

SOCIAL WORK - ASSOCIATE OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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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.

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

First Year

Fall		Credits
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 or COMM 1130G	Introduction to Communication or Public Speaking	3
ENGL 2210G or ENGL 2221G	Professional and Technical Communication or Writing in the Humanities and Social Science	3
PSYC 1110G	Introduction to Psychology	3
SOCI 1110G or SOCI 2310G	Introduction to Sociology or Contemporary Social Problems	3
Credits		15

Second Year

Fall		Credits
MATH 1220G	College Algebra ²	3
PHIL 1115G	Introduction to Philosophy	3
PSYC 2221 or PSYC 2230	Applied Psychology or Psychology of Adjustment	3
SPAN 1110	Spanish I ³	4
Select one course from either Area III or Area IV (3-4 credits)		3-4
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

¹ 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.

² MATH 1220G College Algebra is required for the degree but students may need to take prerequisites to enter the course.

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.

⁴ 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.