

West Virginia Northern Community College – Ohio University Plan

Social Work Advising Guide

West Virginia Northern Community College Associate of Arts, Social Work Graduation Pathway

The undergraduate program in social work prepares students for beginning generalist social work practice at the undergraduate level, which involves the capacity to apply knowledge, skills, and values to assess a range of situations and the ability to work with individuals, groups, larger organizations, and communities from a wide variety of perspectives. Students will complete course work in human behavior and the social environment, social welfare history and policy, research, social work practice methods, and field instruction. As students progress, they will develop the skills for intervening at a generalist level with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities. Upon graduation, students will be prepared as a baccalaureate-level social work practitioner with a strong foundation in liberal arts. The program has been accredited by the Council on Social Work Education since 1974.

Admission Requirements

Freshman/First-Year Admission

Students may designate the “Social Work” major within the College of Health Sciences and Professions in their application to Ohio University. This allows the student to be assigned an advisor within the Social Work program during their first semester at Ohio University. There are no additional selective or limited admissions requirements to be admitted as a Social Work student beyond those required by the University and the College of Health Sciences and Professions.

External Transfer Admission

For students applying to the College of Health Sciences and Professions as majors, no requirements beyond University/College of Health Sciences and Professions admission requirements are necessary.

- Combined 2.0 GPA from all prior college-level coursework.
- No additional requirements beyond University admission requirements for freshman or transfer admission.
- Official transcripts sent directly to Ohio University from all colleges and universities you have attended. If you have completed fewer than 20 semester hours or 30 quarter hours of university or college coursework, you must also submit your high school transcript for evaluation

Application Information

Apply online ohio.edu/admissions/apply

Students can complete this program through OHIO Athens or regional campus.

Submit all college-level transcripts to:

Undergraduate Admissions
Ohio University
Chubb Hall 120
1 Ohio University Drive
Athens, OH 45701

Ohio University Contact Information

Undergraduate Admissions

740.593.4100

E-mail general questions to

transfer@ohio.edu

For more information on the visit www.ohio.edu/wvncc



West Virginia Northern Community College AA in Social Work Course of Study

Courses with an asterisk (*) are not a required part of the West Virginia Northern Community College curriculum, but students interested in the 2+2 are advised to take them to help meet baccalaureate degree requirements.

Ohio University equivalent courses that meet OHIO BRICKS General Education requirements are in brackets.

Semester 1

West Virginia Northern Community College Course	Credit Hours	OHIO University Equivalent Course
ENG 101 College Composition I	3.0	[ENG 1510] (Social Work pre-major course)
ART 150 Art Appreciation (Fine Arts)	3.0	[ART 1100] *
HS 100 Intro to Social Work & Human Services (<i>grade of C or better required</i>)	3.0	SW 1000 (Social Work pre-major course)
PSYC 105 Introduction to Psychology (<i>grade of C or better required</i>)	3.0	[PSY 1010] (Social Work pre-major course)
SPCH 105 Fundamentals of Speech Communication	3.0	[COMS 1030]
Semester 1 Total	15.0	

Semester 2

West Virginia Northern Community College Course	Credit Hours	OHIO University Equivalent Course
BIO 110 Human Biology I (<i>grade of C or better required</i>)	4.0	[BIOL 1010]
ENG 102 College Composition II	3.0	[ENG 2800]
POLS 102 American National Government & Politics	3.0	[POLS 1010]
SOC 125 Introduction to Sociology (<i>grade of C or better required</i>)	3.0	[SOC 1000] (Social Work Sociology elective)
PHIL 200 Introduction to Philosophy	3.0	[PHIL 1010] *
Semester 2 Total	16.0	

Semester 3

West Virginia Northern Community College Course	Credit Hours	OHIO University Equivalent Course
HS 147 Understanding Human Diversity (<i>grade of C or better required</i>)	3.0	INST 1011
HS 210 Introduction to Case Management & Counseling	3.0	
GEOG 205 World Geography	3.0	GEOG 1XXL
PSYC 210 Child Development (<i>grade of C or better required</i>)	3.0	EDEC 1600
SS 207 WV & the Appalachian Subculture	3.0	
Semester 3 Total	15.0	

Semester 4

West Virginia Northern Community College Course	Credit Hours	OHIO University Equivalent Course
HS 150 Introduction to Substance Abuse	3.0	HLTH 2040
GSC 100 Science in the Contemporary World	4.0	PSC 1XXL
HS 200 Social Welfare Institutions (<i>grade of C or better required</i>)	3.0	[SW 2601C] (Social Work pre-major course)
MATH 108 College Algebra or MATH 210 Introduction to Statistics*	4.0	[MATH 1200] or [MATH 1500] (Social Work pre-major course)
Semester 4 Total	14.0	

Social Work Degree Requirements

To earn the Bachelor of Science, Social Work major, degree, a student must complete all Ohio University graduation requirements: general education, college, major, and residency. Students must fulfill all BRICKS requirements, earn a minimum of 30 semester hours of Ohio University credit, complete a minimum of 50% of the major course requirements at Ohio University, and complete a minimum of 120 total semester hours for graduation (elective hours may be required). Students are responsible for tracking their degree completion on their DARS, and are encouraged to work with an Ohio University academic advisor in their degree planning.

