

SOCIAL WORK - ASSOCIATE OF SOCIAL WORK

60 credits

The Associate degree in Social Work is designed to prepare students for careers in social service or community health agencies as paraprofessionals. In addition, because of the large New Mexico Common Core component, the degree also helps prepare the student for a successful transition into a bachelor's program in Social Work or other majors.

The bachelor degree requirement for a second language requires a grade of C or better through the 1120 level in any second language. If the student is a native speaker or has taken one or two years of a second language in high school, see an advisor for information in fulfilling the requirement.

Students interested in the Las Cruces campus Bachelor Degree in Social Work program may also be interested in the Associate in Social Work. Students planning to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work must apply for the Social Work Program. Students (particularly transfer students) should contact the Social Work Advisor in Las Cruces for advising and for the application packets. **Note: A 2.5 GPA is required for the Bachelor in Social Work degree.**

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.

The New Mexico General Education (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/grants/general-education/>) course list can be found here.

Prefix	Title	Credits
General Education		
<i>Area I: Communications</i>		
<i>English Composition - Level 1</i>		
ENGL 1110G	Composition I	4
<i>English Composition - Level 2</i>		
ENGL 2221G or ENGL 2210G	Writing in the Humanities and Social Science Professional and Technical Communication	3
<i>Oral Communication</i>		
COMM 1115G or COMM 1130G	Introduction to Communication Public Speaking	3
<i>Area II: Mathematics</i>		
MATH 1350G	Introduction to Statistics ¹	3
<i>Area III: Laboratory Science</i>		
BIOL 1120G & BIOL 1120L	Human Biology and Human Biology Laboratory	4
<i>Area IV: Social/Behavioral Sciences (2 courses)</i>		
SOWK 2110G	Introduction to Human Services & Social Work	3
PSYC 1110G	Introduction to Psychology	3
<i>Area V: Humanities</i> ³		
<i>Area VI: Creative and Fine Arts</i> ³		
<i>General Education Elective</i>		
CEPY 1120G	Human Growth and Behavior	3
<i>Second Language Requirement - 8 credits</i>		
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SPAN 1110	Spanish I	
SPAN 1120	Spanish II	
<i>Core Requirements</i>		
HMSV 2110	Case Management	3
PSYC 2230	Psychology of Adjustment	3
SOCI 1110G	Introduction to Sociology	3
<i>Other Course Requirements</i>		
FYEX 1110	First-year Seminar	1-3
Electives, to bring the total credits to 60. ²		8
<i>Recommended Electives</i>		
CEPY 2140	Explorations of Counseling & Community Psychology	
CJUS 2120	Criminal Courts and Procedure	
PSYC 2311	A Study of Substance Abuse through Learning	
SOCI 2310G	Contemporary Social Problems	
Total Credits		58-60

¹ MATH 1350G Introduction to Statistics is required for the NMSU Las Cruces Bachelor of Social Work. If students are not planning to pursue a Bachelor's degree, MATH 1130G Survey of Mathematics is acceptable but does not prepare the student for higher level MATH/STAT.

² 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 at least 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.

³ See the General Education (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/general-education-viewing-wider-world/>) section of the catalog for a full list of courses.