

## Transfer Guide for the Social Work Major Normandale Community College

The table below lists the undergraduate Social Work requirements along with equivalent courses that can be completed at Normandale Community College.

| The College of St. Scholastica Social Work major requirements are noted in the first column   | Normandale Community College equivalent or substitution courses are noted in the second column  |
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| Prerequisites for application to the major:<br>Students will need to complete 12 credits of social science coursework including an Introductory Psychology or Development Life Span course.   | PSYC 1110 Intro to Psychology or<br>PSYC 2210 Developmental Psychology: Lifespan,<br>SOC 1104 Introduction to Sociology,<br>and additional social science courses to fulfill the requirement.   |
| Recommended courses for Advanced Standing in MSW<br>It is strongly recommended that students planning to apply for advanced standing in a graduate school for social work complete a foundational Statistics course and a Biology course covering human systems. These courses are not required for admission to the undergraduate SWK program.   | Biology courses that cover human systems:<br>BIOL 1102 Human Biology or<br>BIOL 1125 Sex and Human Diversity or<br>BIOL 2041 Human Anatomy and BIOL 2042 Human Physiology<br><br>Statistics course that covers foundational statistics:<br>MATH 1080 Introduction to Statistics OR<br>MATH 1090 STATWAY Stats 2 |
| Students will complete these course at CSS.<br>SWK 3000 Integrated Lab I – Practice (2)<br>SWK 3339 Prep for Field I (1)<br>SWK 3360 American Social Welfare Policy (4)<br>SWK 3362 Human Behavior in the Social Environment (4)<br>SWK 3383 Social Work with Individuals and Families (4)<br>SWK 3385 Social Work Research (4)<br>SWK 3500 Integrated Lab II – Writing/Technology (2)<br>SWK 3555 Field I (2-6 cr) 120-200 hours<br>SWK 3370 Generalist Social Work Practice (2)<br>SWK 4440 Social Work Practice w/ Groups (4)<br>SWK 4441 Social Work with Community Systems (4)<br>SWK 4449 Prep for Field II (1)<br>SWK 4470 Professional Project (2-4)<br>SWK 4555 Field II (8-16 credits) 370-450 hours<br>SWK 4777 Topics Courses – 4 credits minimum | Human Service A.S. graduates may be eligible to apply for a waiver of the SWK 3555 Field I requirement -120 hrs.  |

## General Education Requirements

In addition to completing the courses required for the major, students must also complete The College of St. Scholastica's General Education requirements referred to as Veritas. The Veritas requirements for transfer students are noted below.

*Foundations courses:* First Year Composition, Interpersonal Communication, Math

*Conceptions and Integrations courses:* Religious Studies, Natural Science, History, Social Sciences, Literature, Fine Arts, Philosophy, Open Pathway

Students may transfer in much of the coursework for Veritas, however, they must complete two Integrations courses at The College of St. Scholastica (CSS). Integrations courses are upper division courses that are intended to be writing intensive. SWK 3360 in the major will fulfill one of the Integrations course requirements. One additional Integrations course must be completed at CSS and the remaining general education requirement can be met with approved transfer courses. General Education transfer information is available in the course notes area on the Transferology website at [www.transferology.com](http://www.transferology.com).

The College of St. Scholastica also accepts the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) to fulfill the Veritas General Education requirements except for a religious studies course and one Integrations course. The religious studies requirement may be fulfilled by an approved transfer course. SWK 3360 will fulfill the Integrations requirement.

This guide applies to the 2018-2019 academic year and is subject to the transfer policy noted in the college catalog in effect at the time of admission to the College. Please note that students admitted as first-year students must also complete the Dignitas requirement.

## About The College of St. Scholastica's Social Work Program

The College of St. Scholastica's Department of Social Work has been accredited by the Council on Social Work Education since 1976. Graduates are prepared for beginning professional social work practice and state licensure.

### The College of St. Scholastica Social Work Program Benefits

- Accredited by the Council on Social Work Education
- Emphasizes core professional values of service, social justice, dignity and individual worth, relationship importance, integrity and competence
- Provides a solid grounding in the liberal arts combined with practical learning experiences, including 570 hours of required field practice
- Prepares graduates for beginning generalist social work practice, so they can effectively address individual, family group, organizational and community needs
- Students become members of the National Association of Social Workers (N.A.S.W.) in their junior year, and remain members through graduation
- Students obtaining their Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Work at St. Scholastica are eligible for advanced academic standing in many graduate schools of social work within the U.S., which often reduces graduate school curriculum requirements to one year (Students seeking advanced standing in MSW program should complete a Human Biology and Statistics course as a part of the bachelor's program)

### Requirements for Admission to the Social Work Major

- Recommended 64 -74 credits
- 2.5 cumulative GPA
- 2.5 cumulative GPA in psychology, sociology, and social work courses preferred.
- Minimum of a "C" grade in all prerequisite courses.
- Application to Social Work major and acceptance into the program.

### Transferring to The College of St. Scholastica

The College of St. Scholastica accepts credits in transfer to satisfy major requirements as noted in this guide. Grades earned must be a C or better for transfer. To transfer credits an official transcript must be sent directly to CSS.

### Career Opportunities

Social work graduates find work within child and family service agencies, hospitals and other healthcare facilities, community action agencies, schools, child and adult protection organizations, residential treatment programs, tribal social service agencies, gerontological service programs, mental health treatment centers, criminal justice settings, developmental and mental disability services and international social work organizations. Others go on to pursue graduate study.

### St. Scholastica Graduation Requirements

- Minimum 128 semester credits earned
- Minimum 42 upper division credits (at or above the 3000 level) Last 32 credits taken at The College of St. Scholastica, Minimum 16 credits in the major
- Complete the requirements for general education and your major
- GPA of 2.5 in the Social Work major
- Maximum number of PED credits that can count toward graduation is 8

Additional information can be found online at [go.css.edu/socialwork](http://go.css.edu/socialwork).