

**WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY  
UNDERGRADUATE SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT  
GUIDANCE AND COURSE SEQUENCING FORM**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Year Entered: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: The Department advises all students to commit to this sequence and register courses accordingly. Academic credit for life experience or previous work experience is prohibited. Non-Social Work Majors are recommend to complete SWO 200 and SWO 225 before requesting a major change. An interview with the Chairperson is required for all internal students requesting a major change to Social Work. Students are responsible for checking their degree progress report (via mywcu) to ensure they are fulfilling all university degree requirements. Download University General Education and Distributive Requirements at <https://catalog.wcupa.edu/undergraduate/>**

WRT 120 and WRT 200 level (can place out of WRT 120 – contact ENG)	6 credits of approved Science
3 credits Ethics Designation Course (SWO 320)	6 credits of Behavior Science (For SW 9—PSY, SOC, PSC)
3 credits Math course above 100 levels (104 or 121 recommended)	6 credits of Humanities (For SW –HIS, PHI)
9 Credits Speaking Emphasis (SWO 332, SWO 350, and SWO 495)*	3 credits of ART
3 credits of diverse communities (for SW – SWO 351)	18 credits of Advised Electives (with FYE 17 credits required)
3 credits of interdisciplinary course (for SW – SWO 225)	Students must achieve a minimum of 120 credits to graduate
9 credits of writing emphasis courses (for SW—SWO 300, 351, 495)	<b>SW Students need 2.50 GPA overall for BSW</b>
<b>First Year Experience (FYE) required for all new students and transfer students with less than 24 credits.</b>	
<b>Minimum grade of C required for SWO 320, 321, 375, 395, 450, 451, 495, and 496. All other required SWO courses minimum C-</b>	

\*Transfer students with 40-70 need 6 credits approved speaking emphasis (SE) courses. With 70+ transfer credits, only one 3 credit course is required. All students must complete at least one SE course at the 300 or 400 level.

First Year: Pre-Candidacy - Fall Semester				
Course Number	Course Name	Credits	Term	Grade
SWO 200	Introduction to Social Welfare	3		
SWO 225	Race Relations (I and J)	3		
FYE 100	First-Year Experience (Waived for transfer students with 24+ credits)	4		
WRT 120	English Composition Effective Writing I	3		
FLG I	Foreign Language (Spanish recommended.) Spanish for Health Care SPA 118 recommended). **	3		

\*\* Students may enroll in 1 or 2 foreign language culture clusters (same language) to meet the foreign language requirement.

First Year: Pre-Candidacy - Spring Semester				
Course Number	Course Name	Credits	Term	Grade
SWO 220	Introduction to Generalist Practice	3		
SWO 300	Family Systems (W)	3		
PSY 100	PSY 100 required	3		
FLG II	Foreign Language (Must be the same language and one level up from first FLG course) or complete second Culture Cluster in the same language as Culture Cluster 1)	3		
WRT 200 Level	WRT 200, 204, 205, 206, 208, or 230	3		

Second Year: Pre-Candidacy - Fall Semester				
Course Number	Course Name	Credits	Term	Grade
SWO 332	Social Welfare Policies and Services	3		
SWO 350	Human Behavior in the Social Environment I	3		
PSC	Select approved Political Science Course (PSC 100 recommended)	3		
Science #1	Select approved science class from CHE, CSC, ESS, or PHY	3		
HIS	Select approved HIS course (HIS 150 Recommended)	3		

Second Year: Pre-Candidacy - Spring Semester				
Course Number	Course Name	Credits	Term	Grade
SWO 320	Generalist Practice I (E)	3		
SWO 351	Human Behavior in the Social Environment II (W) (J)	3		
Science #2	Select approved science class from CHE, CSC, ESS, or PHY	3		
SOC	Select approved Sociology course (SOC 100 or SOC 240 recommended)	3		
Advised Elective #1	Advised Elective	3		

Third Year: Apply for Candidacy by September 15 <sup>th</sup> - Fall Semester				
Course Number	Course Name	Credits	Term	Grade
SWO 321	Generalist Practice II	3		
SWO 431	Methods of Social Inquiry	3		
MAT	Select any math course based on placement (MAT 104 or MAT 121 recommended)	3		
PHI	Select approved Philosophy course (PHI 180 recommended)	3		
Advised Elective #2	If interested in CWEB, enroll in the Child Welfare Elective	3		

Third Year: Professional Core - Spring Semester				
Course Number	Course Name	Credits	Term	Grade
SWO 375	Field Experience I	6		
SWO 395	Junior Seminar	3		
SWO 432	Advanced Policy Practice	3		
Advised Elective #3	Advised Elective	3		

Fourth Year: Professional Core - Fall Semester				
Course Number	Course Name	Credits	Term	Grade
ART	Select approved Art, Cinematography, Dance, Photography, or Theater	3		
SWO 450	Field Experience II	6		
SWO 495	Senior Seminar I (W)	3		
Advised Elective #4	Advised Elective	3		

Fourth Year: Professional Core - Spring Semester				
Course Number	Course Name	Credits	Term	Grade
SWO 451	Field Experience III	3		
SWO 496	Senior Seminar II	6		
Advised Elective #5	Advised Elective	3		
Advised Elective #6	Depending on transfer credits and FYE, student may take a 2 or 3 credit elective to fulfill the 120 credits required for graduation	2 or 3		

SOCIAL WORK ELECTIVES				
Courses	Term(s) Offered	Credits	Term	Grade
SWO 421 – Mental Health and Addictions		3		
SWO 423 – Child Welfare Practice and Policy		3		
SWO 491 – Human Sexuality Concepts for Social Workers		3		

**I = Interdisciplinary J = Diverse Communities W = Writing Emphasis E = Ethics**

- Students may take social work courses concurrently while applying for candidacy.
- Students cannot fulfill a general education requirement and interdisciplinary with the same course.

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Chairperson's Signature

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Date

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Advised Student's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**West Chester University**  
**BSW Program Academic Plan for Degree Completion**

**Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student ID:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Semester/Year Entered:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Academic Advisor:** \_\_\_\_\_

Fall	Spring	Summer
Fall	Spring	Summer
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Fall	Spring	Summer
Fall	Spring	Summer

I have met with my advisor and I understand this academic ladder as it has been presented. I understand that I must follow the courses in the sequence above in order to apply for candidacy and graduate on time. At any time, I may meet with my Academic Advisor to adjust this plan as necessary. I am aware that I must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.50 in order to remain in the Undergraduate Social Work Program. I understand that if my cumulative GPA falls below 2.50 for two consecutive semesters, I will schedule a meeting with the Chairperson to request a change of major.

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**Student's Signature**

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**Date**

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**Advisor/Chairperson's Signature**

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**Date**