

Social Work and Human Services

Social work and human services is an applied behavioral science that emphasizes the application of behavioral science principles in a variety of cultural contexts. Students take courses in social work and human services to acquire the basic skill set required for entry-level social worker positions and to prepare for transfer to complete a baccalaureate degree in social work and human services or a similar major.

As a profession, social work and human services focuses on methods for helping people from many different social groups improve the quality of their lives.

Academic and Career Pathway

Social and Behavioral Sciences

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Associate Degree

Associate in Arts Degree

Social Work and Human Services for Transfer

Students completing this associate degree will have completed lower-division major preparation requirements for a social work and human services degree, an emphasis or option within a social work and human services degree, or a degree considered similar to social work and human services at a participating California State University (CSU) campus.

Following transfer to a participating CSU campus, students will be required to complete no more than 60 units to obtain a bachelor's degree; however, some CSU campuses may require additional lower-division major preparation. This degree may not be appropriate preparation for students transferring to a CSU campus not accepting this degree or to a university or college that is not part of the CSU system. Students should consult with a MiraCosta counselor for further information regarding the most efficient pathway to transfer as a social work and human services major and to determine which CSU campuses are participating in this program.

Graduation Requirements

- ▶ Complete a minimum of 60 CSU-transferable semester units.
- ▶ Complete all courses required in the major with a "C" or "P" or better.
- ▶ Complete the CSU-GE (Plan B) or IGETC (Plan C)* general education pattern. *Students completing IGETC may be

awarded the degree, but they must complete a course from Area IC: Oral Communication to meet CSU admission requirements.

- ▶ Obtain a minimum CSU-transferable GPA of 2.0.
- ▶ Complete a minimum of 12 units in residence at MiraCosta College.

Program Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, students are all of the following:

- ▶ Prepared for entry-level positions in the field of social work.
- ▶ Able to analyze the skills and knowledge necessary for a career in social work.
- ▶ Able to identify and implement industry-recognized effective practices for human service delivery in culturally relevant and culturally sustaining ways.

Course Requirements

Required courses:

SWHS 110	Introduction to Social Work and Human Services	3
SWHS 120A	Social Work and Human Services Seminar	1
SWHS 120B	Social Work and Human Services Fieldwork	2
BIO 103	Introductory Biology: Animal Diversity *	3
or BIO 111	Introductory Biology: Preparation for Pre-Health Professions (Lecture)	
ECON 101	Principles of Economics: MACRO *	3
or ECON 102	Principles of Economics: MICRO	
PSYC 101	General Psychology *	3
or PSYC 101H	General Psychology (Honors)	
SOC 125	Introduction to Statistics in Sociology *	4
or PSYC 104	Statistics for Behavioral Science	
or PSYC 104H	Statistics for Behavioral Science (Honors)	
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology *	3
or SOC 101H	Introduction to Sociology (Honors)	
List A: Select two courses.		6
ADM 100	Introduction to the Administration of Justice *	
ANTH 102	Cultural Anthropology *	
or ANTH 102H	Cultural Anthropology (Honors)	
CHLD 113	Child and Adolescent Growth and Development *	
CHLD 210	Child, Family, and Community *	
COMM 215	Intercultural Communication *	
PSYC 121	Human Development *	
or PSYC 121H	Human Development (Honors)	
SOC 102	Contemporary Social Problems *	
SOC 207	Race and Ethnic Relations *	
or ETHN 207	Race and Ethnic Relations	
Total Units		28

* Course satisfies a general education requirement on the CSU-GE or IGETC general education (GE) pattern. To ensure this

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degree is completed with no more than 60 units, students should select courses that will also satisfy a GE requirement. Note: Every course on this degree except SWHS 110 and SWHS 120 satisfies a GE requirement.

NOTE: Students are strongly advised to select courses that meet lower-division major preparation requirements at their transfer university and to complete the History, Constitution, and American Ideals requirement prior to transfer.

Courses

SWHS 110: Introduction to Social Work and Human Services

Units: 3

Prerequisites: None

Acceptable for Credit: CSU

Lecture 3 hours.

Course Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

This course introduces the profession of social work and the field of social welfare through historical and contemporary lenses. It includes an overview of U.S. societal institutions that structure the provision of social services. The course emphasizes current service delivery systems, social welfare policies and procedures, contemporary social problems, and culturally responsive professional skills of social workers and human service workers within social welfare institutions and programs.

SWHS 120A: Social Work and Human Services Seminar

Units: 1

Prerequisites: SWHS 110

Corequisite: SWHS 120B

Enrollment Limitation: Concurrent enrollment in SWHS 110 if prerequisite not met and not open to students with prior credit in SWHS 120.

Acceptable for Credit: CSU

Lecture 1 hour.

Course Typically Offered: Spring

This course provides students who are participating in a supervised field experience in a community organization, agency, or institution with a weekly class meeting that provides the academic element to the experiential course offering. The course emphasizes the application of concepts gained in the prerequisite or corequisite course to the field experience. It is designed to provide students with an opportunity to develop skills that would facilitate gaining employment in the human services field.

SWHS 120B: Social Work and Human Services Fieldwork

Units: 2

Prerequisites: SWHS 110

Corequisite: SWHS 120A

Enrollment Limitation: Concurrent enrollment in SWHS 110 if prerequisite not met and not open to students with prior credit in SWHS 120.

Acceptable for Credit: CSU

Laboratory 6 hours.

Course Typically Offered: Spring

This course offers students a supervised field experience in a community organization, agency, or institution, allowing them to apply knowledge and learn new skills outside of the classroom environment. The course is designed to provide students with an opportunity to observe, practice, and develop skills that would facilitate gaining employment in the human services field.