

SOCIAL WORK - ASSOCIATE OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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Students must earn a grade of C- or better in all Social Work courses.

Total Credits Required for Degree: 60

Students must complete all University degree requirements, which include: General Education requirements and elective credits to total at least 60 credits. Developmental coursework will not count towards the degree requirements and/or elective credits, but may be needed in order to take the necessary English and Mathematics coursework.

Prefix	Title	Credits
General Education Requirements		
Courses specified in the General Education areas below are Program required courses that will also fulfill General Education requirements.		
<i>Area I: Communications</i>		
<i>English Composition - Level 1</i>		
ENGL 1110G	Composition I	4
<i>English Composition - Level 2</i>		
ENGL 2210G	Professional and Technical Communication	3
or ENGL 2221G	Writing in the Humanities and Social Science	
<i>Oral Communication</i>		
COMM 1115G	Introduction to Communication	3
or COMM 1130G	Public Speaking	
<i>Area II: Mathematics</i>		
MATH 1220G	College Algebra ¹	3
<i>Areas III/IV: Laboratory Science and Social/Behavioral Sciences</i>		
PSYC 1110G	Introduction to Psychology	3
BIOL 1120G & BIOL 1120L	Human Biology and Human Biology Laboratory	4
Select one course from either Area III or Area IV (3-4 credits)		
<i>Area V: Humanities</i>		
PHIL 1115G	Introduction to Philosophy	3
<i>Area VI: Creative/Fine Arts</i>		
Select one course from Area VI: Creative/Fine Arts ²		
<i>General Education Elective</i>		
SOWK 2110G	Introduction to Human Services & Social Work	3
Program Requirements		
BCIS 1110	Introduction to Information Systems	3
CEPY 1120G	Human Growth and Behavior	3
HMSV 2110	Case Management	3
MATH 1350G	Introduction to Statistics	3
PSYC 2221	Applied Psychology	3
or PSYC 2230	Psychology of Adjustment	
SOCI 1110G	Introduction to Sociology	3
or SOCI 2310G	Contemporary Social Problems	
<i>Second Language Requirement</i>		
SPAN 1110	Spanish I	4
SPAN 1120	Spanish II	4
OR select two semesters of a second language		
Electives, to bring the total credits to 60 ³		2-3
Total Credits		60

¹ MATH 1220G College Algebra is required for the degree but students may need to take prerequisites to enter the course.

² See the General Education Section (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/alamogordo/general-information/general-education-new-mexico-common-core/>) of the catalog for a full list of courses.

³ Elective credit may vary based on prerequisites, dual credit, AP credit, and/or certificate coursework. The amount indicated in the requirements list is the amount needed to bring the total to 60 credits and may appear in variable form based on the degree. However students may end up needing to complete more or less on a case-by-case basis and students should discuss elective requirements with their advisor.

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A Suggested Plan of Study - Social Work

Additional classes may be needed based on placement test results and course prerequisites. Visit with an advisor for help with creating a customized plan.

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First Year		Credits
Fall		
BCIS 1110	Introduction to Information Systems	3
BIOL 1120G & BIOL 1120L	Human Biology and Human Biology Laboratory	4
ENGL 1110G	Composition I	4
SOWK 2110G	Introduction to Human Services & Social Work	3
Credits		14
Spring		
CEPY 1120G	Human Growth and Behavior	3
COMM 1115G	Introduction to Communication	3
or COMM 1130G	or Public Speaking	
ENGL 2210G	Professional and Technical Communication	3
or ENGL 2221G	or Writing in the Humanities and Social Science	
PSYC 1110G	Introduction to Psychology	3
SOCI 1110G	Introduction to Sociology	3
or SOCI 2310G	or Contemporary Social Problems	
Credits		15
Second Year		
Fall		
MATH 1220G	College Algebra ²	3
PHIL 1115G	Introduction to Philosophy	3
PSYC 2221	Applied Psychology	3
or PSYC 2230	or Psychology of Adjustment	
SPAN 1110	Spanish I ³	4
Select one course from either Area III or Area IV (3-4 credits)		
Credits		16
Spring		
HMSV 2110	Case Management	3
MATH 1350G	Introduction to Statistics	3
SPAN 1120	Spanish II ³	4
Elective Course ⁴		2-3

Select one course from Area VI: Creative/Fine Arts	3
Credits	15
Total Credits	60

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³ Students are recommended to take SPAN 1110 Spanish I and SPAN 1120 Spanish II but can complete the requirement with two semesters of another second language prefix.

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