



# SOCIAL WORK, B.S.W transfer plan

Western Kentucky University

**Purpose:** To promote transfer of credits from the A.A.S. in Human Services from KCTCS into the Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) for WKU

**Accreditation Statues:** Both institutions will observe the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE), and Council on Social Work Education guidelines and procedures.

**Admissions of Practices:** Applicants for the Western Kentucky University's BSW program are selected based upon the following criteria:

1. All transfer students must request that an official transcript from each college attended be sent to the WKU Admissions Office, 1906 College Heights Blvd. #11020, Bowling Green, KY 42101-1020, or preferable electronically, or call (270)745-2551 if you have questions.
2. Admission to WKU.
3. A 2.5 overall GPA required for admission to the WKU BSW program.
4. A separate application for admission into the BSW program is required by the designed deadline. Application materials can be found at the WKU Department of Social Work's website: <http://www.wku.edu/socialwork>
5. Completion of the BSW prerequisite coursework:

KCTCS Courses	WKU Courses (required if not completed at KCTCS)
HMS 101* (SWK 222) Human Services (3)	SWRK 101 Foundations of Human Services (3)
HMS 102* (SWK 124) Intro Social Work (3)	SWRK 205 Intro to Social Work (3)
ENG 101 Writing (3)	ENG 100 Intro to College Writing (3)
MAT 150 College Algebra (3)	MATH 116 College Algebra (3)
BIO 112 ,114, 135 or 150 Biology (3-4)	BIOL 113, 120, or 131 Biology (3-4)
POL 101 American Government (3)	PS 110 American Government (3)
ECO 101, 201 or 202 Economics (3)	ECON 150, 202, or 203 Economics (3)
PSY 110 or 223 Psychology (3)	PSY 100 or 199 Psychology (3)
SOC 101 Intro to Sociology (3)	SOC 100 (3) or AGRI 108 (3)

**Note:** \* The expectation is that HMS 101 and 102 are taught by faculty possessing the MSW degree from an institution accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. If that is not the case, the WKU BSW program reserves the right to review the syllabi for these courses and the credentials of the faculty teaching them. These courses may have to be repeated at WKU.

## Application of Credits:

1. Transfer equivalencies for WKU admitted students are available on iCAP: <http://www.wku.edu/icap/>. If not formally admitted to WKU, course transfer equivalencies are available: <http://www.wku.edu/transferequivalencies>.
2. Students successfully completing the required prerequisites and steps for admission to the WKU BSW Program will enter WKU as fully admitted BSW majors. The expectation is that the BSW degree can be completed in a minimum of five semesters once the student matriculates to WKU.



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- Students must comply with all WKU Academic Requirements and Regulations (as published in the undergraduate catalog). A Baccalaureate degree from WKU requires a minimum of 120 credit hours.
- This agreement allows KCTCS graduates to transfer 64 or more credit hours into the BSW in Social Work as outlined in the attached table (34 from the AAS in Human Services, and 30 or more general education courses). The 42 upper level credit hours (39 of Social Work and 3 of upper division electives), can be completed on the Bowling Green, Elizabethtown, Owensboro, or Glasgow campus of WKU.
- Students may arrive from KCTCS fully-certified in General Education or complete WKU's General Education requirements. KCTCS students with an AA or AS are designated as fully-certified in General Education and will be credited as meeting WKU's General Education requirements. Student with an AAS degree may stay at KCTCS in order to become General Education certified. The AAS in Human Services from KCTCS requires a Quantitative Reasoning (QR) and Natural Sciences (NS) course, yet a specific course is not recommended. The below courses count toward the AAS, but also satisfy several admission requirements for the BSW program at WKU. Recommendations to complete during the AAS:

KCTCS Courses	Gen Ed Code	WKU Courses (required if not completed at KCTCS)
MAT 150 College Algebra (3)	QR	MATH 116 College Algebra (3)
BIO 112, 114, 135 or 150 Biology (3)	NS+SL	BIOL 113, 120, or 131 Biology (3)

- To complete the state General Education Requirement and become fully-certified, two options are available: 1) complete at KCTCS while working on the AAS; or 2) complete at WKU. Below are course suggestions for each option:

**Option 1: Complete General Education at KCTCS.** It is important to note that several Admission requirements for the BSW program at WKU overlap with the KCTCS Associate of Arts (AA) degree requirements and thus are beneficial to complete.

\*Denotes Admission requirement for the BSW program at WKU

KCTCS Courses	WKU Courses
Arts & Humanities (AH), if completed Heritage in AAS (3)	
Quantitative Reasoning (QR) or Natural Sciences (NS) (3)	
*ECO 101, 201, or 202 (3) Economics (SB)	*ECON 150, 202, or 203 Economics (3)
*POL 101 Government (SB)	*PS 110 American Government (3)
SED 102 as a SWK Technical Course, or another Core or Foreign Language (3)	CD 102 or 2 <sup>nd</sup> level Foreign Language (3)



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**Option 2: Complete General Education at WKU.** The below assumes the above recommendations in QR and NS are completed, as well as, Heritage and BSW Admission Requirements during the AAS or AA:

WKU Courses	KCTCS possibilities
Foreign Language (2 <sup>nd</sup> level) (3) if not completed as KCTCS SWK Technical Course	Foreign Language (SED 102 is a SWRK Technical Course elective)
Arts & Humanities (AH) (3)	Arts and Humanities (AH) (3)
ENG 200 Literature (AH) (3)	
Natural Science (NS) (3) – no Biology	Natural Science (NS) – no Biology
World Culture (3)	FLK 280 or GEO 152
Health & Wellness (3)	NFS 101

- Students transferring into WKU from KCTCS for the program are required to complete a minimum of 42 upper division hours to earn a WKU degree, of which 39 are imbedded in the BSW major.
- The table below includes WKU courses required for the BSW in :

WKU SWRK Courses	Credits
SWRK 330 Human Behavior in the Social Environment I	3
SWRK 331 Human Behavior in the Social Environment II	3
SWRK 344 Social Work Statistics and Data Analysis	3
SWRK 345 Social Work Research Methods	3
SWRK 375 Social Work Practice I	3
SWRK 378 Social Work Practice II	3
SWRK 379 Intro to Social Work Communication Skills	3
SWRK 381 Social Work Practice III	3
SWRK 395 Social Welfare Policy and Issues	3
SWRK 480 Social Work Field Practicum I	3
SWRK 481 Social Work Field Seminar I	3
SWRK 482 Social Work Field Practicum II	3
SWRK 483 Social Work Field Seminar II	3
SWRK Electives (* = if HMS 103 (or higher) or SWK 180 (or higher) at KCTCS, no additional electives are required.	9*
Total WKU SWRK Hours	39
WKU Upper division elective	3
Total SWRK & WKU upper division Hours	42

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