

## SEQUENCE OF COURSES FOR COMPLETING A MAJOR IN SOCIAL WORK

The bachelor's in social work requires a minimum of 120 credits; 42 credits of university core curriculum courses, 59 credits of Social Work Major curriculum courses, 3 credits of social work elective and the remaining 16 credits of elective courses (selected from any university course offerings). The core curriculum requirements should ideally be completed during the first two years. Courses are listed in the year in which they should be completed and may be taken in either semester unless otherwise specified as *Fall* or *Spring*.

Since the social work curriculum is designed to build on the core curriculum and is sequenced to provide continuity and integration with the core curriculum, the format recommended below should be followed closely. While it is recognized that students will not always be able to adhere to this sequence exactly as presented, failure to do so may result in difficulty with course content and in scheduling required major courses. STUDENTS SHOULD FOLLOW THIS SEQUENCE UNLESS FACULTY ADVISE OTHERWISE, OR RISK DELAYING SENIOR PRACTICUM AND GRADUATION.

### FIRST YEAR

Credit Hours	Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Credit Hours
3-4	ENGL 101 or 101S Writing and Rhetoric I (by placement)	ENGL 102 Writing and Rhetoric II	3
1	SOWK 101 First Year Experience in Social Work <i>Fall only</i>	Core Wellness course (or Core Arts course)	3
4	(*Core Science) General Biology BIOL 103	(*Core Science) General Biology BIOL 104	4
3	PSYC 101 Introduction to Psychology (Core Social Science)	SOC 203 General Sociology (Core Social Science)	3
3-4	Core Math Course	Core History course	3
<b>14-16</b>	<b>Total semester credits</b>	<b>Total semester credits</b>	<b>16</b>

\*Students who enter Shepherd (or the social work program) without approved core lab science credits should complete the BIOL 103/104 sequence. Students who transfer into social work from another major or institution with one or two core lab science courses are required to fulfill the core lab science requirement and at least one 3 credit animal-based biology course from the following list: BIOL 103, 104, 209, 225, 226, or 302.

### SECOND YEAR

Credit Hours	Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Credit Hours
3	Core Humanities Course ( <i>consider CK requirement</i> )	Core Humanities Course	3
3	<u>Core Social Science (choose 1)</u> PSCI 100 Politics & Government OR PSCI 101 American Federal Government	SOC 205 Social Problems	3
3	SOWK 300 Community Service Learning (or SOWK 330 International Community Service Learning) ( <i>Fall</i> )	SOWK 201 Introduction to Social Work ( <i>Spring</i> )	3
3	Core Arts course (or Core Wellness course)	Elective	3
3	Elective	Elective	3
<b>15</b>	<b>Total semester credits</b>	<b>Total semester credits</b>	<b>15</b>

## JUNIOR YEAR

Credit Hours	Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Credit Hours
3	SOC1 303 The Family	SOWK 325 Orientation to Practicum <i>(Spring)</i>	1
3	SOWK 305 Human Behavior in the Social Environment I <i>(Fall)</i>	SOWK 306 Human Behavior in the Social Environment II <i>(Spring)</i>	3
4	SOWK 311 Social Work Methods I <i>(Fall)</i>	SOWK 312 Social Work Methods II <i>(Spring)</i>	3
3	<i>*Social Work Elective (choose 1)</i> SOWK 320 Child Welfare SOWK 402 Social Gerontology SOWK 417 Sex & Gender	SOWK 301 Social Welfare as a Social Institution <i>(Spring)</i>	3
3	Elective	LBSC 103 Info. Literacy for the Social Sciences <i>(Spring)</i>	1
0-1	Elective	Elective(s)	3-6
<b>16-17</b>	<b>Total semester credits</b>	<b>Total semester credits</b>	<b>14-17</b>

\*This elective course requirement may be fulfilled in any semester of the junior or senior year; these courses are taught by adjunct faculty and not offered every semester, so students are advised to discuss offerings with their advisor. Other electives may also be substituted with advisor approval.

## SENIOR YEAR

Credit Hours	Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Credit Hours
3	SOWK 407 Social Work Practicum I <i>(Fall)</i>	SOWK 410 Practicum Seminar II <i>(Spring)</i>	2
3	SOWK 408 Social Work Practicum II <i>(Fall)</i>	SOWK 411 Social Work Practicum III <i>(Spring)</i>	3
2	SOWK 409 Practicum Seminar I <i>(Fall)</i>	SOWK 412 Social Work Practicum IV <i>(Spring)</i>	3
3	SOWK 313 Social Work Methods III <i>(Fall)</i>	SOWK 404 Social Work Capstone <i>(Spring)</i>	3
4	SOWK 423 Research and Statistics <i>(Fall)</i>	Elective	1-4
<b>15</b>	<b>Total semester credits</b>	<b>Total semester credits</b>	<b>12-15</b>

<b>Core Curriculum credits</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>Social Work Curriculum credits</b>	<b>59</b>
<b>Social Work Elective</b>	<b>3</b>
<b><u>University-wide elective credits</u></b>	<b><u>16</u></b>
<b>Credits required for graduation</b>	<b>120</b>

**REMEMBER:** You not only need a minimum of 120 credit hours, but you also need to have them in all the right places! We encourage you to regularly use academic advising, especially during registration periods; YOU are responsible for keeping track of your progression through the program. The *DegreeWorks* allows you to see which requirements you have completed, and which are still needed; please use it each semester before you meet with your advisor to plan your courses for the upcoming semester.