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MSU West Plains Associate of Arts in Human Services to
MSU Bachelor of Social Work (Comprehensive)

Catalog Year: 2022-2023

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The following is a guide to graduation with completion of MSU West Plains Associate of Arts in Human Services and MSU Bachelor of Social Work degree.
The BSW degree may be completed online or on campus.
The Social Work degree is a comprehensive major meaning it does not require completion of a minor.

MSU West Plains Year 1 Semester 1

REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION	West Plains COURSE ID/TITLE		CREDIT HOURS	MSU EQUIVALENT	MEETS CORE 42	MSU MAJOR REQUIREMENT
Institutional Requirement	IDS 110	Student Success	2	GEC 101		
General Elective**	Work with your advisor to identify courses that will complement your specific career goals.		3	ITC 200		
Mathematical Sciences 3 credit hours	MTH 130 or higher	Contemporary Mathematics	3	MTH 130	✔	
Social/Behavioral Sciences 9 credit hours	SOC 150	Introduction to Society	3	SOC 150	✔	✔
Written Communications 6 credit hours	ENG 110	Writing I	3	ENG 110	✔	
		Semester 1 Total	14			

MSU West Plains Year 1 Semester 2

REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION	West Plains COURSE ID/TITLE		CREDIT HOURS	MSU EQUIVALENT	MEETS CORE 42	MSU MAJOR REQUIREMENT
Program Requirement	SWK 200	Introduction to Social Work	3	SWK 200		✔
Oral Communications 3 credit hours	COM 115	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3	COM 115	✔	
Social/Behavioral Sciences 9 credit hours	PSY 121	Introductory Psychology	3	PSY 121	✔	✔
Social/Behavioral Sciences 9 credit hours	PLS 101	American Democracy and Citizenship	3	PLS 101	✔	✔
Written Communications 6 credit hours	Choose one: ENG 210 ENG 221	Writing II: Academic Writing Writing II: Writing for the Professions	3	ENG 210 ENG 221	✔	
		Semester 2 Total	15			

MSU West Plains Year 2 Semester 3

REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION	West Plains COURSE ID/TITLE		CREDIT HOURS	MSU EQUIVALENT	MEETS CORE 42	MSU MAJOR REQUIREMENT
Program Requirement	Choose one: ECO 155 ECO 165	Principles of Macroeconomics Principles of Microeconomics	3	ECO 155 ECO 165	✔	✔
Humanities and Fine Arts 9 credit hours	SPN 101	Elementary Spanish I	3	SPN 101	✔	
Program Requirement	SWK 213	Social Welfare Policy and Services	3	SWK 213		✔
Natural Sciences (Physical Science) 7 credit hours (Must fulfill 2 disciplines including one course with a lab component)	Choose one: CHM 116/117 GRY 142 PHY 102 CHM 160/161 PHY 100 PHY 123 GLG 110 PHY 101 PHY 203		3-5	Varies	✔	
Program Requirement	PSY 200	Psychological Statistical Methods	3	PSY 200		✔
	APPLY TO MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY FOR NEXT FALL					
		Semester 3 Total	15-17			

MSU West Plains Year 2 Semester 4

REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION	West Plains COURSE ID/TITLE		CREDIT HOURS	MSU EQUIVALENT	MEETS CORE 42	MSU MAJOR REQUIREMENT
Humanities and Fine Arts 9 credit hours	PHI 115	Introduction to Ethics	3	PHI 115	✔	
Humanities and Fine Arts 9 credit hours	ART 200	Art in Context	3	ART 200	✔	
Core Elective 5 hours required for Core 42	Choose one: HST 121 HST 122	Survey of US History to 1877 Survey of US History Since 1877	3	HST 121 HST 122	✔	
Program Requirement	SWK 219	Human Diversity	3	SWK 219		✔
Natural Sciences (Life Science) 7 credit hours (Must fulfill 2 disciplines including one course with a lab component)	Choose one: BIO 100 BMS 110 BIO 101/111 ENV 105 BIO 121		4	Varies	✔	
Core Elective 5 hours required for Core 42	Choose MOTR coded course(s) of your choice with the assistance of an advisor.		2	Varies	✔	
	APPLY TO BSW PROGRAM FOR NEXT FALL					
		Semester 4 Total	18	*Total Hours Applied Toward MSU Major Requirements:*		24
		Total Hours at West Plains	62-64			

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Courses are sequenced to provide guidance and to help ensure that prerequisite requirements are met.

