



Preparing for your BA in Social Work from
The University of Iowa in Iowa City

School of Social Work

Northwest Iowa CC
(Sheldon)

Criteria to enroll in professional core social work courses which start in fall.

Three pre-requisite courses must be completed with a C grade or better:

UI Requirement	AA – Northwest Iowa CC Courses
SSW: 1022 Social Justice and Social Welfare in the U.S. Work	SOC 160 Intro to Social Work
PSY:1001 Elementary Psychology	PSY 111
SOC:1010 Introduction to Sociology	SOC 110

And student meets these requirements:

- 2.0 G.P.A. minimum overall
- Completion of 45 s.h. or more
- Submits a signed Professional Social Work Agreement form (signed after criteria is met)

Social work-required course that may be completed before or after admission to the School of Social Work

UI Requirement	AA – Northwest Iowa CC Courses
POLI:1100 Introduction to American Politics	POL 111

Additional UI General Education requirements

UI Requirement	AA – Northwest Iowa CC Courses
Rhetoric: min of 4-8 s.h., as determined by the Department of Rhetoric	<i>Follow AA plan</i>
World Languages Pathways	View UI's World Languages Pathways for guidance.
Interpretation of Literature: 3 s.h.	<i>Follow AA plan</i>
Natural Sciences: 7 s.h.; must include one lab	<i>Follow AA plan</i>
Quantitative or Formal Reasoning: 3 s.h.	<i>Follow AA plan</i>
Social Sciences: 3 s.h.	<u>POL 111</u> (required for Social Work) <u>PSY 111</u> (required for Social Work) <u>SOC 110</u> (required for Social Work) <i>Follow AA plan</i>
Understanding Cultural Perspectives: 3 s.h.	Can only be satisfied with course taken at University of Iowa
Historical Perspectives: 3 s.h.	<i>Follow AA plan</i>
Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts: 3 s.h.	<i>Follow AA plan</i>
International and Global Issues: 3 s.h.	<i>Follow AA plan</i>
Values and Culture: 3 s.h.	<i>Follow AA plan</i>
Sustainability: 3 s.h.	<i>Follow AA plan</i>

To be eligible to enroll in professional core social work courses:

- Students must first be admitted to the University of Iowa. <https://admissions.uiowa.edu/apply/transfer-student-application-process>
- View BA in Social Work admission details here: <https://socialwork.uiowa.edu/undergraduate/admissions>
- Questions? Contact: ssw-admissions@uiowa.edu
- This is only a guide. Adherence to the course listings does not guarantee admission to The University of Iowa.

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