

SOCIAL WORK MAJORS (Suggested Associate in Arts Degree Curriculum)

This worksheet is designed to help students select courses which are likely to apply to a **major in SOCIAL WORK**. These suggested courses satisfy requirements in the Associate in Arts degree program at Prairie State College and provide the basis for transferring to a four-year institution. This program meets the guidelines of the **IAI (Illinois Articulation Initiative) General Education Core**. Students should obtain a copy of the Prairie State College **Associate in Arts Degree Worksheet** and visit the IAI website at www.iTransfer.org for more information.

The profession of social work is devoted to helping people function optimally in their environment by providing direct and indirect services to individuals, families, groups, and communities, and by working to improve social conditions. Bachelors degree programs in social work prepare students for careers in public and private agencies such as child welfare, mental health, corrections, shelters, and many other workplaces. Community college students interested in completing bachelor's degrees in social work are strongly encouraged to complete an Associate in Arts degree prior to transfer. Students should see an advisor about particular social work baccalaureate programs for specific entry requirements since **admission to these programs is competitive and completion of courses does not guarantee admission to a program at a senior institution**.

SUGGESTED CURRICULUM

Each senior institution has its own transfer policies. Therefore, we cannot guarantee the accuracy of this information in regard to every individual school. Consult the school of your choice and/or the Prairie State College Advising Center to discuss the transferability of courses.

TRANSFERABLE GENERAL EDUCATION CORE (37-38 credits)

Area A: Communications (9 credits)

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| ENG 101 (3) | [C1 900]* | Composition I (Prereq. ENG 099 , C or better, or qualifying score on English Placement Test) |
| ENG 102 (3) | [C1 901R]* | Composition II (Prereq. ENG 101, C or better) |
| COMM 101(3) | [C2 900] | Principles of Communication (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above) |

**Must have a C or better in ENG 101 & 102 to receive credit for the degree.*

Area B: Humanities and Fine Arts (9 credits)

Select three courses with at least one course selected from the humanities area and one course from the fine arts area. Refer to the Associate in Arts Degree Worksheet, Area B, for a listing of approved course choices.

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| Humanities Course (3) | Select any Area B Humanities Course (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above) |
| Fine Arts Course (3) | Select any Area B Fine Arts Course (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above) |
| Humanities/Fine Arts Course (3) | Select any Area B Course (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above) |

Area C: Mathematics (3 credits)

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| MATH 115 (3) | [M1 902] | General Education Statistics (Prereq. MATH 095 & 096 with C or better, OR MATH 095 & high school geometry, both with C or better, OR qualifying score on Math Placement Test) |
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Area D: Physical and Life Sciences (7-8 credits)

Select one life science course and one physical science course. One course must have a lab component. Refer to the Associate in Arts Degree Worksheet, Area D, for a listing of approved course choices.

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| Life Science Course (3-4) | Select any Area D Life Science Course (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above) |
| Physical Science Course (3-4) | Select any Area D Physical Science Course (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above) |

Area E: Social and Behavioral Sciences (9 credits)

Select three courses in at least two different disciplines. Refer to the Associate in Arts Degree Worksheet , Area E, for a listing of approved course choices.

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| PSYCH 101(3) | [S6 900] | Introduction to Psychology (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above) |
| SOCIO 101 (3) | [S7 900] | Introduction to Sociology (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above) |
| Social/Behavioral Sci Course (3) | Select any Area E Course. (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above) | |

SOCIAL WORK MAJOR COURSE RECOMMENDATIONS (24-25 credits)

(Check with the school to which you plan to transfer to verify the transferability of these courses for this major)

Select 24-25 credits from the “suggested” course recommendations listed below:

Suggested Social Work Major courses often include:

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| SWK 201 (3) | Introduction to Social Work (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above) [Cross-Listed as SOCIO 201] |
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PSYCH 102 (3) Human Growth and Development: Lifespan (Prereq. PSYCH 101)

Other suggested social work major courses often include:

PSYCH 203 (3) Abnormal Psychology (Prereq. PSYCH 101)

PSYCH 215 (3) Social Psychology (Prereq. PSYCH 101)

PSYCH 217 (3) Human Sexuality (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)

SOCIO 111 (3) Contemporary Social Issues (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)

SOCIO 210 (3) Marriage and the Family (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)

SOCIO 215 (3) Sex, Gender and Power (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)

SOCIO 220 (3) Raced Relations: A Multicultural Perspective (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)

Other suggested courses to satisfy the PSC AA degree requirements may include electives such as:

Any additional general education courses selected from Areas B, C, D, or E

Any entry level majors course in a transferable major area

Any foreign language courses*

Up to four credits of physical education courses

Additional courses recommended as transferable by the school to which you plan to transfer.

**Foreign Language Requirement: Some universities have a foreign language requirement. Generally, four years of a single foreign language in high school, or four semesters in college, will fulfill this requirement. It is recommended that students complete the entire sequence at one institution.*

62 HOURS OF CREDIT REQUIRED FOR AN ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE

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FOR TRANSFER INFORMATION:

Course Applicability System (CAS): www.transfer.org

Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI): www.iTransfer.org

Links to Articulation Tables for Illinois Colleges: <http://www.itransfer.org/IAI/Other/Articulationlinks.taf>

Visit the web sites of colleges and universities to which you plan to transfer.

FOR CAREER INFORMATION:

Council on Social Work Education: www.cswe.org

Occupational Outlook Handbook, U.S. Department of Labor: <http://www.bls.gov/oco/home.htm>