

Lower Division Department Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts in Social Work:

PSU Courses	Quarter Credits	PCC Course Equivalents	Quarter Credits
200-level Psychology (Psy 204 is preferred)	4	PSY 201/201A Introduction to Psychology (preferred) PSY 202/202A is also accepted	4
200-level Sociology (Soc 200 is preferred)	4	SOC 204 General Sociology (preferred) SOC 205 or 206 is also accepted	4

Bachelor of Arts Requirements:

*4 credits in a Foreign Language numbered 203 or higher	4	*Completion of a 203 or 251 foreign language course or its equivalent	varies
Arts & Letters	8	Architecture, Art, Dance, English, Foreign Languages, Humanities, Music, Philosophy, Speech Communication, Theater Arts, Writing	8
Fine & Performing Arts	4	Architecture, Art, Dance, Music, Theater Arts	4
Science/Math (100-level or higher)	4	Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, General Science, Physics or Math 105 or higher	4
Science/Math/Social Science	8	Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, General Science, Physics or Math 105 or higher or Anthropology, Chicano/Latino Studies, Economics, Geography, History, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Women's Studies	8

*Students with no previous knowledge of a foreign language will need to complete two full years of a language at the college level for a BA degree. Students who are already competent in a foreign language may meet the BA language requirement by completing a foreign language course numbered 203 or higher or for which 203 is a prerequisite, or otherwise demonstrate proficiency with the Foreign Languages and Literatures Department at PSU. English satisfies the BA language requirement for students who graduated from high school where English was not the language of instruction.

In addition to the departmental requirements listed above, students must also complete coursework for general education requirements. Meet with a PCC Academic Advisor to develop an effective transfer plan that will meet your individual needs.

PCC endeavors to create accurate transfer guides for students; however, requirements may change without notice. Students are responsible for working with PCC advisors and their transfer institution to ensure that their academic plan will meet requirements and timelines.

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Portland State University's undergraduate social work program prepares graduates for entry level careers in a wide variety of community based, family centered human services organizations in the public and private sectors. We offer electives in the areas of child welfare, youth and family services, health, mental health and addictions. Career opportunities include: caseworkers in public human services agencies serving people of all ages, school counselors, case managers and consumer advocates in community mental health, substance abuse treatment programs and patient care coordinators in community hospitals, clinics, hospices, home health and long term care facilities and workers in correctional programs serving youth and adult offenders.

Hands on Experience

Students admitted into the social work undergraduate program are required to fulfill 500 practicum hours with one agency along with a year-long course in generalist social work practice. This practical application teaches students to integrate academic learning with professional experience and helps prepare graduates to successfully enter the workforce.

How to Apply

Students must apply and be admitted to the Bachelor of Arts in Social Work Program. Application Packets are available on the website and the **application materials are due by April 1st** each year. Students must be of junior standing and officially admitted to PSU to begin the social work program. Please visit <http://www.ssw.pdx.edu/basw.php> for full application information and materials.

Degree Requirements

In addition to fulfilling the specific program requirements for the major in social work; students must also fulfill all University requirements for a Bachelors of Arts degree.

Prerequisites

200 level Psy: Psy 204, Psychology as a Social Science (4) is preferred

200 level Soc: Soc 200, Introduction to Sociology (4) is preferred

Undergraduate Social Work Major Requirements

SW 301U Introduction to Social Work(4)

SW 439 Diversity and Social Justice (3)

SW 440 Human Behavior in the Social Environment (3)

SW 491 Conceptual Found. in Child & Family Studies (4)

SW 441 Psychobiology for Social Workers (3)

SW 492U Family Law and Policy (4)

SW 430-32 Generalist Social Work Practice I, II, III
(3,3,3,)

SW 400 Practicum & Seminar I, II, III (4,4,4)

SW 450 Research Methods (3)

SW 451 Data Analysis (3)

In addition to the professional foundation courses listed above, students admitted to the social work major must take Diversity Electives (12 credits) and Upper Division Program Electives (12 credits).

PCC DEGREE/TRANSFER INFORMATION:

Associate of Arts/Oregon Transfer (AAOT) Degree – The courses listed above may be included in the AAOT degree. Students who complete this degree and are accepted at Oregon public universities will be admitted as having completed all lower division comprehensive and General Education requirements for a baccalaureate degree.

Associate of Science (AS) Degree – The courses listed above may be included in the AS degree. The degree does NOT guarantee that students will be accepted as having completed all lower division comprehensive and General Education requirements for a baccalaureate degree. Student should work with an Academic Advisor to plan for transfer to the school and major of their choice.

Transfer without a PCC Degree – Students may elect to earn credits and transfer to a four-year institution without earning a PCC degree. Please meet with an Academic Advisor for an individualized plan of study.