

Academic Programs

Associate in Arts Degree with a Concentration in Social Work (620)

The concentration in Social Work prepares students to transfer to four-year universities to pursue a bachelor's degree in social work.

Transfer Consideration

Students who have already chosen the university to which they plan to transfer should consult that institution's catalog or department advisor and an SVCC academic advisor in planning their program.

1. Foundational courses include Introduction to Social Work (SOC 200), Introduction to Psychology (PSY 103), Introduction to Sociology (SOC 111), and American Government & Politics (PSC 163).

Competitive Admissions

Since admission is competitive, completing the recommended courses does not by itself guarantee admission.

Special Considerations

1. Entry into the social work program and profession is also based on legal requirements. The [Clinical Social Work and Social Work Practice Act](#) and the [National Association of Social Workers \(NASW\) Code of Ethics](#) outline the laws around getting your license and practicing in the field.
2. Being fluent in a foreign language is beneficial. As social work becomes more multicultural, the field will need people who can speak and understand different languages.
3. Internship, volunteer and/or work hours in the social services field will be required.
4. The Bachelor of **Social Work** (B.S.W.) prepares students as generalist social workers for entry-level professional employment in social service agencies. **The curriculum prepares students for continuation of their studies at the graduate level.**
5. Graduate programs can offer advanced standing or dual degree options for B.S.W. graduates seeking a Master in Social Work (MSW).

Program Contacts at Sauk Valley Community College

- Academic Advising, 815-835-6354

Minimum Total Credit Hours - 64-65 Hours

Suggested Program

First Semester - 16 Hours

- Fine Arts 3 Semester hour(s)
- COM131 - Intro to Oral Communication (3 Semester Hours)
- ENG101 - Composition I (3 Semester Hours)
- FYE101 - First Year Experience (1 Semester Hours)
- PSC163 - Am Government & Politics (3 Semester Hours)
- PSY103 - Introduction to Psychology (3 Semester Hours)

Second Semester - 15 Hours

- Personal Development 3 Semester hour(s)
- *Electives 3 Semester hour(s)
- ENG103 - Composition II (3 Semester Hours)

- MAT240 - Elementary Statistics (3 Semester Hours)
- SOC111 - Introduction to Sociology (3 Semester Hours)

Third Semester - 16 Hours

- *Electives 6 Semester hour(s)
- BIO103 - Introductory Biology (4 Semester Hours)
- PHL101 - Intro to Logic/Formal Reason (3 Semester Hours)

OR

PHL102 - Introduction to Philosophy (3 Semester Hours)

OR

PHL103 - Ethics and Social Policy (3 Semester Hours)

- SOC200 - Introduction to Social Work (3 Semester Hours)

Fourth Semester - 17-18 Hours

- Physical Science 3 Semester hour(s)
- Humanities/Fine Arts 3 Semester hour(s)
- *Electives 5-6 Semester hour(s)
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SOC116 - General Cultural Anthropology (3 Semester Hours)

- PSY270 - Drugs:Examining Effects/Social (3 Semester Hours)

Footnotes

- *Suggested electives include ECO 211, PHL 101, PSY 217, SOC 112, SOC 251
- **Approved Non-Western or human diversity course recommended