

Social Work Department, Messiah University (QuEST)

Social Work Curriculum: Three-Year Plan of Study

(Revised Fall 2024)

Fall Semester	Credit	Spring Semester	Credit
<i>First Year Fall Semester</i>		<i>First Year Spring Semester</i>	
SOWK 099 Professionalism in SOWK SOWK 120 Intro to Social Work SOWK 250 Practice w/ Individuals SOWK 251 Field Exp. Individuals >SOWK250/251 could be taken during second year. SOWK372 would then be moved to the third year. ~Room for three 3-credit courses	1cr 3cr 3cr <u>1cr</u> 8	SOWK 221 Human Behavior SOWK3 60 Practice w/ Families SOWK 361 Field Exp. Families SOWK 382 Topics in Social Work >If student takes SOWK250/251 during the second year then SOWK360/361 would also be moved to the second year. ~Room for two 3-credit courses	3cr 3cr 1cr <u>3cr</u> 10
<i>Second Year Fall Semester</i>		<i>Second Year Spring Semester</i>	
SOWK 372 Practice w/ Groups SOWK 385 Intro to Research in Social Work ~Room for three 3-credit courses	4cr <u>3cr</u> 7	SOWK 420 Social Welfare Policies SOAN 356 Social Inequality** ~Room for three 3-credit courses	3cr <u>3cr</u> 6
<i>Third Year Fall Semester</i>		<i>Third Year Spring Semester</i>	
SOWK 475 Practice w/ Communities and Organizations SOWK4 76 Field Experience Communities and Organizations* SOWK 484 Prep for Field Practice *Room for four 3 credit courses	3cr 1cr <u>1cr</u> 5	SOWK 485 Seminar in SOWK Practice SOWK 490 Field Practice in SOWK***	3cr <u>12cr</u> 15
<i>Fourth Year Fall Semester Option</i>		➡ Additional Courses Required by the Major	
Students could complete all of the major SOWK courses and then complete any Gen Ed or remaining required courses in the Fall after completing their senior placement.		ECON 110, 117 OR 120 (choose one)- <i>Students trying to complete the major early often CLEP this course</i> HIST1 42 U.S. History Since 1865 - <i>Students trying to complete the major early often CLEP this course</i> STAT 269 Introductory Statistics – <i>Students often take this course over the summer and transfer the course to Messiah</i> SOAN1 01 Introduction to Sociology-- <i>Students trying to complete the major early often CLEP this course</i> BIOL 158 Human Biology & Lab – <i>Students often take this course over the summer and transfer the course to Messiah/ Will accept Anatomy and Physiology in place of HB.</i> PSYC 101 Intro to Psychology - <i>Students trying to complete the major early often CLEP this course</i>	
Please note a minimum of 123 credits are required to graduate. Students on a 3-year plan must meet all the general education requirements (31 credits) AND ➡ Additional courses required by the Social Work Major.			

___ An overall 2.7 (B-) GPA in the major ___ A 2.3 (C+) requirement for all SOWK designated courses

___ An overall 2.5 cumulative GPA ___ Cross-cultural experience ___ **Total Credits (123)**

*Also counts as ELI graduation requirement for service learning
 **QuEST pluralism requirement waived for social work students
 ***SOWK490 meets QuEST 3rd language requirement