



**BACHELOR of SOCIAL WORK (#594)**  
 Department of Social Work  
 College of Health and Human Services  
 Western Kentucky University

The suggested program of study shown below should be used in consultation with your advisor(s). Every student will finish with a unique plan of his/her own depending on the electives selected. Prerequisites, Course Numbers, and Course Titles are subject to change.

**SAMPLE – Finish in Four Plan**

| <b>FIRST YEAR</b>  |           |   |              |
|--|-----------|---|--------------|
| <b>Fall Semester</b>   |           | <b>Spring Semester</b>  |              |
| *SWRK 101 – Foundations of Human Services (E-SB)   | 3         | *MATH 183 – Introductory Statistics (F-QR)  | 3            |
| HIST 101 – World History I OR HIST 102 – World History II (F-SB)                         | 3         | *ENG 100 – Intro College Writing (F-W1)   | 3            |
| COMM 145 Fundamentals of Public Speaking & Communication (F-OC)                          | 3         | Minor/Elective <b>OR</b> *World Language (if needed)  | 3            |
| *SOCL 100 – Intro to Sociology OR AGRI 108 – Rural Sociology (E-SB)                      | 3         | *PS 110 – American National Government (E-SB)   | 3            |
| *PSY/S 100 – Intro to Psychology OR PSY/S 220 – Lifespan Developmental Psychology (E-SB) | 3         | *BIOL 113 – General Biology OR BIOL 120/121 – Biological Concepts OR BIOL 131 – Human Anatomy & Physiology (E-NS) | 3-4          |
| <b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>  | <b>15</b> | <b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>   | <b>15-16</b> |

| <b>SECOND YEAR</b>  |           |  |           |
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| <i>Apply to Social Work Major this year. See <a href="https://www.wku.edu/socialwork/bsw/">https://www.wku.edu/socialwork/bsw/</a> for application deadlines.</i> |           |  |           |
| <b>Fall Semester</b>  |           | <b>Spring Semester</b>                             |           |
| *ECON 150 – Intro to Economics OR ECON 202 – Microeconomics OR ECON 203 – Macroeconomics (E-SB)   | 3         | Natural & Physical Science (E-NS/SL) (NOT BIOLOGY) | 3         |
| Arts & Humanities (E-AH)  | 3         | Connections: Social & Cultural (K-SC)              | 3         |
| Major Social Work Elective #1   | 3         | Major Advisor Consent Elective #1                  | 3         |
| ENG 200 – Intro to Literature (F-AH)  | 3         | Minor/Elective                                     | 3         |
| Minor/Elective  | 3         | Minor/Elective                                     | 3         |
| <b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>   | <b>15</b> | <b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>                          | <b>15</b> |

For more details and courses offered in the Colonnade General Education program visit the [website](#).

**World Language Requirement:** Language Proficiency of novice-high before completing 60 credit hours is required (or completion of 2nd level of a language). Two credits (or equivalent) of a single world language in High School satisfies this WKU requirement.

| THIRD YEAR   |           |   |           |
|--|-----------|---|-----------|
| Fall Semester  |           | Spring Semester   |           |
| SWRK 301 – Social Work Practice for Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion | 3         | SWRK 357 – Case Management  | 3         |
| SWRK 330 – Human Behavior & the Social Environment I               | 3         | SWRK 378 – Social Work Practice II  | 3         |
| SWRK 375 – Social Work Practice I                                  | 3         | SWRK 379 – Intro to Social Work Communication Skills                                      | 3         |
| Connections: Local to Global (K-LG)                                | 3         | ENG 300 – Writing in the Disciplines OR<br>COMM 200 – Foundations of Communication (F-W2) | 3         |
| Major Advisor Consent Elective #2                                  | 3         | Connections: Systems (K-SY)   | 3         |
| <b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>  | <b>15</b> | <b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>   | <b>15</b> |

| FOURTH YEAR                              |           |   |           |
|--|-----------|---|-----------|
| Fall Semester                            |           | Spring Semester                           |           |
| SWRK 345 – Social Work Research Methods  | 3         | SWRK 395 – Social Welfare Policy & Issues | 3         |
| SWRK 381 – Social Work Practice III      | 3         | SWRK 482 – Social Work Field Practicum II | 3         |
| SWRK 480 – Social Work Field Practicum I | 3         | SWRK 483 – Social Work Field Seminar II   | 3         |
| SWRK 481 – Social Work Field Seminar I   | 3         | Major Social Work Elective #2             | 3         |
| Minor/Elective                           | 3         | Minor/Elective                            | 3         |
| <b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>                | <b>15</b> | <b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>                 | <b>15</b> |

**Total Credit Hours: 120**

\* Denotes prerequisite course before admission  
Students must achieve a “C” or better in each Social Work course in the major.

For More Information:

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**Course Descriptions:** <https://www.wku.edu/undergraduatecatalog/>