

SOCIAL WORK

Associate of Arts

Social work is a profession devoted to helping people function the best they can in their environment. Social workers act as advocates for children and families in need, victims of domestic violence, people with disabilities, pregnant teenagers and many other diverse populations. Social workers provide advice, advocacy and support to those who have personal and social problems. Social Workers also work in the community to promote social justice.

The Associate of Arts (A.A.) in Social Work is an excellent transfer program since the core curriculum parallels the first two years of most four-year social science degrees. After completion of this degree, the student will be prepared to work in a variety of public and private social service settings including programs in schools and hospitals, juvenile detention and residential facilities, crisis centers, information and referral programs, hospices, employee assistance programs, nursing homes, home health agencies and adult day care centers.

Program Learning Outcomes

1. Students will identify and summarize the philosophy, history, and practice of social work in the United States.
2. Students will identify and summarize the political, economic, and cultural values and ideologies that shape social welfare policy, programs, and services.
3. Students will identify and summarize the various methods and techniques used in social work practice.
4. Students will identify and summarize the role of culture and social structure in shaping and influencing human behavior.
5. Students will identify and summarize problems and issues pertaining to life in the United States.

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Field of Study - 18 credit hours

Discipline Foundation Courses (12 SCH)		
SOCW 2361	Introduction to Social Work	3
SOCW 2362	Social Welfare: Legislation, Programs, and Services	3
SOCW 2389	Academic Cooperative	3
SOCI 1306	Social Problems	3
Directed Electives (UTRGV) (6 SCH) ¹		
SOCI 1301	Introductory Sociology	3
PSYC 2301	General Psychology	3
STC Core Curriculum - 42 credit hours		
Complete 42 credit hours of required Core Curriculum including the following: ²		42
Composition/Written Communication		
ENGL 1301	Composition I ³	
ENGL 1302	Composition II - Rhetoric ³	
Social/Behavioral Sciences		
SOCI 2301	Marriage and the Family	
	or SOCI 2319	Minority Studies

or ANTH 2301 Physical Anthropology

Total Credit Hours

60

¹ The listed Directive Electives are for students pursuing to transfer to The University of Texas at Rio Grande Valley. Students pursuing a different transfer institution should see an advisor for selection of Directed Electives

² In addition to the courses in the Field of Study, the student is required to take 42 credit hours from the STC Core Curriculum.

³ Designated core course in the Field of Study for the Texas Direct Transfer Degree.

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100% Online

Recommended Course Sequence

Course	Title	Credit Hours
First Year		
Fall		
HIST 1301 or HIST 2327	United States History I or Mexican-American History I	3
ENGL 1301	Composition I	3
Component Area Option - Core Curriculum		3
Select one of the following:		
EDUC 1300	Learning Framework ²	
PSYC 1300	Learning Framework ²	
SPCH 1311	Introduction to Speech Communication	
SPCH 1318	Interpersonal Communications	
MATH 1414	College Algebra	4
		Credit Hours
		13
Spring		
HIST 1302 or HIST 2328	United States History II or Mexican-American History II	3
ENGL 1302	Composition II - Rhetoric	3
SOCI 1301	Introductory Sociology ¹	3
SOCW 2361	Introduction to Social Work	3
		Credit Hours
		12
Summer		
Language, Philosophy & Culture Elective - Core Curriculum		3
GOVT 2305	Federal Government	3
SOCI 1306	Social Problems	3
PSYC 2301	General Psychology ¹	3
		Credit Hours
		12
Second Year		
Fall		
GOVT 2306	Texas Government	3
SOCW 2362	Social Welfare: Legislation, Programs, and Services	3
Creative Arts Elective - Core Curriculum		3
Life and Physical Sciences Elective - Core Curriculum		4
Recommended:		
BIOL 1408 or BIOL 2401	Biology for Non-Science Majors I or Anatomy and Physiology I	
		Credit Hours
		13
Spring		
SOCW 2389	Academic Cooperative	3
SOCI 2301 or SOCI 2319 or ANTH 2301	Marriage and the Family or Minority Studies or Physical Anthropology	3
Life and Physical Sciences Elective - Core Curriculum		4
Recommended:		

BIOL 1409 or BIOL 2402	Biology for Non-Science Majors II or Anatomy and Physiology II	
Credit Hours		10
Total Credit Hours		60

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