Social Work, BA

Academic Plans

Four-Year Graduation Plan

The following checkpoints list the minimum requirements students must complete by certain semesters in order to stay on the university's Four-Year Graduation Plan. Courses in the major are those required to complete the major; they may be offered by departments other than the major department.

The four-year graduation plan applies only to students who begin the professional core courses by their fifth semester.

Before the fifth semester begins: completion of the three pre-social work courses, at least 45 s.h. earned and a signed agreement to complete the major and begin the professional core courses.

Before the seventh semester begins: five more courses in the major and at least 90 s.h. earned toward the degree.

Before the eighth semester begins: five more courses in the major and finalized generalist practicum placement.

During the eighth semester: enrollment in all remaining coursework in the major, all remaining GE CLAS Core courses, and a sufficient number of semester hours to graduate.

Sample Plan of Study

Sample plans represent one way to complete a program of study. Actual course selection and sequence will vary and should be discussed with an academic advisor. For additional sample plans, visit MyUI.

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Course	Title	Hours
Academic Career		
Any Semester		
Students must have completed the pre-social work courses with a grade of C or higher, have completed at least 45 s.h., and have a minimum 2.00 overall cumulative GPA to be eligible to enroll in the professional core courses. [a, b]		
Students must maintain a GPA of at least 2.00 in all courses for the major and in all UI courses for the major.		
GE CLAS Core: Sustainability [c]		
	Hours	**0**
First Year		
Fall		
SSW:1022	Social Justice and Social Welfare in the United States [d, e]	3
RHET:1030 or ENGL:1200	Rhetoric: Writing and Communication or Interpreting Literature	3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Understanding Cultural Perspectives [f]		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages First Level Proficiency or elective course [g]		4 - 5
CSI:1600	Success at Iowa	1
Elective course [h]		1
	Hours	**15-17**
Spring		
SOC:1010	Introduction to Sociology [d, e]	3 - 4
ENGL:1200 or RHET:1030	Interpreting Literature or Rhetoric: Writing and Communication	3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences with Lab [f]		4
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course [g]		4 - 5
	Hours	**14-17**
Second Year		
Fall		
PSY:1001	Elementary Psychology [d, e]	3
GE CLAS Core: International and Global Issues [f]		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Third Level Proficiency or elective course [g]		4 - 5
Elective course [h]		3
Elective course [h]		3
	Hours	**16-17**
Spring		
POLI:1100	Introduction to American Politics [e, i]	3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences without Lab [f]		3
GE CLAS Core: Quantitative or Formal Reasoning [f]		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Fourth Level Proficiency or elective course [g]		4 - 5
Elective course [h]		3
Professional Social Work Agreement form should be submitted by end of second year in order to begin taking professional core courses in third year fall.		
	Hours	**16-17**
Third Year		
Any Semester		
The curriculum shown in the third and fourth years on this plan begins when students have met the criteria to enroll in the professional core social work courses and have submitted a signed Professional Social Work Agreement form.		
	Hours	**0**
Fall		
SSW:3840	Human Behavior in the Social Environment [j]	4
SSW:3847	Discrimination, Oppression, and Diversity [j]	3
Major Elective: elective course [k]		3
GE CLAS Core: Historical Perspectives [f]		3
Elective course [h]		3
	Hours	**16**
Spring		
SSW:3844	Introduction to Social Work Research [j]	4
SSW:3845	Social Work Processes [j]	4
Major Elective: elective course [k]		3
GE CLAS Core: Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts [f]		3
Elective course [h]		1
	Hours	**15**
Fourth Year		
Fall		
SSW:3841	Fundamentals of Social Work Practice [j]	3

SSW:3842	Interpersonal Skills Laboratory [j]	3
SSW:4843	Social Welfare Policy and Practice [j]	3
Major Elective: elective course [k]		3
Elective course [h]		3
Elective course [h]		2
	Hours	**17**
Spring		
SSW:4189	Bachelor of Arts Generalist Practicum Seminar [j]	1
SSW:4193	Bachelor of Arts Generalist Practicum [j]	8
Elective course [h]		3
Elective course [h]		2
Degree Application: apply on MyUI before deadline (typically in February for spring, September for fall) [l]		
	Hours	**14**
	Total Hours	**123-130**

a After criteria is met, students must submit a Professional Social Work Agreement form to receive special permission to enroll in the professional core courses.

b Beginning with the course SSW:1022, knowledge and skills related to the social work profession are integrated throughout the curriculum, continuing through practice and research courses, and culminating in SSW:4189 and SSW:4193.

c Sustainability must be completed by choosing a course that has been approved for Sustainability AND for one of these General Education areas: Natural Sciences; Quantitative or Formal Reasoning; Social Sciences; Historical Perspectives; International and Global Issues; Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts; or Values and Society.

d Pre-social work course; students must earn a grade of C or higher to advance into the professional core courses.

e Fulfills a major requirement and may fulfill a GE requirement.

f GE CLAS Core courses may be completed in any order unless used as a prerequisite for another course. Students should consult with an advisor about the best sequencing of courses.

g Students who have completed four levels of a single language or two levels of two different languages in high school or college have satisfied the GE CLAS Core World Languages requirement. Students who have completed three levels of a single language may complete a fourth-level course in the same language or may choose an approved World Language and Cultural Exploration course. Enrollment in world languages courses requires a placement exam, unless enrolling in a first-semester-level course. Contact your academic advisor or CLAS Undergraduate Programs Office with questions concerning the World Languages requirement.

h Students may use elective courses to earn credit toward the total s.h. required for graduation or to complete a double major, minors, or certificates.

i Students must complete POLI:1100, preferably before taking SSW:4843.

j Professional core course; students may enroll if they have completed the pre-social work courses with a grade of C or higher, have completed at least 45 s.h., have a minimum 2.00 overall cumulative GPA, and have submitted a signed Professional Social Work Agreement form.

k Students complete at least 9 s.h. of elective social work (prefix SSW) or aging and longevity studies (prefix ASP) courses numbered 1000-4999. Cross references of these courses may also be counted. Students who are earning a minor or a certificate may apply up to 6 s.h. of SSW and/or ASP courses from that program of study toward this requirement. Work with academic advisor to select appropriate coursework.

l Please see Academic Calendar, on Office of the Registrar website, for current degree application deadlines. Students should apply for a degree for the session in which all requirements will be met. For any questions on appropriate timing, contact your academic advisor or Degree Services.