

**BSW PROGRAM  
ADVISING RESOURCE SHEETS**

**BSW DIRECT ENTRY FOR  
COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY TRANSFERS**

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**PROGRAM ADVISING DEGREE REQUIREMENTS INFORMATION**  
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Students accepted to the BSW Direct Entry stream with:

- A college diploma in social service worker, community worker, child and youth worker
- Some university course credits

<b>Degree Requirements</b>	<b>Pre-2014</b>	<b>Post-2014</b>
General Education	24 credits: Humanities, modes of reasoning, natural science and social science, including:  A minimum of six credits in each of humanities, natural science and social science.	21 credits: 6.00 credits in natural science (NATS) A 9.00 credit approved general education course in the social science or humanities categories A 6.00 credit approved general education course in the opposite category to the 9.00 credit course in social science or humanities already taken.
Major	60 credits	60 credits
Required Courses Outside SW	36 credits	39 credits
<b>Total</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>120</b>

Please check each student Transfer Credit Statement for verification and specific amount of transfer credits granted.

These students may:

- Receive up to 30 transfer credits
- Are exempt from SOWK 1011 (transfer credits included in total number of transfer credits received not in addition to the total number of transfer credits received)
- Receive 6 or 9 Social Science GENED transfer credits

The following Social Work major courses must be taken sequentially. The core courses in each year are pre-requisites for **core** courses in the subsequent years. **Core courses must be taken in the following order:**

~~YEAR 1:  
AP/SOWK 1011~~

YEAR 1:  
AP/SOWK 2050  
AP/SOWK 2060  
AP/SOWK 2070

YEAR 2:  
AP/SOWK 3041  
AP/SOWK 3060  
AP/SOWK 3070  
AP/SOWK 3110

YEAR 3:  
AP/SOWK 4020  
AP/SOWK 4000  
AP/SOWK 4001

**Exception:**

Direct Entry students who receive more than 30 transfer credits will be granted course permission to enroll in second year core courses AP/SOWK 2050, AP/SOWK 2060 and AP/SOWK 2070

In the case that a Direct Entry student with a college diploma and university course credits receives more than 33 but less than 60 (33-60) transfer credits they **must** obtain permission from the School of Social Work's Undergraduate Program Director to complete upper level **3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>** year core SOWK courses as co-requisites with AP/SOWK 2050, AP/SOWK 2060 and AP/SOWK 2070 (2<sup>nd</sup> year core SOWK courses).

**YEAR 4: (summer and with placement courses): Please note:**

All BSW Majors are required to take and earn credits for the social work foundational year major courses pre-requisites as follows: AP/SOWK 1011 6.00, AP/SOWK 2050 6.00, AP/SOWK 2060 3.00, AP/SOWK 2070 3.00 before taking the following **3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>** level SOWK 3.00 3000 level or above non- core courses specialization social work courses.

**All BSW majors must take 12 Elective Credits (Non-Core) selected from:**

- AP/SOWK 3590 3.00, AP/SOWK 4130 3.00, AP/SOWK 4140 3.00, AP/SOWK 4240 3.00, AP/SOWK 4230 3.00, AP/SOWK 4250 3.00 AP/SOWK 4270 3.00, AP/SOWK 4290 3.00, AP/SOWK 4350 3.00, AP/SOWK 4380 3.00, AP/SOWK 4450 3.00, AP/SOWK 4460 3.00, AP/SOWK 4470 3.00

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- AP/SOWK 4290 3.00, AP/SOWK 4350 3.00, AP/SOWK 4380 3.00
- AP/SOWK 4450 3.00, AP/SOWK 4460 3.00, AP/SOWK 4470 3.00

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**STUDY PLAN CHECKLIST for (Student #)**

**NOTE:** Students are responsible for meeting requirements in effect **at the time of entry/re-entry to the program**. It is the responsibility of the student to take the correct courses and ensure all degree and program requirements are met.

<b>DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: 120 CREDITS</b>	<b>COMPLETE or INCOMPLETE</b>	<b>GRADE</b>	<b>TERM</b>
<b>GENERAL EDUCATION - 21 CREDITS INCLUDING:</b>			
HUMA 6 or 9.00 1000 level -			
SOSC 6 or 9.00 1000 level -			
NATS 6.00 1000 level -			
<b>MAJOR -60 CREDITS:</b>			
SOWK 1011 6.00			
SOWK 2050 6.00			
SOWK 2060 3.00			
SOWK 2070 3.00			
SOWK 3041 3.00			
SOWK 3060 6.00			
SOWK 3070 3.00			
SOWK 3110 3.00			
SOWK 3.00 3000 level or above non- core courses -			
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SOWK 3.00 3000 level or above non- core courses -			
SOWK 3.00 4000 level non-core course -			
SOWK 4020 3.00			
SOWK 4000 6.00 (Practicum)			
SOWK 4001 6.00 (Practicum)			
<b>Required courses outside Social Work : 39 credits</b>			
6.00			
6.00			
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3.00			