Pre-major Courses: Complete the following courses:

OHIO Course Name	OHIO Course Number	West Virginia Northern Community College Course Number
SW 1000 Introduction to Social Work and Social Welfare	-	HS 100
SW 2601C Social Welfare Overview and Trends	-	HS 200
BIOS 1300 Principles of Human Anatomy and Physiology I or BIOS 1030 Human Biology I: Basic Principles (offered through OHIO Online)	4.0 or 3.0	
PSY 1010 General Psychology	-	PSYC 105
MATH 1500 Introductory Statistics or PSY 1110 Elementary Statistical Reasoning [^] or PSY 2110 Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences	-	MATH 210 [^]
PSY 2410 Child and Adolescent Psychology (OHIO online) or EDEC 1600 Introduction to Child Development	-	PSYC 210
ENG 1510 Writing and Rhetoric I	3.0-	ENG 101
PSY 2710 Psychopathology	3.0	PSYC 200
Economics, Political Science, or Sociology elective	3.0	CRJ 104, ECON 104, ECON 105, ECON 120, POLS 102, SOC 125, SOC 126, SOC 255
Economics or Political Science elective	3.0	ECON 104, ECON 105, ECON 120, POLS 102
Pre-major Courses Total	12.0 - 16.0	

Social Work Major Course Requirements

In order to apply to the social work major, you must complete all pre-major requirements (including at least 20 hours of volunteer or paid social work experience) and achieve an overall GPA of at least 2.5. You may have completed many of the Social Work pre-major requirements with courses taken to complete the WEST VIRGINIA NORTHERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE Social Work program. Courses with a caret (^) designates course requirement waivers, not a course equivalent.

Social Work Major Courses

OHIO Course Name	OHIO Course Number	West Virginia Northern Community College Course Number
SW 2701 Trauma and Human Rights	3.0	
SW 3602 Social Welfare Policy	3.0	
SW 3701 Dynamics of Human Behavior	3.0	
SW 3801 Introduction to Social Work Practice Methods	3.0	
SW 3870 Research Methods in Social Work	3.0	
SW 4801 Social Work Practice I	3.0	



Social Work Major Courses (Continued)

OHIO Course Name	OHIO Course Number	West Virginia Northern Community College Course Number
SW 4802 Social Work Practice II (Capstone)	3.0	
SW 4921 Field Seminar I	2.0	
SW 4922 Field Seminar II	2.0	
SW 4923 Field Practicum I	6.0	
SW 4924 Field Practicum II	6.0	
Interprofessional Education in Healthcare requirement	2.0 - 3.0	
Optional Elective	3.0	
Major Courses Total	42.0 – 43.0	

OHIO BRICKS General Education Requirements

BRICKS is Ohio University’s general education program, and requirements must be fulfilled by all baccalaureate degree students. BRICKS includes a minimum of 38 credit hours across five categories: Foundations, Pillars, Arches, Bridges, and Capstone. Courses taken to complete the West Virginia Northern Community College Social Work Assistant (SWKA) program, and Social Work pre-major and major courses will satisfy many BRICKS requirements, but you may need to take additional courses to meet remaining general education requirements. Courses used to satisfy BRICKS requirements may be completed through West Virginia Northern Community College or OHIO. Consult the [General Education equivalency guide](#) for a list of West Virginia Northern Community College courses that have direct course equivalencies at Ohio University which meet OHIO’s BRICKS general education requirements.

General Education Requirements

OHIO Course Name	OHIO Course Number	West Virginia Northern Community College Course Number
Foundations: Intercultural Explorations requirement (may be satisfied with IHS 2220 – an Interprofessional Education in Healthcare major course option)	3.0	
Humanities: Arts requirement	-	ART 150*
Humanities: Texts and Contexts requirement	-	PHIL 200*
Arches: Constructed World requirement	4.0-5.0	MATH 205 or MATH 279
Arches: Natural World requirement	4.0	PHYS 115
General Education Total	11.0 – 12.0	

BRICKS and Prior Degree Completion Waiver

Students who complete an Associate of Arts (AA), Associate of Science (AS), or bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution* prior to enrollment in a degree-seeking program at Ohio University will receive transfer credit equivalent to fulfilling Ohio University’s BRICKS general education requirements in Foundations (excluding the Advanced Writing component, which requires completion of an equivalent course), Pillars, and Arches. Students who have not completed an approved degree will have their courses evaluated individually to determine appropriate general education requirement fulfillment. *Institutions must be accredited by regional accrediting commissions recognized by the Council on Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) to qualify.

Disclaimer:

The information on this guide is based on the catalog requirements posted in the 2025-2026 Ohio University catalog and related West Virginia Northern Community College equivalents as of the Last Updated date. All information is subject to change without notice. Students must complete a minimum of 120 total semester hours, are responsible for tracking their degree completion on their DARS, and are encouraged to work with an Ohio University academic advisor in their degree planning. Courses are subject to availability at each





institution. It is suggested that students meet with an advisor to discuss course selection based on offered options.

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