

SEQUENCE OF COURSES FOR COMPLETING A MAJOR IN SOCIAL WORK

In order to graduate from Shepherd University with a major in Social Work, a minimum of 120 semester hours must be completed. This entails 42 hours under the University core curriculum requirements and 63 hours under the Social Work Curriculum; 15 semester hours of free electives must be selected from any university-wide course offerings. The 42 core curriculum requirements are to be completed during the freshman and sophomore years. Courses are listed in the year in which they should be completed and may be taken in either semester unless otherwise specified.

Since the social work curriculum is designed to build on the core curriculum and is sequenced to provide continuity and integration with the core curriculum, the format recommended below should be followed closely. While it is recognized that students will not always be able to adhere to this sequence exactly as presented, failure to do so may result in difficulty in handling course content and in scheduling required courses in your major. **STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO FOLLOW THIS SEQUENCE. SHOULD REQUIRED COURSES NOT BE COMPLETED IN ORDER, ENTRY INTO THE SENIOR FIELD PLACEMENT AND GRADUATION ARE LIKELY TO BE DELAYED.**

FIRST YEAR

Credit Hours	Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Credit Hours
3	ENGL 101 Writing and Rhetoric I	ENGL 102 Writing and Rhetoric II	3
1	SOWK 101 First Year Experience in Social Work <i>Fall only</i>	Core Wellness or Arts course <i>(both must be taken)</i>	3
4	(Core Science) General Biology BIOL 103	(Core Science) General Biology BIOL 104	4
3	Core History course	General Sociology (Core Social Science)	3
3	Core Math course	PSYC 101 Introduction to Psychology	3
14	Total semester credits	Total semester credits	16

***Students who enter Shepherd as first year students in social work should complete the BIOL 103/104 sequence. Students who transfer into social work from another major or institution and have either one or two four credit natural science courses, are required to complete at least one animal-based biology course from the following list: BIOL 103, 104, 209, 225, 226, or 302.

SECOND YEAR

Credit Hours	Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Credit Hours
3	Core Humanities (Literature)	Core Humanities	3
3	<u>Core Social Science (choose 1)</u> PSCI 100 Politics & Government OR PSCI 101 American Federal Government	<u>Core Social Science (choose 1)</u> ECON 123 Contemporary Economics OR ECON 205 Macro Economics	3
3	Core Wellness or Arts course	SOCI 205 Social Problems	3
3	SOWK 201 Introduction to Social Work <i>(offered both semesters)</i>	SOWK 300 Community Service Learning or SOWK 330 International Community Service Learning <i>(offered both semesters)</i>	3
3	Elective	Elective	3
15	Total semester credits	Total semester credits	15

THIRD YEAR

Credit Hours	Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Credit Hours
3	SOCI 303 The Family	SOWK 325 Orientation to Field Practicum <i>Spring Only</i>	1
3	SOWK 305 Human Behavior in the Social Environment I <i>Fall Only</i>	SOWK 306 Human Behavior in the Social Environment II <i>Spring Only</i>	3
3	SOWK 311 Social Work Methods I <i>Fall Only</i>	SOWK 312 Social Work Methods II <i>Spring Only</i>	3
3	<u>Statistics Course (choose 1)</u> MATH 314 Statistics OR BADM 224 OR *PSYC 250	SOWK 301 Social Welfare as a Social Institution <i>Spring Only</i>	3
3	Elective	LBSC 103 Info. Literacy for the Social Sciences <i>Spring Only</i>	1
3	Elective	<u>**Social Work Elective (choose 1)</u> SOWK 320 Child Welfare SOWK 402 Social Gerontology SOWK 417 Sex & Gender	3
18	Total semester credits	Total semester credits	14

*Note that PSYC 250 is 4 credits (includes a lab)

**This elective course requirement may be fulfilled in any semester of the junior or senior year; these courses are taught by adjunct faculty and are not offered every semester, so students are advised to discuss offerings with their advisor

SENIOR YEAR

Credit Hours	Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Credit Hours
3	SOWK 407 Field Experience in Social Work I	SOWK 410 Field Experience Seminar II	2
3	SOWK 408 Field Experience in Social Work II	SOWK 411 Field Experience in Social Work III	3
2	SOWK 409 Field Experience Seminar I	SOWK 412 Field Experience in Social Work IV	3
3	SOWK 313 Social Work Methods III <i>Fall Only</i>	SOWK 404 Social Work Capstone <i>Spring Only</i>	3
3	SOWK 423 Social Work Research Methods <i>Fall only</i>	Elective	3
14	Total semester credits	Total semester credits	14

Core Curriculum Requirements 42

Social Work Curriculum Requirements 63

***University-wide electives 15**

Credits required for graduation 120

***University wide electives may include a co-op experience in social work**

REMEMBER: You not only need a minimum of 120 credit hours, you need to have them in all the right places! We encourage you to make good and frequent use of academic advising, especially during registration advisement periods; however, YOU are ultimately responsible for keeping track of your progression through the program. The *Degree Evaluation* tool on RAIL allows you to see which requirements you have completed and which are still needed; we encourage you to use it each semester before you meet with your advisor to plan your courses for the upcoming semester.