**IMPORTANT:**

- **1 Students are required to attain a minimum grade of C in all social work courses.**
- **Students who fail to meet this standard must repeat the course(s) in the next available session and are strongly advised to make an advising appointment with the School of Social Work.**
- **1 Practicum: successful completion of AP/SOWK 4000 6.00 and AP/SOWK 4001 6.00 including the integrative seminar component is a requirement in the BSW program.**

**RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS:**

- **A minimum of 30 course credits and at least half (50 per cent) of the course credits required in each undergraduate degree program major/minor must be taken at York University.**

**Upper-level Requirement: at least 36 credits at the 3000-4000 level. 18 credits must be at the 4000 level**

## **PROGRAM ADVISING DEGREE REQUIREMENTS INFORMATION BSW PROGRAM – GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **BSW Honours Major/Minor (Direct Entry Students)**

The Direct Entry Honours program in Social Work (BSW) may be pursued jointly with any Honours minor bachelor program that offers a major/minor option. Refer to programs of study.

- In a major/minor program, a course may count only once toward major credit or minor credit.
- Students must complete at least 60 credits in the social work major and at least 30 credits in the minor in conformity with the requirements of the program minor.
- At least 12 credits in the major and at least 6 credits in the minor must be at the 4000-level. Refer to the BSW Honours Direct Entry Program for Social Work major requirements.
- Students are reminded that, in conformity with the requirements for the BSW Direct Entry degree program, they must complete a total of at least 39 **elective** credits outside the major. These credits include the requirements of the minor.

### **Residency Requirement:**

- BSW majors must complete a minimum of 30 course credits and at least half (50 per cent) of the course credits required in each undergraduate degree program major/minor must be taken at York University.

### **Graduation Requirement:**

- BSW students must successfully complete (pass) at least 120 credits which meet the Faculty's degree and program requirements with a cumulative grade point average of at least 5.00 and a minimum grade of 4.00 in all major credits

### **BSW Equivalent Course (Replacement) Credits**

BSW students who took and earned the following equivalent/replacement Social Work Course Credits should be directed to the School of Social Work UPD as they **may receive approved** course credits exclusions:

All student requests for equivalent BSW 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> course transfer credits exemption/waivers **must be assessed and approved** by the School of Social Work current Undergraduate Program Director.

### **BSW General Education Requirements**

- BSW students cannot take more than 36 General Education Requirements (this total will include courses taken as free electives and courses outside the major)

### **BSW Elective (Non-Core) Credits:**

12 credits in social work non-core courses at the 3000 or 4000 level must be selected from the following courses:

- AP/SOWK 3590 3.00, AP/SOWK 4130 3.00 AP/SOWK 4140 3.00, AP/SOWK 4230 3.00, AP/SOWK 4240 3.00, AP/SOWK 4250 3.00, AP/SOWK 4270 3.00, AP/SOWK 4290 3.00, AP/SOWK 4350 3.00, AP/SOWK 4380 3.00 AP/SOWK 4450 3.00, AP/SOWK 4460 3.00, AP/SOWK 4470 3.00

At least 18 credits in the major must be at the 4000 level.

## **SOWK 3070 6.0**

- BSW Students who earn credits For PYSC, SOCI, and KINE STATS 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> year courses may receive exemption/waiver from SOWK 3070 3.0 upon **the assessment and approval of the BSW Undergraduate Program Director.**

## **700-hours Practicum Courses**

- **AP/SOWK 4000 6.00 and AP/SOWK 4001 6.00** consist of a field work component in an approved social work setting arranged by the School of Social Work. Successful completion of the practicum includes the integrative seminar component.
- The practicum courses are graded as “credit/no credit.”
- AP/SOWK 4000 6.00 and AP/SOWK 4001 6.00 are exempt from the Senate Policy on Repeating Courses for Academic Credit. Students may only repeat AP/SOWK 4000 6.00 and AP/SOWK 4001 6.00 with permission of the School. Please refer to Senate policy for repeating of passed and failed courses at <http://www.yorku.ca/univsec/policies/>
- BSW Direct Entry majors must enroll in the SOWK 4020 integrative seminar component with 4000 & 4001 courses.
- Course permission granted by the Field Services Staff only

## **BSW Majors Involuntary Field Placements Withdrawal Regulation**

A student may be required to withdraw from a Placement course if:

- The student fails to meet the requirements of the course, either through unsatisfactory seminar and/or practicum attendance/participation, or through unprofessional behaviour in fulfilling course requirements.
- The student's performance is judged to disrupt the functioning of the practicum site and/or jeopardize the well-being of clients of the practicum site, and/or demonstrates unprofessional behaviour at the practicum site.
- The decision to require the student to withdraw will be taken by the Director of the School of Social Work on the recommendation of the course director and/or the Field Education Manager, following a meeting with the student.

