceptable documentation of a minimum of 100 hours of volunteer or paid human service experience, such as direct experience with persons using the services provided in medical settings, day care centers, nursing homes, church-related programs or other similar settings.
5. Complete the Social Work Program application materials, have a personal interview with a member of the social work faculty, and complete the Social Work Assessment Exam.
6. Be accepted, on the basis of the application process, by the social work faculty. If application is denied, the student has the right to appeal to the chairperson. The department will consider the appeal as a committee of the whole.

The numbers to the left of each course indicate the EICCD General Education categories listed above.

### **EICCD Courses That Fulfill Western Illinois University Requirements**

| <u>Category</u> | <u>EICCD Course</u> | <u>Title</u>                    | <u>Credits</u> | <u>WIU Equivalent</u> |
|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| 3               | AN:110              | Cultural Anthropology           | 3              | ANTH 110              |
| 5               | BIO:112             | Human Biology                   | 4              | BIOL 204              |
| 8               | SP:116#             | Interpersonal Communication     | 3              | COMM 130              |
| 1               | EN:105*             | English Composition I           | 3              | ENG 180               |
| 1               | EN:110*             | English Composition II          | 3              | ENG 280               |
| 3               | XX:XXX              | Foreign Language                | 3/4            | Foreign Language      |
| 2               | PH:150              | Intro to Ethics                 | 3              | PHIL 120              |
| 4               | PS:100**            | American Federal Government     | 3              | PolS 122              |
| 4               | PY:105              | General Psychology              | 3              | PSY 100               |
| 8               | SO:100              | Principles of Sociology         | 3              | SOC 100               |
| 8               | SO:102+             | Introduction to Social Work     | 3              | SW 100                |
| 8               | SO:230#+            | Hum Behavior & Soc Environ.     | 3              | SW 213                |
| 1               | SP:106              | Principles of Speech            | 3              | COMM 241              |
| 2               |                     | Arts & Humanities for AA Degree | 6              |                       |
| 5               |                     | Natural Sciences                | 4              |                       |
| 6               |                     | Mathematics                     | 3              |                       |
| 7               |                     | Computer Skills                 | 3              |                       |
| 8               |                     | Electives to total 62 hours     | 6^^            |                       |

#Course is offered infrequently.

\*Grade of "C" or better is required if AA degree is not completed.

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^^Social work requires the completion of a minor. Consult Western for possible courses to complete once a minor has been decided upon.

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