

SOCIAL WORK, ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

Program Description

The Associate in Science (A.S.) Degree in Social Work will provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the discipline, applied concepts, and theories necessary for a future in the field of social work and other helping professions. The A.S. in Social Work is also designed for students who intend to transfer to an accredited four-year baccalaureate program in the field of Social Work (B.S.W.) or another human services degree program.

Transfer Information

Students pursuing the Social Work degree can transfer into majors such as Social Sciences, Human/Public Services, Sociology, or Social Work. Students are encouraged to work closely with OCC faculty and Advising Transfer Services. Students planning to transfer to a four-year institution in NJ can explore the "Transfer Programs" feature on NJ Transfer www.njtransfer.org (<http://www.njtransfer.org/>).

Career Information

The Associate of Science degree is designed to provide students with the coursework needed to transfer to a four-year institution and pursue a bachelor's degree for Social Work or a related field. The curriculum provides students with the knowledge and skills needed to pursue a pathway to social work, grant writing, community outreach, and case management as well as prepare students for graduate programs in Social Work. Students are strongly encouraged to consult with OCC faculty and Career Services as they begin to explore career options. Students can also utilize Career Coach, a resource provided by OCC, to explore degree programs and corresponding careers <https://ocean.emsicc.com> (<https://ocean.emsicc.com/>)

Students are encouraged to keep track of degree requirements by using the "My Progress" screen on Student Planning. Student Planning can be accessed via logging into Ocean Connect.

First Semester		Credit Hours
ENGL 151	English I	3
MATH 156	Introduction to Statistics	3
SOWK 101	Introduction to Social Work	3
PSYC 172	General Psychology	3
STSC 150	Student Success Seminar	2
Credit Hours		14
Second Semester		
ENGL 152	English II	3
SOCI 181	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOWK 207 or PSYC 271	Group Dynamics or Abnormal Psychology	3
Technology Gen. Ed. Requirement (https://catalog.ocean.edu/graduation-requirements-degree/approved-general-education-courses/#tech) ¹		3
Elective ^{2 & 3}		3
Credit Hours		15
Third Semester		
SOWK 194	Interviewing and Communication Techniques	3
SOCI 282	Sociology of the Family	3
ANTH 134 or SOCI 238	Cultural Anthropology ³ or Race and Ethnicity	3

BIOL 114 or BIOL 119	Principles of Biological Science ³ or Science and the Human Body	4
Elective ^{2 & 3}		3
Credit Hours		16
Fourth Semester		
SOWK 201 or PSYC 278	Human Behavior and the Social Environment ³ or Life Span Development	3
SOWK 202	Social Work Seminar and Practicum	3
PHIL 190	Introduction to Critical Thinking	3
Select from the following ³		3
HIST 230	America and the West After World War II	
POLI 161	American Federal Government	
POLI 183	Introduction to Political Science	
Elective ^{2 & 3}		3
Credit Hours		15
Total Credit Hours		60

- Students may attempt to "test out" of the technology requirement. If they succeed, they must take an additional course(s) in math or science from the List of Approved General Education Courses.
- Social Work students pursuing the Addictions Counseling Certificate can choose from the list of Addictions Counseling courses below. This particular choice in electives will allow students to complete 9 of the 18 credits required in the Addictions Counseling Certificate.
 - ALDC 101 - Addiction Disorders and Recovery Supports
 - ALDC 102 - Addiction Counseling: Professional Responsibilities
 - ALDC 105 - Addiction Counseling Skills
 - ALDC 106 - Assessing Addictive Disorders
 - ALDC 107 - Addiction Counseling: Methodology
 - ALDC 108 - Addiction Counseling: Client Education
- Course selections should be based on the requirements of the intended transfer to a four-year institution. Students should speak to their advisor for clarification.