



Social Work and Human Services

Major Preparation Sheet 2016-2017

What is Social Work and Human Services?

Students interested in the study of Social Work and Human Services are committed to promoting human growth and development through education, public health, human welfare and social justice. They are typically social activists, connecting individuals and families with resources to meet basic needs and improve the quality of life.

Contemporary issues in Social Work and Human

Services: Community Service, Chemical Dependency, Counseling Theories and Practice, Multicultural Competencies, Marriage and Family, Poverty and Inequality, Aging and Elderly Services, Child and Social Welfare.

Where does my path start?

You will complete an Associate of Arts – Direct Transfer Agreement (AA-DTA) at Shoreline.

Use the AA -DTA **Degree Planning Guide** to understand the requirements for graduation.

Once you complete your Shoreline degree, you can transfer to a four-year school to earn a baccalaureate degree in Social Work, Social Welfare, Family and Human Services.

Students who major in Social Work or Human Services often go on to graduate school to complete a Master’s degree in Social Work or related fields in Counseling Psychology, Clinical Psychology, Sociology, Law and Education.

Where can I go for help?

Social Work and Human Services Faculty Advisors

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Career Planning

www.shoreline.edu/job-career-services/

General Academic Advising

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advising@shoreline.edu
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International Student Academic Advising

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Where can I transfer?

Students can transfer to a number of public and private colleges and universities in the U.S., but the Direct Transfer Agreement applies only within Washington. The following colleges in Washington offer a bachelor’s degree in Social Work and Human Services, which may require specific courses for admission. Contact the Social Work and Human Services department at your chosen four-year school(s) for more information.

[Central Washington University](#)
[Eastern Washington University](#)
[Heritage University](#)
[Pacific Lutheran University](#)

[Seattle University](#)
[The Evergreen State College](#)
[University of Washington – Seattle](#)
[University of Washington – Tacoma](#)

[Walla Walla University](#)
[Washington State University](#)
[Western Washington University](#)

What can I do with a Bachelor’s Degree in Social Work/Human Services?

Students who major in Social Work or Human Services develop strong communication skills, as well as critical thinking, resource management and advocacy skills. They often work as social workers, counselors, case managers, probation officers, professors, researchers, consultants and/or mediators.

Potential employers include: Government agencies, non-profit organizations, mental health agencies, public and private schools, colleges and universities, hospitals and health care facilities, courts and correctional facilities, advocacy groups, foundations and self-employment/private practice. For more, please visit career information and resources at <http://www.shoreline.edu/counseling-services/career-counseling.aspx>

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What courses should I take?*

Below are recommendations for fulfilling the AA-DTA requirements if you are planning to pursue a four-year degree in Social Work and Human Services.

Strongly Recommended

These are commonly **required** for admission. Check with your chosen four-year program(s) to confirm.

Other Recommendations

These courses are well-matched with this major, but are not commonly required for admission.

I. GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS		
Quant. and Symb. Reasoning	--	MATH& 146 or MATH 211
II. DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS		
Humanities	--	CMST &101, &210, &220, &230, 235, PHIL 102, 210, 230, 240,248; World Language if required for university admission or graduation.
Natural Sciences	--	BIOL& 100, 170
Social Sciences	SOC& 101, PSYC& 100	ANTH& 206; ECON 100, ECON& 201, GEOG& 277, GWS 284, 285, 286, HIST& 118, 146, 147, 148, PHIL 102, 210,230, 240, 248, PSYC& 200, 220, PSYC 206, 207, 208, 210, 245, SOC& 201, SOC 250, 288
III. GENERAL ELECTIVES		
	--	ANTH &206, ECON 100, &201, GEOG &277, GWS 284-286, HIST &118, &146-&148, PHIL 102, 210, 230, 240, 248, PSYC &200, 206-208, 210. &220, 245, SOC &201, 250, 288.

What does your chosen four-year school require?

Before choosing classes, become familiar with the four-year program where you want to apply: visit the website, email the department, and/or speak with a Shoreline advisor. Below are examples from Washington schools with different admissions and graduation requirements. Check with the school for world language requirements. (Non-native speakers of English are often exempt from this requirement.)

School	Degrees	Requirements	SCC Courses
Central Washington University	B.S. in Family Studies	Admission requirement – Cumulative GPA of 2.7 or higher.	
Seattle University	B.S.W. Bachelor’s in Social Work	Admission to SU is required prior to admission to the Social Work Major. Junior level standing is required. The AA-DTA with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher is preferred.	
University of Washington –Bothell	B.A. in Society, Ethics, and Human Behavior	Admission requirement: Admission into the School of Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences. Courses in psychology, sociology, statistics, and philosophy are recommended.	PSYC &100, SOC &101, MATH &146, PHIL &101
University of Washington –Seattle	B.A. in Social Welfare	Admission requirements: Cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher; a grade of 2.0 or higher in each prerequisite; minimum 65 college level credits by start of program. Prerequisites: One course in each of the following subjects: Human Biology, Psychology, Sociology, and Economics/Political Science. See UW Social Work Admissions for acceptable courses. Statistics course recommended prior to admission. Prerequisites do not have to be completed at time of application but must be completed before start of program.	BIOL &170, &211, PSYC &100, 202, SOC &101, ECON 100, &201, &202, POLS &202, MATH &146
University of Washington –Tacoma	B.A. in Social Welfare	Admission requirements: Cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher; minimum 75 UW or transferable college-level credits by the time of enrollment. Prerequisites with a grade of 2.0 or higher in each course: English Composition (5 cr); introductory course in psychology; introductory or survey course in sociology; intro, survey, macro or micro course in economics; approved course in human biology within the last 10 years.	ENGL &101, PSYC &100, SOC &101, ECON 100, &201, &202, BIOL &170, &211
Western Washington University	B.A. in Human Services	Admission requirements – Minimum 2.75 GPA. Plan to apply to both WWU and the Human Services major at the same time.	

**** This unofficial guide is intended to support you as you prepare for your major. Please consult with an advisor and your chosen four-year school(s), as program and admissions requirements vary and may change without notice.**