

**Southwestern Illinois College**  
**Associate in Arts**  
**SOCIAL WORK**

Completion of an Associate in Arts or Science degree at Southwestern Illinois College fulfills SIUE’s general education requirements, with the exception of an Interdisciplinary Studies course that all students must take during their junior and senior year at SIUE.

This “Transfer Program Guide” is an **example** of proposed curriculum for students to use while completing their associate’s degree. Reading, writing and math placement could alter the course sequencing and transfer date. Therefore students should begin sequencing their reading/writing (if applicable) and math & science courses during the first semester, paying close attention to prerequisites. Students have the option of taking summer classes to lessen fall and spring course loads.

It is highly recommended that students meet with a SWIC advisor each semester. For additional information please contact the SIUE coordinator for advising and partnership programs in MC 1070. Please see “**Important Student Notes**” located on page of two of this transfer guide.

**Fall Year 1**

SWIC Course		Hours
ENG 101	Rhetoric & Composition I	3
COMM 151	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
PHIL 151	Introductory Logic	3
IAI <sup>1</sup>	IAI Mathematics	4
IAI	IAI Fine Arts	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>16</b>

**Spring Year 1**

SWIC Course		Hours
ENG 102	Rhetoric & Composition II	3
POLS 150 <sup>2</sup>	Intro to American Government	3
HIST 181 <sup>2</sup>	U.S. History, 1865 to the Present	3
BIOL 100 <sup>2</sup>	General Biol: Ecol, Evol and Genetics/	
/BIOL 105 <sup>2</sup>	Human Biology	4
Elective		2
IAI	IAI Human Well-Being	2
<b>Total</b>		<b>17</b>

**Fall Year 2**

SWIC Course		Hours
SOC 153 <sup>2</sup>	Introductory Sociology	3
PSYC 151 <sup>2</sup>	General Psychology	3
ANTH 150 <sup>2</sup>	Cultural Anthropology	3
IAI	IAI Physical Science	4
Elective		3
<b>Total</b>		<b>16</b>

**Spring Year 2**

SWIC Course		Hours
PSYC 295 <sup>2</sup>	Social Psychology	3
IAI H/FA	IAI General Humanities or Fine Arts	3
Elective		3
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<b>Total</b>		<b>15</b>

<sup>1</sup>Recommended course-Math 107, MAT 111 or MATH 191.

<sup>2</sup>Required Non-Social Work courses

**Associate of Art Total** **64**

Students accepted into the Social Work program have the option of completing a minor and/or taking at least 2 semesters of a foreign language. Courses taken at SWIC to meet SWIC’s general education requirements (including electives) can be used for the minor and/or foreign language.

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**IMPORTANT STUDENT NOTES**

The preceding information is provided to assist students in the transfer process. In no way does this document substitute for meeting with an academic advisor. Students are advised to meet on a regular basis with advisors at SWIC and SIUE. Courses taken through dual credit can be applied to required SIUE coursework; please contact SWIC advisor for more information. **The Associate degree requires students to complete one Human Relations course and one Non-Western Course. These requirements may be met with a Fine Arts, Humanities, Social Science, or Behavioral Science.**

Students interested in pursuing the Bachelor of Arts degree option may consider using their foreign language credits as electives.

**DECLARATION REQUIREMENTS FOR A BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK (BSW)**

- Completion of 30 semester hours of course credit
- An overall GPA of 2.5 in all transferable work (on a 4.0 scale)
- Admission to the BSW program; Admission is competitive and students begin in the major during the fall semester of their junior year or any fall semester thereafter. Students apply to the BSW program between November 1 and January 31 preceding their fall admission.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS TO THE BSW PROGRAM**

- Admission to SIUE
- An academic transcript certifying that the student has a GPA of 2.5 or higher at the time of application for admission to the BSW program
- Completion of ENG 101 and 102 with grades of “C” or higher
- A referral form to the BSW program
- An application for the BSW program; Applications are available at <http://www.siu.edu/artsandsciences/socialwork/>.
- A 400 word personal statement that describes student’s interest in the program and the Social Work profession
- A signed statement that the student has read and agrees to abide by the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Code of Ethics and the SIUE Social Work Department BSW Behavior Policy

Students who plan to enter the program are expected to meet with the Director of the BSW program prior to admission into the Program (January 31 deadline). The Director can be reached by calling the Office of Social Work at 650-5758 and asking to speak to the Director.