SOCIAL SERVICES - ASSOCIATE DEGREE

66 credits

See an Advisor or Program Manager for administration changes in 2016-2017 for this degree.

The Associate degree in Social Services prepares students for entry-level positions in a social services setting. Courses taken for this degree may be used to transfer to NMSU Las Cruces for students wishing to pursue a bachelor’s degree in Social Work or Sociology.

New Mexico Common Core

Area I: Communications
ENGL 111G Rhetoric and Composition 4
ENGL 203G Business and Professional Communication 3
or ENGL 211G Writing in the Humanities and Social Sciences
COMM 265G Principles of Human Communication 3
or COMM 253G Public Speaking

Area II: Mathematics
Select one from the following: 3
STAT 251G Statistics for Business and the Behavioral Sciences
MATH 210G Mathematics Appreciation
or higher G MATH

Area III: Science
BIOL 101G & 101GL Human Biology and Human Biology Laboratory 1
Select one from the following 100-200G Lab Science courses: 4
ASTR 105G The Planets
ASTR 110G Introduction to Astronomy
CHEM 110G Principles and Applications of Chemistry
C S 171G Introduction to Computer Science
E S 110G Introductory Environmental Science
GEOG 111G Geography of the Natural Environment
GEOL 111G Introductory to Geology
PHYS 110G The Great Ideas of Physics

Area IV: Social/Behavioral Sciences
C EP 110G Human Growth and Behavior 3
S WK 221G Introduction to Social Welfare 1 3
PSY 201G Introduction to Psychology 3
SOC 101G Introductory Sociology 3
or SOC 201G Contemporary Social Problems

Area V: Humanities/Fine Art
Select two from the following 100-200 level Humanities/Fine Arts G courses: 6
ENGL 244G Literature and Culture
HIST 101G Roots of Modern Europe
HIST 102G Modern Europe
HIST 201G Introduction to Early American History
HIST 202G Introduction to Recent American History
ART 101G Orientation in Art

MUS 101G An Introduction to Music
MUS 201G History of Jazz in Popular Music: A Blending of Cultures
PHIL 101G The Art of Wondering
PHIL 201G Introduction to Philosophy
THTR 101G The World of Theatre

Second Language
Select 8 credits from the following: 8
SPAN 111 Elementary Spanish I
& SPAN 112 and Elementary Spanish II
Two semesters of a second language

Other Course Requirements
COLL 101 College/Life Success 3
C S 110 Computer Literacy 3
or OECS 105 Introduction to Information Technology
PSY 266 Applied Psychology 3
or PSY 290 Psychology of Adjustment
S WK 253 Case Management 3
Elective 1

Concentration Areas
Paraprofessional or NMSU School of Social Work Option 6
Total Credits 66

1 Recommended courses to articulate to the BSW and MSW.
A grade of C or better is required on all General Education and Social Service courses.

Paraprofessional Option
Select two from the following: 6
ANTH 201G Introduction to Anthropology
or ANTH 203G Introduction to Language and Cultural Anthropology
GOVT 100G American National Government
or GOVT 110G Introduction to Political Science
or C J 250 Courts and the Criminal Justice System
PHLS 150G Personal Health and Wellness
W S 201G Introduction to Women s Studies
or W S 202G Representing Women Across Cultures

Total Credits 6

NMSU School of Social Work Option
Cultural Emphasis Requirement
SPAN 211 Intermediate Spanish I 3
SPAN 212 Intermediate Spanish II 3
Total Credits 6