AASW – Social Work Pre-Major

University Arts and Science

Effective Term & Year: Fall 2022
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Program Area: Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Description:

Social work is a practical and skills-based profession as well as an academic discipline within the social sciences and humanities. Social work practice prepares individuals for careers in supporting families, individuals, and communities while addressing barriers and injustices that exist in society. The Social Work Pre-Major pathway consists of two years of coursework, primarily in social sciences and humanities, that academically prepares the student for competitive admission to Year 3 in a Social Work degree program at BC and Alberta institutions.

The pre-major pathway provides the first two full years of study towards a four-year degree. All Social Work courses are taken in the final two years of study.

Program Information:

The Social Work Pre-Major pathway is modelled on the provincially recognized Associate of Arts degree, which guarantees a full 60 credits of transfer credit within the BC post-secondary system. This pathway consists of courses in the humanities and social sciences and is a foundation for future study in a social work major.

The Human Service Worker diploma program is an alternative for students who wish to earn a recognized two-year credential that leads to employment in the social services field. Social Work degree programs may recognize at least one year of transfer credit for this diploma, giving students another pathway into a social work major. To select the appropriate pathway, students should always speak with an education advisor about their educational and career goals.

Students may choose to substitute the math and science breadth requirements with other arts

courses, in consultation with an Education Advisor, to ensure that all transfer requirements are met. Students who do not complete 9 credits in Math and science do not receive an Associate of Arts degree.

Program Laddering and Transfer:

Admission into Year 3 Social Work programs is highly competitive, and acceptance into a Social Work program is not guaranteed. GPA requirements for entry into Social Work programs may be higher than the C average required for the Associate of Arts degree.

The Associate of Arts degree includes three math and science courses in its breadth requirements. While Social Work program entry requirements vary and are subject to change, few Social Work programs include a math or science requirement. Students who do not wish to earn an Associate of Arts degree may choose to replace one or more of the math and science courses in this pathway with other arts courses, in consultation with an education advisor to ensure that all program admission requirements are met.

Credentials Granted:

Associate of Arts Degree

60 semester credits of first and second year courses. These must include a minimum of 18 credits in Arts at the second year level taken in two or more subject areas.

To earn an Associate of Arts degree, students must maintain an average overall grade of C or better calculated on all courses counting towards the associate degree.

Minimum Course Grade: A minimum grade of D

Program Average: A minimum program grade point average of 3.0/10 (C average)

Delivery Methods: On-Campus (Face-to-Face), Blended (Hybrid)

Credits: 60

Admission Requirements:

- Complete all of the following
  - Secondary school graduation or equivalent.
  - Earned a minimum grade of C+ (65%) in at least 1 of the following:
    - ENST 12 – English Studies 12
    - ENFP 12 – English First Peoples 12
    - ENGL090 – English – Provincial Level
  - Complete all of the following
    - Earned a minimum grade of C (60%) in at least 1 of the following:
      - FOM 11 – Foundations of Mathematics 11
      - PREC 11 – Pre-Calculus 11
      - STAT 12 – Statistics 12
      - PREC 12 – Pre-Calculus 12
      - CALC 12 – Calculus 12
      - MATH080 – Mathematics – Advanced Level
      - MATH101 – Finite Mathematics 1 (3)
    - Or a minimum grade of 65% in either Foundations of Math 12, Geometry 12, or Computer Science 12
    - Or any grade in Foundations of Math 11 and 70% or higher in Foundations of Math 12; or a minimum grade of 60% in MATH 111.
    - Some Math or Science courses may require a higher grade in the Grade 11 Math prerequisites.

Program Completion Requirements:

Associate of Arts Degree
60 – 61Total Credits

- Complete all of the following
  6 Credits in First Year English
  - Complete all of the following
    - Completed the following:
      - ENGL100 – English Composition (3)
    - Completed at least 1 of the following:
      - ENGL101 – Introduction to Poetry and Drama (3)
      - ENGL102 – Introduction to Prose Fiction (3)
    - VIU specifics ENGL-102

  9 credits in Science which shall include at least 3 credits in Mathematics or Computing Science or Statistics and 3 credits in a laboratory science
  - Complete all of the following
    - Complete all of the following
      - Completed the following:
        - GEOG101 – Introduction to Physical Geography 1 (3)
        - STAT106 – Statistics (3)
      - GEOG 101 – Lab Science and
        STAT 106 – UFV requirement

