

**NORFOLK STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**THE ETHELYN R. STRONG SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK**  
**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK DEGREE (BSW)**

PRE-SOCIAL WORK REQUIREMENTS

**FRESHMAN YEAR**

Semester I	Course Title	Credit Hours	Grade
HED 100	Personal and Community Health ( <i>Tier 1</i> )	2	
ENG 101***	College English I ( <i>Tier 1</i> )	3	
MTH 103	Contemporary Math ( <i>Tier 1</i> )	3	
CSC 150***	Computer Literacy ( <i>Tier 2</i> )	3	
PED 100	Fundamentals of Fitness for Life ( <i>Tier 1</i> )	1	
HIS 100	History of World Societies I or HIS 101, History of World Societies II or HIS 102, US History to 1865 or HIS 103, US History: 1865 to Present ( <i>Tier 2</i> )	3	
SEM 101	Spartan Seminar ( <i>Tier 1</i> )	1	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>16</b>	

Semester II	Course Title	Credit Hours	Grade
ENG 102***	College English II ( <i>Tier II</i> )	3	
SOC 101***	Introduction to Social Science ( <i>Tier 2</i> )	3	
SWK 199*	Professional Development: Leadership & Social Work Ethics	2	
PSY 210***	Introduction to Psychology	3	
BIO 105/105L	Human Biology and Human Biology Lab ( <i>Tier 2</i> )	4	
SEM 102	Spartan Seminar II ( <i>Tier 1</i> )	1	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>16</b>	

**SOPHOMORE YEAR**

Semester I	Course Title	Credit Hours	Grade
SWK 200	Introduction to Social Work	3	
POS 231***	State and Local Govt. or POS 100, American National Government	3	
SCI 101	Intro. to Physical Science for Non-Science Majors or Equiv. ( <i>Tier 2</i> )	3	
ECN 200	Basic Principles of Economics or Equivalent ( <i>Tier 2</i> )	3	
HUM 210	Humanities –( <i>Tier 2</i> ) (HUM 210- Humanities, ENG 207- Intro to World Literature, MUS 301 Music Appreciation, FIA 201 Basic Art Appreciation)	3	
SEM 201	Spartan Seminar III ( <i>Tier 1</i> )	1	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>16</b>	

Semester II (Apply to Professional Program)	Course Title	Credit Hours	Grade
SWK 207	Social Welfare Policies and Services I	3	
ENG 285	Public Speaking ( <i>Tier 1</i> )	3	
SWK 220	Human Behavior and the Social Environment I	3	
PSY 280***	Abnormal Psychology	3	
XXX XXX	Optional Elective	3	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>15</b>	

\* 1) Logic, Philosophy, Problem Solving Cluster (i.e., SOC 230, Social Problems)

\*\*\* 2) Minimum grade of C is required in all Social Work courses **and** those with \*\*\*\* beside them

3) **It is the students' responsibility to meet with their advisor every semester to schedule classes.**

4) It is the students' responsibility to follow the BSW curriculum sheet in the **sequence** detailed.

5) **APPLY TO THE PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM-** The application is in the School of Social Work – Brown Hall,S Suite 335 and on the Social Work Website – *It is due at the end of the second semester sophomore year.* Please see the due dates on the application.

PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORK REQUIREMENTS

- The following Social Work (SWK) courses are reserved for students accepted into the BSW Professional Program. Some electives are open to non-majors.
- Students should apply for the **field practicum (internship)** during the *second semester of the junior year* and must meet all pre-requisite requirements for field practicum.

**JUNIOR YEAR**

Semester I	Course Title	Credit Hours	Grade
SWK 300	Social Welfare Policies and Services II	3	
SWK 309	Human Behavior and the Social Environment II	3	
SWK 312	Introduction to Generalist Practice	3	
SOC 331	Social Psychology or PSY 250, Social Psychology	3	
SWK 333	Methods of Social Work Research ( <i>As of Spring 2020</i> )	3	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>	

Semester II (Apply to Field)	Course Title	Credit Hours	Grade
Cultural Perspective	Cultural Perspective ( <i>Social Sciences</i> ) –POS 315- Blacks in the American Political Process HIS 335- Af-Amer. History to 1865; HIS 336- Af-Amer. History Since 1865; HIS 371, African History/Culture <b>or</b> HRP 320, Af-Amer. Health ( <i>Tier 3</i> )	3	
SWK 313	Generalist Practice: Individuals and Families	3	
SWK 319	Human Behavior and the Social Environment III	3	
***SOC 355	Elementary Social Statistics <b>or</b> POS 345, Statistics and Data Processing for Political Analysis	3	
SWK 320	Human Diversity and Social Justice in Social Work	3	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>	

**SENIOR YEAR**

Semester I	Course Title	Credit Hours	Grade
SWK 318	Generalist Practice: Groups, Communities, and Organizations	3	
SWK 490	Practicum Seminar I	1	
SWK 495	Practicum in Social Work I	5	
SWK 498A	BSW Field Practicum Orientation I	0	
SWK XXX	Social Work Elective ( <i>Restricted- Advanced Policy</i> ) -- SWK 411, Contemporary Social Policy Issues <b>or</b> 497, Macro/Micro Perspectives in International Social Work ( <b>Select one-Mandatory</b> )	3	
Cultural Perspective	Cultural Perspective ( <i>Humanities</i> ) – ENG 383, Afro-American Literature, <b>or</b> MUS 234, Afro-American Music ( <i>Tier 3</i> )	3	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>	

Semester II	Course Title	Credit Hours	Grade
SWK XXX	Social Work Elective	3	
SWK 416	Generalist Practice: Evaluation	3	
SWK 491	Practicum Seminar II	1	
SWK 496	Practicum in Social Work II	5	
SWK 498B	BSW Field Practicum Orientation II	0	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>	
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS FOR GRADUATION</b>	<b>120</b>	

Tier 1- 18 credit hours; Tier 2 – 16 credit hours; Tier 3 – 6 credit hours

- 6) Minimum of grade C is required in all Social Work courses **and** those with \*\*\* beside them.  
7) Students must maintain a minimum grade point average of **2.5 in social work courses** and an **overall 2.0 grade point average**.

**Electives** (these courses are not offered every semester) **SWK 314** Nature and Meaning of Child Welfare; **SWK 315** Social Work with Families: Trauma Informed Practice with Children and Families; **SWK 326** Techniques of Counseling; **SWK 327** Interviewing Techniques; **SWK 328** HIV/AIDS in the African American Community; and **SWK 329** Community and Neighborhood Development: Social Entrepreneurship.