



## Transfer Student Success Center Transfer Planning Guide

**Social Work – B.S.W. Degree**  
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### Transfer Planning Guide

This transfer planning guide provides a general overview and best advice, as well as links to other resources for transfer success. This guide is intended for planning purposes and not intended to list all transfer course options or replace an official plan of study.

### Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)

<b>University General Education</b>	Should be satisfied by the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA).
<b>BSW Pre-Professional Coursework</b>	Can be satisfied by following Transfer Course Recommendations listed. Pre-professional courses must be completed before starting BSW program.
<b>BSW Major</b>	Students may apply for on-campus or online BSW program. The online program does require an in-person practicum in the senior year. A minimum of 51 credits are required that can be completed in two years.

### Social Work Transfer Course Recommendation *(satisfies pre-professional course)*

Completed	Wayne State University	Oakland Community College
	WSU General Education	<b>Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA)</b>
	BIO 1510 Basic Life Mechanisms	<b>BIO 1530 Molecular and Cellular Biology</b>
	PS 1010 American Government	<b>POL 1510 American Government</b>
	PSY 1020 Elements of Psychology	<b>PSY 2510 Introduction to Psychology</b>
	SOC 1010 Understanding Human Society	<b>SOC 2510 Sociology</b>
	SW 1010 Intro to Social Work	<b>MHS 2000 Intro to Social Work</b>
	Electives (see advisor)	Most 1000 or higher courses with 'C' or above grade.

### Advising Recommendations

- Complete the Michigan Transfer Agreement (30 credits) to satisfy WSU General Education requirements.
  - Pre-professional courses in BIOL, PS, PSY, or SOC can satisfy specific MTA requirements.
  - Students not completing MTA will need to complete [WSU General Education requirements](#).
- Applicants are strongly encouraged to attend an informational session prior to applying to the Wayne State University BSW Program. At the meeting, we will cover in detail the BSW program, careers, application process, curriculum and so much more.

### Wayne State University – Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)

The Wayne State University Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree program prepares undergraduate students for ethical, competent, entry-level, generalist professional social work practice with diverse, poor, vulnerable, and oppressed individuals, families, groups, and communities.

Detroit's urban context provides rich and compelling experiences that aid BSW students in developing their professional competence and prepares them to uphold the core values of the profession. In the classroom and practicum, our faculty guide BSW students to make connections between social work practice and broader struggles to advance human rights

and social, economic, and environmental justice. We help students understand the need for cultural and intellectual humility and to value and appreciate the strengths and expertise of the clients they serve.

The School of Social Work offers admission to the BSW degree program in the **fall semester**.

- Submit to the Wayne State University Office of Undergraduate Admissions the Application for Undergraduate Admission with the appropriate fee and official transcripts from colleges or universities.
- Submit to the School of Social Work's Office of Admissions and Student Services, the Application for Admission, Bachelor of Social Work Degree Program.
- Applicants must have 1) earned a minimum overall grade point average of 2.50; 2) completed 16 social service volunteer hours; and 3) submitted a copy of transcripts from all colleges attended, current resume and personal interest statement demonstrating the ability to pursue successful undergraduate professional social work education.
- Applicants must have completed (or be in the process of completing 60 transferrable credits, which include the pre-professional coursework and MTA/Gen ed requirements. The pre-professional courses are:
  - Introduction to Social Work
  - Introduction to Psychology
  - Introduction to Sociology
  - American Government
  - Human Biology

For additional information, please contact the Office of Admissions and Student Services at (313) 577-4409 or [socialwork.wayne.edu](http://socialwork.wayne.edu).

### Transfer Credit Resources

- [Transfer Equivalency Self-Service](#): This tool displays how your earned credits will transfer into specific Wayne State degree programs. This tool provides an unofficial degree audit that indicates how your transfer credit is applied and which courses are still required to complete the degree.
- [Michigan Transfer Agreement \(MTA\)](#): The MTA can be earned at any Michigan community college to satisfy the Wayne State general education requirements. Each community college has an MTA-approved course list of its own, so please refer to the list of courses that your respective community college has approved for MTA.
- [Transfer Course Equivalency](#): This tool allows you to research specific courses and how they transfer to Wayne State.
- [Transfer Pathways](#): The transfer pathways are agreements with Michigan community colleges that streamline the transfer credit process while providing a roadmap to earning your associate's and bachelor's degrees.

### Understanding Transfer Credit

- **What will transfer?** All college-level classes from regionally accredited colleges with a grade of 2.0 (C) or above will transfer. There are no specific limits to the number of transfer credits. However, each academic program has specific requirements that must be satisfied which helps determine the best number of credits to transfer.
- **How will it transfer?** Courses transfer as the number of credits earned at the college where you took the class. This is true regardless of the number of credits the Wayne State equivalent course is worth. Each transferred course will match one of the following types of credits:
  - **Equivalent credit** – matches a specific WSU course.
  - **Department credit** – transfer into the academic department without a specific WSU course match.
  - **Elective credits** – transfer as general or elective credit (GEN 1XXX or GEN 2XXX).

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