- Complete all of the following
  - Earned at least 3 credits from the following courses in these areas of study:
    - Sciences
    - Lab Sciences
  - Elective Options:
    MATH 100 or MATH 103 or MATH 104 or Any 100-level Science

36 credits in Arts

- Complete all of the following

6 credits in Social Science:

- Completed the following:
  - SOCI101 – Introduction to Sociology: The Individual and Society (3)
  - SOCI102 – Introduction to Sociology 2: Social Institutions (3)

6 credits in Humanities other than English:

- Complete all of the following
  - Complete all of the following
    - Completed the following:
      - INDG101 – Introduction to Indigenous Studies (3)
    - UNBC Requirement
  - Completed at least 1 of the following:
    - INDG240 – Indigenous Family Support Studies (3)
    - INDG203 – Indigenous Ways of Knowing (3)

24 additional credits in Arts:

- Complete all of the following
  - Completed at least 1 of the following:
    - CRIM131 – Introduction to the Criminal Justice System (3)
    - CRIM103 – Psychological Explanations of Criminal And Deviant Behaviour (3)
    - PSYC103 – Psychological Explanations of Criminal And Deviant Behaviour (3)
  - Complete all of the following
    - Completed at least 1 of the following:
      - HIST211 – Women in Canada: 1920 to the Present (3)
      - ANTH211 – Anthropology of Gender (3)
    - VIU requires one history or political science; HIST 211 recommended for UNBC
  - Completed the following:
    - PSYC101 – Introduction to Psychology 1 (3)
    - PSYC102 – Introduction to Psychology 2 (3)
    - SOCI210 – Introduction to Social Science Research Methods (3)
    - SOCI225 – Introduction to Sociological Theory (3)

- Completed at least 1 of the following:
  - PSYC207 – Social Psychology (3)
  - PSYC240 – Introduction to Abnormal Psychology (3)
  - PSYC250 – Introduction to Brain and Behaviour (3)
- Completed at least 1 of the following:
  - SOCI211 – Law, Youth and Young Offenders (3)
  - CRIM210 – Law, Youth and Young Offenders (3)

9 credits in Arts, Science, or other areas:

- Complete all of the following
  - Completed the following:
    - HSWR200 – Roles and Responsibilities in Human Services (3)
    - HSWR201 – Trends and Issues in Human Services (3)
  - Complete all of the following
    - Completed at least 1 of the following:
      - COMC102 – Advanced Professional Communication (3)
      - COMC253 – Intercultural Communication (3)
      - ANTH101 – Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (3)
      - CYFS116 – Lifespan Development (4)
    - Or Elective – Any course not already used to meet other requirements
    - UFV requires 3 credits in COMC

Grand Total Credits: 60 – 61

Program Completion Requirements Notes:

A grade of "D" grants credit, but may not be sufficient as a prerequisite for sequential courses.

Flexible Assessment: Yes

In some cases students may be able to apply for recognition of prior learning outside the classroom. This flexible assessment process provides equivalent course credit. It is a rigorous process that may include external evaluation, worksite assessment, demonstration, standardized test, self-assessment, interview, products/portfolio, and challenge exam, or other measures as appropriate. Tuition fees apply. Contact an education advisor for more information.

Program Transfer Credit:

For information about block transfer agreements between programs in British Columbia, Alberta, and elsewhere, please visit http://www.cotr.bc.ca/transfer.

To minimize transfer issues, check with an academic advisor at the institution that will receive the transfer credits.

Academic Policies:

College of the Rockies policies related to courses can be found at https://cotr.bc.ca/about-us/college-policies/ and include the following:

- Policy 2.4.3 Students with Documented Disabilities
- Policy 2.4.4 Student Conduct (plagiarism, other cheating, behavioral misconduct)
- Policy 2.4.8 Academic Performance
- Policy 2.5.3 Grade Appeal
- Policy 2.4.9 Student Concerns Re Faculty

Program Changes:

Information contained in this program outline is correct at the time of publication. Courses and course content may be revised from time to time based on changing educational, employment and marketing needs. The timetable may also be revised.

Course Descriptions: Refer to Course Outlines – https://outlines.cotr.bc.ca/course/