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BSW PROGRAM ADVISING RESOURCE SHEETS

BSW DIRECT ENTRY FOR HIGH SCHOOL TRANSFERS

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PROGRAM ADVISING DEGREE REQUIREMENTS INFORMATION

BSW DIRECT ENTRY FOR HIGH SCHOOL TRANSFERS

Students accepted to the BSW Direct Entry stream directly from high school are required to complete 120 credits.

Degree Requirements	Pre-2014	Post-2014
General Education	24 credits: 6.0 credits in humanities, 6.0 credits in modes of reasoning, 6.0 credits in natural science and 6.0 credits in social science, or, 9.0 credits in two of the following fields and 6.0 credits in one of the following fields: 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 credits 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
Total	120	120

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 6.00

YEAR 2:
AP/SOWK 2050 6.00
AP/SOWK 2060 3.00
AP/SOWK 2070 3.00

YEAR 3:
AP/SOWK 3041 3.00
AP/SOWK 3060 6.00
AP/SOWK 3070 3.00
AP/SOWK 3110 3.00

YEAR 4:
AP/SOWK 4020 3.00
AP/SOWK 4000 6.00
AP/SOWK 4001 6.00

All BSW Majors must earn credits for the following major courses before applying for field placement:

AP/SOWK 2050 6.00 AP/SOWK 2060 6.00 AP/SOWK 2070 6.00
AP/SOWK 3041 3.00 AP/SOWK 3060 6.00 AP/SOWK 3070 3.00
AP/SOWK 3110 3.00

Please note:

All BSW Majors are required to successfully complete the following pre-requisites AP/SOWK 1011 6.00, AP/SOWK 2050 6.00, AP/SOWK 2060 3.00, AP/SOWK 2070 3.00 (AP/SOWK 2030=AP/SOWK 2060 & 2070) before taking SOWK 3000 or 4000 level non-core courses.

YEAR 3 & 4: All BSW majors must take 12 elective credits (non-core) selected from the selection below with placement courses SOWK 4000 and 4001:

AP/SOWK 3560 3.00 AP/SOWK 3570 3.00 AP/SOWK 3580 3.00
AP/SOWK 3590 3.00 AP/SOWK 4041 3.00 AP/SOWK 4070 3.00
AP/SOWK 4100 3.00 AP/SOWK 4120 3.00 AP/SOWK 4130 3.00
AP/SOWK 4140 3.00 AP/SOWK 4150 3.00 AP/SOWK 4160 3.00
AP/SOWK 4210 3.00 AP/SOWK 4220 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 4330 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 AP/SOWK 4480 3.00

BSW DIRECT ENTRY FOR HIGH SCHOOL TRANSFERS STUDY PLAN CHECKLIST

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.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: 120 CREDITS	COMPLETE or INCOMPLETE	GRADE	TERM
GENERAL EDUCATION - 21 CREDITS INCLUDING:			
1) HUMA or SOSC 6.00 1000 level			
2) HUMA or SOSC 9.00 1000 level (whichever is not taken in 1)			
3) NATS 6.00 1000 level			
MAJOR -60 CREDITS:			
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			
SOWK 3.00 3000 level or above non-core courses			
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)			
Required courses outside Social Work : 39 credits			
6.00			
6.00			
6.00			
6.00			
6.00			
6.00			
3.00			

IMPORTANT:

- **AP/SOWK 2020 3.00, AP/SOWK 2025 3.00 and AP/SOWK 2035 3.00 courses are not open to students majoring in Social Work and cannot be used toward degree credit.**
- 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.
- The 700 hour practicum, AP/SOWK 4000 6.0 Practicum I and AP/SOWK 4001 6.0 Practicum II, consists of a fieldwork component in an approved social work setting arranged by the School.
- **Practica:** AP SOWK 4000 6.00 and AP SOWK 4001 6.00 are graded as "credit/fail". Successful completion of the practica, as indicated by achieving a "credit" grade, is a requirement in the BSW program.
- **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.

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.

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

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

All student requests for equivalent BSW 2nd, 3rd and 4th 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

YEAR 3 & 4: All BSW majors must take 12 elective credits (non-core) selected from: (Not all 3rd and 4th year courses are offered yearly):

AP/SOWK 3560 3.00	AP/SOWK 3570 3.00	AP/SOWK 3580 3.00	AP/SOWK 3590 3.00
AP/SOWK 4041 3.00	AP/SOWK 4070 3.00	AP/SOWK 4100 3.00	AP/SOWK 4120 3.00
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AP/SOWK 4470 3.00	AP/SOWK 4480 3.00		

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

700 hour 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 either “credit/fail.”
- 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 students who receive 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

Q: Do I have to take five courses per year in the direct entry Program?	A: 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.
Q: What grades do I need to complete my BSW?	A: 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).
Q: What is a full-time student?	A: full-time student is taking 18 credits during the Fall/Winter term.
Q: When do my General Education requirements need to be completed?	A: 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.
Q: How can I finish the program in four years?	A: 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.
Q: Do I have to take SOWK 4020 with the practicum or before?	A: Direct entry students must take SOWK 4020 with the practicum. Post-degree students must take SOWK 4020 before the practicum
Q: Can I take SOWK 2020, 2025, and 2035 as free choice courses?	A: 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.
Q: If I have a community college diploma, do I have to take SOWK 1011	A: Community college diplomas from designated programs will be exempt from SOWK 1011. All other diploma holders must take it.
Q: How do I know how much advanced standing I get for my community college diploma?	A: When you are accepted, the Office of Student Advising Services will assess your college transcripts and tell you what transfer credit you will receive.
Q: Is a community college diploma holder who takes SOWK 1011 able to take SOWK SOWK2050, SOWK 2060 and SOWK 2070 concurrently?	A: Depending on your transfer credits, you may be given permission to take these courses concurrently.
Q: When am I ready to apply for the practicum?	A: 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.
Q: Can I use my community college practicum hours towards my BSW practicum?	A: No. CASSW standards require a 700 hour placement for BSW students.