



Social Work Pre-Major (AASW) Program Outline

PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION DATE:	September 2016
OUTLINE EFFECTIVE DATE:	September 2022
PROGRAM OUTLINE REVIEW DATE:	March 2027

GENERAL PROGRAM 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.

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.

Delivery: This program is delivered face to face and online.

COTR Credits: 60

Hours for this program: 930-960 hours

Typical Structure of Instructional Hours:

Instructional Activity	Duration
Lecture Hours	870-900
Seminars / Tutorials	
Laboratory / Studio Hours	60
Practicum / Field Experience Hours	
Other Contact Hours	
Total	930-960

Practicum Hours (if applicable):

Type of Practicum	Duration
On-the-job Experience	
Formal Work Experience	
Other	
Total	

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Valid from: September 2022 - March 2027

Education Council Approval Date

PROGRAM PREREQUISITES AND TRANSFER CREDIT:

Admission Requirements:

- Secondary school graduation or equivalent.
- Minimum 65% in either English Studies 12, English First Peoples 12, ENGL 090, or equivalent (refer to Course Equivalency information on the College Website).
- A minimum of 60% in either Principles of Math 11, Foundations of Math 11, Applications of Math 11, Pre-Calculus Math 11, Statistics 12, Pre-Calculus 12, Calculus 12, MATH 080, or MATH 101; 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.

Flexible Assessment (FA):

Credit can be awarded for one or more courses in this program through FA Yes No

Learners may request formal recognition for flexible assessment at the College of the Rockies through one or more of the following processes: External Evaluation, Worksite Assessment, Demonstration, Standardized Test, Self-assessment, Interview, Products/Portfolio, Challenge Exam. Contact an Education Advisor for more information.

Transfer Credit: For transfer information within British Columbia, Alberta and other institutions, please visit <http://www.cotr.bc.ca/Transfer>

Students should also contact an academic advisor at the institution where they want transfer credit.

Social Work Pre-Major Pathway program:

This program is designed to prepare students for application into Year 3 of a Social Work degree program after 2 years of study at COTR.

Associate of Arts Degree General Requirements: 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.

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.

AASW Program Requirements

A		6 credits in first year English		
	ENGL 100	English Composition	3	
	ENGL 101 or ENGL 102	Introduction to Poetry and Drama or Introduction to Prose Fiction	3	VIU specifics ENGL 102
B		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		
	GEOG 101	Introduction to Physical Geography	3	Laboratory Science
	STAT 106	Statistics	3	UFV requirement
	MATH 100 or MATH 103 or MATH 104 or Any 100-level Science or COMP	Elective	3	
C		36 credits in Arts which shall include:		
		6 credits in Social Science		
	SOCI 101	Introduction to Sociology: The Individual and Society	3	
	SOCI 102	Introduction to Sociology 2: Social Institutions	3	
		6 credits in Humanities other than English:		
	INDG 101	Introduction to Indigenous Studies	3	UNBC Requirement
	INDG 240 or INDG 203	Indigenous Family Support Studies or Indigenous Ways of Knowing	3	
		24 additional credits in Arts:		
	CRIM 131 or PSYC 103/CRIM 103	Introduction to the Criminal Justice System or Psychological Explanations of Criminal and Deviant Behavior	3	
	HIST 211 or ANTH 211	Women in Canada: 1920 to the Present or Anthropology of Gender	3	VIU requires one history or political science; HIST 211 recommended for UNBC
	PSYC 101	Introduction to Psychology 1	3	
	PSYC 102	Introduction to Psychology 2	3	
	PSYC 207 or PSYC 240 or PSYC 250	Social Psychology or Introduction to Abnormal Psychology or Introduction to Brain and Behavior	3	UFV requires PSYC 250
	SOCI211/CRIM 210	Law, Youth and Young Offenders	3	
	SOCI 210	Social Science Research Methods	3	
	SOCI 225	Introduction to Sociological Theory	3	
D		And 9 credits in Arts, Science, or other areas		
	HSWR 200	Roles and Responsibilities in Human Services	3	Required for social work
	HSWR 201	Trends and Issues in Human Services	3	Required for social work
	COMC 102 or COMC 253 or	Advanced Professional Communication or Intercultural Communication or	3	UFV requires 3 credits in COMC

	ANTH 101 or CYFS 116 or Elective	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology or Lifespan Development Any course not already used to meet other requirements		Douglas, UFV and UNBC requires
			Total Credits	60

COURSE GRADE:

Course grades are assigned as follows:

Grade	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D	F
Mark (Percent)	≥ 90	89-85	84-80	79-76	75-72	71-68	67-64	63-60	59-55	54-50	< 50

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.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS can be found on the COTR SharePoint site:

<http://www.cotr.bc.ca/CourseOutlines/>