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   Human Biology 4
& BIOL 101GL   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 201G   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

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