

# SOCIAL WORK MINOR

**Banner Code:** SOCW

## Academic Advising

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The 15-credit minor in social work provides students with conceptual, theoretical, and practical knowledge related to the field of social work at the individual, family, group, community, and societal levels.

Note: Social work practice courses and internship experiences are only open to social work majors.

## Admissions & Policies

### Policies

Eight credits of coursework must be unique to the minor and students must complete all coursework with a minimum GPA of 2.00. Students should be familiar with university-wide requirements for minors described in AP5.3.4 Minors (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/undergraduate-policies/#ap-5-3-4>).

## Requirements

### Minor Requirements

Total credits: 15

#### Required Courses

| Code          | Title  | Credits |
|---------------|--|---------|
| SOCW 200      | Introduction to Social Work (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )                 | 3       |
| SOCW 375      | Human Behavior from an Anti-Oppressive Lens (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> ) | 3       |
| SOCW 380      | Changing Social Policies and Systems   | 3       |
| Total Credits |  | 9       |

#### Electives

| Code                           | Title  | Credits |
|--------------------------------|--|---------|
| Select two from the following: |  | 6       |
| SOCW 312                       | Knowledge Building for Helping Professionals               |         |
| SOCW 390                       | Analytic Methods for Social Work Research                  |         |
| SOCW 400                       | Legal and Ethical Issues in Human Services                 |         |
| SOCW 410                       | Substance Use, Misuse, and Disorder: Programs and Policies |         |
| SOCW 415                       | Child and Family Welfare                                   |         |
| SOCW 435                       | Introduction to Gerontology                                |         |
| SOCW 445                       | Social Determinants of Health                              |         |
| SOCW 475                       | Selected Topics in Social Work Policy                      |         |

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| SOCW 483      | Selected Topics in Social Work Intervention |   |
| Total Credits |   | 6 |

### Note:

The following courses are **not** open to students enrolled in this minor. See an advisor in the social work program for more information.

| Code     | Title   | Credits |
|----------|---|---------|
| SOCW 311 | Building Professional Social Work Skills  | 3       |
| SOCW 357 | Methods of Social Work Intervention I   | 3       |
| SOCW 358 | Methods of Social Work Intervention II  | 3       |
| SOCW 361 | Methods of Social Work Intervention I: Laboratory   | 3       |
| SOCW 362 | Methods of Social Work Intervention II: Laboratory  | 3       |
| SOCW 471 | Research in Social Work (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )                                    | 3       |
| SOCW 472 | RS: Integrative Methods in Social Action and Social Change (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> ) | 3       |
| SOCW 495 | Social Work Practicum and Seminar I   | 5       |
| SOCW 496 | Social Work Practicum and Seminar II  | 5       |