

Social Work Major (BSW Program)

Required Courses and Sequence of Courses

The Social Work Program requires that students complete five foundation courses (16 credits), ten social work courses (30 credits), and a two semester field practicum (12 credits). Social Work courses must be taken in the order described below. To take courses beyond the fall of a student's junior year she/he must apply to the program to be a major.¹ Students are strongly encouraged to apply prior to their junior year. Prior to applying to the program students may declare social work as their major and be listed as a pre-social work major with a social work faculty member assigned as their advisor.

Prior to Junior Year/Prior to coming to WSC, the student should have completed:

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| SOCI | 0101 | Principles of Sociology | (3) |
| SOCW | 0103 | Introduction to Social Work and Social Welfare | (3) |
| POLS | 0101 | American National Government | (3) |
| | OR | HIST 0132 US History and Government since 1895 | |
| ECON | 0101 | Principles of Macroeconomics | (3) |
| PSYC | 0101 | Introduction to Psychology | (3) |
| BIOL | 0104 | Human Biology | (4) |

During the junior and senior years students will take a majority of the social work classes. Major courses must be taken in sequence. The major cannot be completed in less than four semesters.

The average full-time student's schedule would look like the following for their junior and senior years:

Fall Junior Year (9 social work credits)

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| SOCW | 0241 | Human Behavior and the Social Environment I | (3) |
| SOCW | 0204 | Introduction to Research Methods in Social Work | (3) |
| SOCW | 0340 | Introduction to Generalist Practice | (3) |

Student will fill schedule with core courses, electives, and other major/minor courses.

Spring Junior Year (9 or 12 social work credits)

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| SOCW | 0242 | Human Behavior and the Social Environment II | (3) |
| SOCW | 0301 | Advanced Research Methods | (3) |
| SOCW | 0342 | Generalist Practice with Individuals | (3) |
| SOCW | 0243 | Social Policy Analysis ² | (3) |

Student will fill schedule with core courses, electives, and other major/minor courses.

Fall Senior Year (9 or 12 social work credits if SOCW 0243 is taken this semester)

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|------|------|--|-----|
| SOCW | 0343 | Generalist Practice with Families and Groups | (3) |
| SOCW | 0351 | Field Practicum I | (6) |

Student will fill schedule with core courses, electives, and other major/minor courses.

Spring Senior Year (9 social work credits)

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| SOCW | 0341 | Generalist Practice with Communities and Organizations | (3) |
| SOCW | 0352 | Field Practicum II | (6) |

Student will fill schedule with core courses, electives, and other major/minor courses.

¹ Application materials are available on-line at <http://wsc.ma.edu/socialwork>.

² SOCW 0243 can be taken anytime once prerequisites are completed. Usually it is taken Spring of the Junior year or Fall of the Senior year

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The average part-time student will take three years to complete the Social Work Major.³ A part-time student's schedule would look like the following for his/her final three years:

Year 1 Fall (6 social work credits)

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| SOCW | 0241 | Human Behavior and the Social Environment I | (3) |
| SOCI | 0204 | Introduction to Research Methods in Social Work | (3) |

Year 1 Spring (6 social work credits)

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| SOCW | 0242 | Human Behavior and the Social Environment II | (3) |
| SOCI | 0304 | Advanced Research Methods in Social Work | (3) |

Year 2 Fall Year (6 social work credits)

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| SOCW | 0243 | Social Policy Analysis | (3) |
| SOCW | 0340 | Introduction to Generalist Practice | (3) |

Year 2 Spring (3 social work credits)

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| SOCW | 0342 | Generalist Practice with Individuals | (3) |
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Year 3 Fall (9 social work credits)

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| SOCW | 0343 | Generalist Practice with Groups and Families | (3) |
| SOCW | 0351 | Field Practicum I | (6). |

Year 3 Spring (9 social work credits)

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|------|------|--|-----|
| SOCW | 0341 | Generalist Practice with Communities and Organizations | (3) |
| SOCW | 0352 | Field Practicum II | (6) |

³ Individual plans can be developed to complete the degree and the program on a timeline appropriate for the student