



ACADEMIC MAP TO BSW IN SOCIAL WORK

2025-2026



NORTHWESTERN STATE
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA

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

Semester Credits _____

SEMESTER 2			Milestones	Grade	Credits
COMM 1010 Fundamentals of Speech					3
ENGL 1020 Composition & Rhetoric II					3
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

Semester Credits _____

Total Credits _____

YEAR 2	SEMESTER 1			Milestones	Grade	Credits
	SOWK 2010 Critical Thinking/Writing	★				3
	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

Semester Credits _____

Total Credits _____

SEMESTER 2			Milestones	Grade	Credits
SOWK 3120 Gen. Practice w/Individuals	★		🚩		3
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 _____

⌚ 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 student handbook.

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

Semester Credits _____

Total Credits _____

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

Semester Credits _____

Total Credits _____

YEAR 4	SEMESTER 1			Milestones	Grade	Credits
	SOWK 4190 Field Work	★				6 (12)
	SOWK 4040 Research Methods	★				3
	SOWK 3140 Gen Practice w/ Communities & Organizations	★				3

Semester Credits _____

Total Credits _____

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

Major Electives

Academic Electives



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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