ACADEMIC MAP TO BSW IN SOCIAL WORK

2026-2027

NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA

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YEAR 1

SEMESTER 1	Milestones	Grade	Credits	Min. Grade
UNIV 1000 University Experience			1	
ENGL 1010 Composition & Rhetoric I ★			3	C
MATH 1035 Contemporary Math	⚑		3	
FA 1040 Exploring the Arts			3	
PSYC 1010 General Psychology	⚑		3	
SOWK 2100 Social Work as a Profession ★	⚑		3	C

Semester Credits _____

SEMESTER 2	Milestones	Grade	Credits	Min. Grade
COMM 1010 Fundamentals of Speech			3	
ENGL 1020 Composition & Rhetoric II ★			3	C
MATH 1060 Finite Math	⚑		3	
SCI 1010 Concepts of Physical Science I			3	
SOC 1010 Principles of Sociology			3	
SOWK 2090 Intro to Policy & Research ★	⚑		3	C

Semester Credits _____

Total Credits _____

YEAR 2

SEMESTER 1	Milestones	Grade	Credits	Min. Grade
SOWK 2010 Critical Thinking/Writing ★	⚑		3	C
ENGL 2110 Intro to Literature			3	
HIST 2010 History of the U.S.			3	
PSCI 2010 Government of the U.S.			3	
SCI 1020 Concepts of Biological Sci I			3	
Elective			2	

Upon completion of these first 3 semesters, you may apply to the professional social work program. You must be accepted into the professional program to take SOWK 3120, the gateway to upper-level practice courses. See SOWK student handbook.

Semester Credits _____

Total Credits _____

SEMESTER 2	Milestones	Grade	Credits	Min. Grade
SOWK 3120 Gen. Practice w/Individuals ★	⚑		3	C
HIST 2020 History of the U.S.			3	
PSCI 2020 State & Urban Government			3	
SCI 2020 Concepts of Biological Sci II			3	
Elective			3	

Semester Credits _____

Total Credits _____

YEAR 3

SEMESTER 1	Milestones	Grade	Credits	Min. Grade
SOWK 3030 Human Behavior I ★	⚑		3	C
SOWK 3070 Social Work Values/Ethics ★			3	C
SOWK 3130 Gen. Practice w/Groups ★	⚑		3	C
SOWK 3350 Economics & Social Work ★			3	C
SOWK 3090 Human Diversity ★			3	C

Semester Credits _____

Total Credits _____

SEMESTER 2	Milestones	Grade	Credits	Min. Grade
SOWK 3040 Human Behavior II ★			3	C
SOWK 3150 Gen. Practice w/Families ★	⚑		3	C
SOWK 3180 Techniques of Interviewing ★			3	C
SOWK 4030 Statistics in Social Research ★	⚑		3	C
SOWK 4350 Contemporary Social Policy ★			3	C

Semester Credits _____

Total Credits _____

YEAR 4

SEMESTER 1	Milestones	Grade	Credits	Min. Grade
SOWK 4190 Field Work ★			6 (12)	C
SOWK 4040 Research Methods ★			3	C
SOWK 3140 Gen Practice w/ Communities & Organizations ★			3	C

Semester Credits _____

Total Credits _____

SEMESTER 2	Milestones	Grade	Credits	Min. Grade
SOWK 4190 Field Work ★			6 (12)	C
SOWK 4900 Differential Diagnosis ★			3	C
Elective			3	

Semester Credits _____

Total Credits 120

- **SOWK 4190 and SOWK 4040 must be taken together.**
- **SOWK 4190 may be taken in one semester (fall or spring) or over one academic year (6 credits per fall + following spring OR 6 credits per spring + following summer).**
- **Under no circumstances are academic credits awarded in Social Work courses for life or work experiences.**

Note: Our BSW program is fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (https://www.cswe.org/).

YOU'VE FINISHED!

★ Indicates required minimum grade of C by second completed attempt and no lower than B for Advanced Standing.

⚑ MILESTONE - prerequisite for a social work class

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Major Requirements = 75 | University Core/Support = 45 | Total Credits = 120

Courses taken outside of a student's degree program are not eligible for Title IV federal financial aid (grants and loans). However, elective courses are eligible for Title IV aid if they are required and included in the student's program of study. Once a student has completed all required elective credits, any additional elective courses taken beyond the program's requirements will not be eligible for Title IV funding.