

Zane State College – Ohio University Plan

Social Work 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

Admission is divided into two stages: pre-major and major. Transfer students may be admitted as pre-majors and should designate “pre-social work” major within the College of Health Sciences and Professions in their application to OHIO University. There are no additional selective or limited admissions requirements to be admitted as a pre-social work major beyond those required by the University and the College of Health Sciences and Professions:

- Combined 2.0 GPA from all prior college-level coursework.
- Official transcripts sent directly to OHIO University from all colleges and universities you have attended.

After achieving pre-major status, you will work on a planned course of study that leads to being able to apply to the major and, eventually, graduation with a degree in social work. Work with your academic advisor to select appropriate coursework.

Application Information

- Combined 2.5 GPA from all prior college-level coursework.
- SW 1000 and SW 2601C with a minimum grade of C (2.0) in both courses
- Non-Social Work required courses:
 - BRICKS Written Communication (ENG 1510) and Quantitative Reasoning (MATH 1200 or math placement 2); BIOS 1030 or BIOS 1300; PSY 1010, PSY 2110 or 1110; PSY 2410 or EDEC 1600
 - Courses from two of the following areas: economics, political science, or sociology
- A paid or volunteer experience in the area of social work (20 hours)
- Transfer students from other institutions are required to submit a fully completed “Social Work Major Application” online which includes a personal essay, documentation of human service experience, and two letters of reference by the Friday of the second full week of fall or spring semester.

Application Information

Apply online <https://admissions.ohio.edu/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 visit www.ohio.edu/zane-state

Zane State College Social Work Assistant (SWKA) Course of Study

Courses with an asterisk (*) are not a required part of the Zane State 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: Fall I

Zane State College	Credit Hours	OHIO Equivalent Course Number
ENGL 1500 Composition I	3.0	[ENG 1510]
FYEX 1010 First Year Success Strategies	1.0	UC 1XXL
MATH 1050 Quantitative Reasoning	4.0	[MATH 1060]
PSYC 1010 Introduction to Psychology	3.0	[PSY 1010]
SWKA 1010 Introduction to Social Work	3.0	SW 1000
Fall I Total	14.0	

Semester: Spring I

Zane State College	Credit Hours	OHIO Equivalent Course Number
ENGL 2500 Composition II	3.0	[ENG 2800]
PSYC 2040 Lifespan Development	3.0	PSY 2XXL
SWKA 1050 Group Dynamics	3.0	SW 1XXL
SWKA 1090 Interviewing	3.0	SW 1XXL
SWKA 1110 Learning and Behavior Theory	3.0	SW 1XXL
Spring I Total	15.0	

Semester: Summer I

Zane State College	Credit Hours	OHIO Equivalent Course Number
COMM 2610 Public Speaking	3.0	[COMS 1030]
PSYC 2010 Abnormal Psychology	3.0	[PSY 2710]
SOCI 1010 Introduction to Sociology	3.0	[SOC 1000]
Summer I Total	9.0	

Semester: Fall II

Zane State College	Credit Hours	OHIO Equivalent Course Number
BMCA 1020 Introduction to Windows and Word	1.0	
SWKA 2050 Introduction to Addiction Studies	3.0	SW 2XXL
SWKA 2210 Family Dynamics	3.0	SW 2XXL
SWKA 2230 Case Management	3.0	SW 2XXL
SWKA 2300 Practicum I	4.0	SW 2XXL
Fall II Total	14.0	



Semester: Spring II

Zane State College	Credit Hours	OHIO Equivalent Course Number
SOCI 2060 Race and Ethnicity	3.0	SOC 3290
SWKA 2150 Social Welfare System	3.0	[SW 2601C]
SWKA 2310 Practicum II	4.0	SW 2XXL
Arts & Humanities Elective (ARTS 1010* or PHIL 1020* recommended)	3.0	[AH 2110]* or [PHIL 1300]*
Spring II Total	13.0	

Ohio University Bachelor of Science, Social Work major Degree Requirements

To qualify for the Bachelor of Science, Social Work major, a student must have completed all OHIO University graduation requirements: general education, College, major, and residency. Students must complete a minimum of 30 semester credit hours of OHIO University credit and a minimum of 50% of the major course requirements at OHIO University.

Ohio University 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 Zane State 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 Zane State or OHIO Online. Consult the [General Education equivalency guide](#) for a list of Zane State Community College courses that have direct course equivalencies at Ohio University which meet OHIO’s BRICKS general education requirements.

OHIO Course Requirement	OHIO Semester Hours	Option to meet requirement with Zane State Courses
Foundations: Intercultural Explorations requirement (may be satisfied with IHS 2220 – an Interprofessional Education in Healthcare major course option)	0 - 3.0	ENGL 2700; HIST 1110
Humanities: Arts requirement	0 - 3.0	ARTS 1010*
Humanities: Texts and Contexts requirement	0 - 3.0	ENGL 2520, ENGL 2600, ENGL 2700; HIST 1100, HIST 1110; PHIL 1010, PHIL 1020*
Arches: Constructed World requirement	3.0	ARTS 1020; MATH 2510; THTR 1010
Arches: Natural World requirement	3.0 – 4.0	BIOL 2420 and BIOL 2430; CHEM 1220; PHYS 2020
General Education Total	6.0 – 16.0	

BRICKS and the Ohio Transfer 36 or Prior Degree Completion

Students who complete the minimum requirements of the Ohio Transfer 36 (OT36, formerly the Ohio Transfer Module), 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 the OT36 or 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.



Social Work Pre-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 Zane State SWKA program. Courses with a caret (^) designates course requirement waivers, not a course equivalent

OHIO Course Requirement	OHIO Semester Hours	Option to meet requirement with Zane State College
SW 1000 Introduction to Social Work and Social Welfare	-	SWKA 1010
SW 2601C Social Welfare Overview and Trends	-	SWKA 2150
MATH 1200 College Algebra	0-3	MATH 1340
BIOS 1300 Principles of Human Anatomy and Physiology I or BIOS 1030 Human Biology I: Basic Principles (offered through OHIO Online or OU-Z)	4.0 or 3.0	BIOL 2400 and BIOL 2410
PSY 1010 General Psychology	-	PSYC 1010
PSY 1110^ Elementary Statistical Reasoning or PSY 2110 Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences	3.0 or 4.0	MATH 1650^
PSY 2410 Child and Adolescent Psychology (OHIO online) or EDEC 1600 Introduction to Child Development	3.0 or 4.0	PSYC 2030 or EDUC 1830
ENG 1510 Writing and Rhetoric I	-	ENGL 1500
Economics, Political Science, or Sociology elective	-	SOCI 1010
Economics or Political Science elective	3.0	BUSM 1510 or BUSM 1520 or POLS 1010
Pre-major Courses Total	12.0 - 15.0	

Social Work Major Course Requirements

OHIO Course Requirement	OHIO Semester Hours	Option to meet requirement with Zane State College
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	
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	1.0 - 3.0	
Economics or Political Science elective (from area not used to meet pre-major requirements)	3.0	BUSM 1510 or BUSM 1520 or POLS 1010
Major Courses Total	38.0 – 40.0	



Disclaimer:

The information on this guide is based on the catalog requirements posted in the 2025-2026 Ohio University catalog and related Partner 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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