## **Behaviour that may Result in Withdrawal from the BSW Program**

A student may be withdrawn from the BSW program if the student:

- Commits any breach of the CASW Code of Ethics, the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers Standards of Practice, and/or any York University Policy that relates to student behaviour, such as;
  - The York University Student Code of Conduct or the Senate Policy on Academic Honesty that would engage the behavioural and ethical standards of the profession;
  - Engages in any proscribed behaviour in a practicum agency as detailed in the School of Social Work's Practicum Manual;
  - Acquires a criminal conviction after being admitted to the program (or which was acquired prior to admission but became known only after having been admitted to the program) which jeopardizes the student's ability to gain registration as a social worker; or
  - Engages in behaviour that impairs the performance of professional responsibilities.

### **BSW Honours Progression & Negative Academic Decisions**

- BSW student who receives negative academic decisions and whose cumulative grade point average falls below 5.0 (C+) during the course of their studies **may** proceed in an Honours program, on warning, provided that they meet the year level progression requirements as set out below:
  - **Year 1 - 0- 23 credits - Minimum 4.0**
  - **Year 2 - 24-53 credits - Minimum 4.25**
  - **Year 3 - 54-83 credits - Minimum 4.80**
  - **Year 4 – 84 credits - Minimum 5.0**
  
- Students are required to attain a minimum grade of C in all SOWK major courses used in their BSW Programs. Students who fail to meet this standard must repeat the course(s) in the next available session and are strongly advised to make an advising appointment with the School of Social Work.
  
- Students who wish to complete their degree (Direct Entry) in four years must complete 30 credits per year.

## PROGRAM ADVISING DEGREE REQUIREMENTS FAQs

<b>Q:</b> Do I have to take five courses per year in the direct entry Program?	<b>A:</b> No. You can take fewer than five courses. However, if you plan to graduate in four years, you must make these up in summer sessions, or take more than four years to graduate.
<b>Q:</b> What grades do I need to complete my BSW?	<b>A:</b> You need to have a GPA of 5.0 (C+) with no courses in Social Work under a C (see pages 18 and 23 in the BSW Handbook).
What is a full-time student?	<b>A:</b> full-time student is taking 18 credits during the Fall/Winter term.
<b>Q:</b> When do my General Education requirements need to be completed?	<b>A:</b> These requirements need to be taken in the first 42 credits of the degree. Please note that a maximum of 36 credits can be used to fulfill the degree requirements.
<b>Q:</b> How can I finish the program in four years?	<b>A:</b> Students who wish to complete in four years should follow the recommended course sequence plan in the BSW Handbook and in the Undergraduate Academic Calendar section of the current student website.
<b>Q:</b> Do I have to take SOWK 4020 with the practicum or before?	<b>A:</b> Direct entry students must take SOWK 4020 with the practicum. Post-degree students must take SOWK 4020 before the practicum
<b>Q:</b> Can I take SOWK 2020, 2025, and 2035 as free choice courses?	<b>A:</b> No. These courses are general interest courses for non-social work students. Social Work students should take 3000-4000 social work elective courses on these topics because they contain professional and practice content.
<b>Q:</b> If I have a community college diploma, do I have to take SOWK 1011	<b>A:</b> Community college diplomas from designated programs will be exempt from SOWK 1011. All other diploma holders must take it.
<b>Q:</b> How do I know how much advanced standing I get for my community college diploma?	<b>A:</b> When you are accepted, the Office of Student Advising Services will assess your college transcripts and tell you what transfer credit you will receive.
<b>Q:</b> Is a community college diploma holder who takes SOWK 1011 able to take AP/SOWK 2050, AP/SOWK 2060 and AP/SOWK 2070 concurrently?	<b>A:</b> Depending on your transfer credits, you may be given permission to take these courses concurrently.
<b>Q:</b> When am I ready to apply for the practicum?	<b>A:</b> Direct entry students are ready when they have completed all their core Social Work courses except SOWK 4020. Post-degree students are ready when they have completed all of their core courses including SOWK 4020.
<b>Q:</b> Can I use my community college practicum hours towards my BSW practicum?	<b>A:</b> No. CASSW standards require a 700 hour placement for BSW students.