

SOCIAL SERVICES, Associate in Arts Degree - 5060

Social Science Department

CIP Code: 44.0701

The Social Services AA degree prepares students for transfer to four-year colleges and universities offering baccalaureate degrees in social work, psychology, human services, or other social service professions. This degree also prepares students for work in the Human Services field. Students are required to complete a Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance, FBI Criminal Background Check, and a State Police Criminal Record Check prior to enrollment into the practicum course. If the student has any questions regarding this, he or she should contact the Program Director or Practicum Coordinator. Because students are planning to transfer to other institutions, it is essential to choose an intended transfer institution as soon as possible and carefully follow the program described in that college's catalog, as four-year institutions vary widely. Students may complete 75% of this program at the Harrisburg Campus through on-campus/in-person instruction. The remaining coursework must be completed through various modalities (e.g., hybrid, synchronous remote instruction and asynchronous instruction). Also, this program may be completed at the Gettysburg, Lancaster, Lebanon and York campuses through various modalities (e.g., hybrid, synchronous remote instruction and asynchronous instruction) in addition to on-campus/in-person instruction.

Transfer Opportunities

This transfer curriculum is provided as a guide for students planning to transfer to a four-year institution. Transfer students may continue their education in a wide variety of social services fields, such as mental health, intellectual disabilities, substance abuse, gerontology, women's services and family services. Graduates of the program receive the training and education for positions in a number of social service fields such as social and human services assistants.

Competency Profile

This curriculum is designed to prepare students to:

- Recognize the characteristics of culturally diverse populations
- Establish and maintain effective working relationships with clients and their families to plan treatments and/or services
- Perform case management responsibilities in a variety of settings
- Explain the ethics and laws applicable to the human service field

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (TOTAL CREDITS = 63)

General Education		Major Requirements		Other Required Courses	
ENGL 101 English Composition I	3	HUMS 100 Introduction to Human Services	3	Science w/ a Laboratory Elective	3
ENGL 102 English Composition II	3	HUMS 120 Social Welfare Programs and Policies	3	SOCI 201 Intro to Sociology (or)	3
COMM 101 Effective Speaking	3	HUMS 121 Interviewing Skills in HUMS	3	SOCI 205 Race & Cultural Relations	(3)
Humanities & Arts Core Elective*	3	HUMS 122 Documentation in HUMS	3	Transfer Electives**	9
Humanities & Arts Elective or Social & Behavioral Science Core Elective	3	HUMS 200 Group Work Practice	3		15
Mathematics Core Elective (<i>Recommend: MATH 202</i>)	3	HUMS 206 Human Development in a Social Environment	3		
Science w/ a Laboratory Core Elective – BIOL 111	3	HUMS 215 Field Work Practicum	4		
Social & Behavioral Science Core Elective - PSYC 101	3		22		
First-Year Seminar Elective	1				
Wellness Elective	1				
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*Students must select a Philosophy course. PHIL 225 – Belief and Ethics is recommended.

**Students are to select their transfer electives based on the requirements of their intended transfer institution.

RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS

Part-time students can complete this program by taking one or more courses each semester.

Fall Semester I		Spring Semester I		Fall Semester II		Spring Semester II	
BIOL 111	3	COMM 101	3	Humanities/Arts or Social/Behavioral Science Core Elective	3	Humanities/Arts Core Elective*	3
ENGL 101	3	ENGL 102	3	HUMS 121	3	HUMS 200	3
FYS Elective	1	HUMS 120	3	HUMS 122	3	HUMS 215	4
HUMS 100	3	HUMS 206	3	Science w/ Lab Core Elective	3	Transfer Electives**	6
Mathematics Core Elective	3	SOCI 201 or 205	3	Transfer Elective**	3	Wellness Elective	1
PSYC 101	3						