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after MSU West Plains Associate of Arts in Human Services

MSU Year 3 Semester 1

REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION	MSU COURSE ID/TITLE		CREDIT HOURS
Major Requirement	SWK 307	Social Work Practice with Individuals	3
General Elective **	Work with your MSU advisor to identify courses that will complement your specific career goals.		3
Major Requirement	SWK 313	Social Justice	3
Major Elective	Choose any approved Social Work elective course in consulation with advisor.		3
Major Requirement	SWK 325	Human Behavior and the Social Environment I	3
		Semester 1 Total	**15**

MSU Year 3 Semester 2

REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION	MSU COURSE ID/TITLE		CREDIT HOURS
Major Requirement	SWK 304	Professional Development and Social Work Ethics	3
Major Requirement	SWK 315	Social Work Practice with Groups	3
Major Requirement	SWK 326	Human Behavior and the Social Environment II	3
General Elective **	Work with your MSU advisor to identify courses that will complement your specific career goals.		3
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Major Requirement	PSY 304	Abnormal Psychology	3
		Semester 2 Total	**18**

MSU Year 4 Semester 3

REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION	MSU COURSE ID/TITLE		CREDIT HOURS
Major Requirement	SWK 418	Methods of Social Research in Social Work Practice	3
Major Requirement	SWK 420	Social Work Practice with Families	3
Major Elective	Choose any approved Social Work elective course in consulation with advisor.		3
Major Requirement	SWK 430	Social Work Practice in Communities and Organizations	3
General Elective **	Work with your MSU advisor to identify courses that will complement your specific career goals.		3
		Semester 3 Total	**15**

MSU Year 4 Semester 4

REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION	MSU COURSE ID/TITLE		CREDIT HOURS
Program Requirement and Public Affairs Capstone Experience	SWK 480	Social Work Integrative Seminar	3
Program Requirement and Public Affairs Capstone Experience	SWK 490	Practicum in Social Work	9
		Semester 4 Total	**12**
		Total Hours at MSU	**60**
		Total Hours Overall	**122-124**

** Electives provide the opportunity to customize your degree program. Some elective credits may or may not be needed to bring total credit hours to a minimum of 120 credit hours and upper division hours (300+) to 40.

Admission to this major is in addition to admission to the University. Discuss all admission requirements with the MSU transfer advisor, including the following:
• Completion of a minimum of 45 hours with a combined GPA (Missouri State and transfer) of 2.50 or higher on a 4-point scale.
• Attending the required BSW Information Meeting. For dates, go to the Social Work Website.
• Submitting a formal application, with accompanying forms, to the School of Social Work office. Applications for admission to the Program will be available online. Verify the application due dates with the MSU Transfer Advisor as
dates can vary.
• Admission is competitive and selective and not all who apply can be accommodated. Meeting the minimum standards does not guarantee a student will be admitted.

This information is provided as a guide only.
• MSU-WP students are strongly encouraged to meet with their major specific MSU transfer advisor early in their MSU-WP education to discuss the most appropriate MSU-WP coursework for their intended MSU major, MSU degree requirements, etc.
• Students are required to fulfill MSU graduation and GPA requirements to receive a degree and should consult with their MSU advisor and the MSU undergraduate catalog for details, as there may exist pre-requisite requirements as well as periodicity limitations that could affect scheduling sequences.
• Please note that transfer students from Missouri public colleges and universities may follow the general education and general baccalaureate degree requirements in effect at Missouri State when they first enrolled (or re-enrolled after an absence of one calendar year or more) as degree-seeking students at the institutions from which they transferred (e.g., MSU-WP).