Social Work

Official Program Checksheet

Why Choose Social Work?

The curriculum includes a strong liberal arts foundation, including courses in communication, biology, natural sciences, math, history, politics, psychology and sociology. Beyond this are the professional foundation courses that develop knowledge, skills and values relating to interviewing, problem solving, social research and understanding the complexities of social welfare policies and services.

Social work majors complete 600 hours of field instruction in two different social work agencies. The first field placement requires 120 hours and is scheduled in the summer between the student's first and second years in the program. It is usually completed in the student's home town. The second field placement requires 480 hours over the senior year and is usually located in the region surrounding Ferris. The Ferris Social Work program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

Career Opportunities

It's a rewarding profession. Social workers help to bring about individual and social change. Examples include helping delinquent youth change their disruptive behavior, improving an abused child's chances of emotional and physical survival by providing supportive family services or locating alternate placement, helping alcoholics change their self-destructive habits, assisting communities in providing better housing for the elderly, or working professionally and politically to help our nation improve its policies and programs for the poor and unemployed.

It's a big and diverse profession. There are approximately 500,000 social work jobs in the United States, with estimates of an additional 200,000 needed by the year 2005. U.S. News & World Report named social work as one of '21 Hot Job Tracks for the 21st Century.'

Admission Requirements

First year student admission is open to high school graduates (or equivalent) who demonstrate academic preparedness, maturity and seriousness of purpose with educational backgrounds appropriate to their chosen program of study. High school courses and grade point average, ACT composite score, and ACT reading and mathematics subscores will be considered in the admission and placement process. Transfer students must have at least 12 credits at the time of application with a minimum 2.0 overall GPA including an English and mathematics course, or they must provide their high school records and ACT scores for admission review.

General Education Requirements
This degree requires completion of the General Education requirements for a Bachelor of Social Work degree. Details of these requirements are delineated on the General Education website.

All University General Education requirements can be found here: http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/academics/general-education/requirements/BA-BS.htm

Please consult this link for a complete listing of General Education Electives:  http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/academics/general-education/courses/index.htm

Consult the official checksheet or program advisor for program specific General Education requirements.

**Graduation Requirements**

The Social Work program at Ferris leads to a bachelor of social work (BSW) degree. Graduation requires a minimum 2.0 GPA overall and presentation of a social work portfolio. Students must complete all general education requirements as outlined on the General Education website.

**More Information**

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