



Program Pathway - Social Work (BSW)

The Dalton State College BSW program prepares graduates to enter generalist social work practice in a variety of settings including social service and government agencies as well as mental health and health care settings. A distinctive feature of the Dalton State BSW program is its emphasis on preparing social workers to work competently with diverse individuals and groups. Graduates of the BSW program may apply for admission to Master of Social Work (MSW) programs at the advanced-standing level, shortening the length of time required to complete graduate study. The Dalton State College BSW program is fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education

Career Opportunities:

Therapist/Behavioral Health Counseling

School Social Work

Forensic/corrections/legal Social Work

Substance Abuse Counseling

Child Welfare Social Work

Military and Veterans Social Work

Public Policy and Advocacy

Not-for-Profit and For-Profit Administration

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This map is a term-by-term sample course schedule. Highlighted courses have been identified as "key courses." It is strongly advised that students make every effort to pass these courses on the first attempt with a "C" or higher in order to be successful in this program. The milestones listed below each year are designed to keep you on course to graduate in four years. Missing milestones could prevent you from being eligible for a particular program or could result in a delay in graduation. The Program Pathway serves as a general guideline to help you build a full schedule each term.

All Area F SOWK courses must be completed with a B or better in order to apply to the BSW Program: SOWK 2101, SOWK 2102, SOWK 2103, and SOWK 2104.

First Year – Term 1			
Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Pre-requisites
ENGL 1101 *	English Composition I	3	Minimum SAT/ACT/Accuplacer scores/HS GPA
PRSP 1010	Perspectives (Area B)	1	
MATH 1101	Intro to Mathematical Modeling	3	Minimum SAT/ACT/Accuplacer scores/ HS GPA
POLS 1101	American Government	3	
SOCI 1101	Introduction to Sociology	3	ENGL 0999 unless exempt
SOWK 2101	The Social Work Profession	3	Co-Requisite ENGL 1101 / Must earn a B or better
Semester Total		16	

First Year – Term 2			
Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Pre-requisites
ENGL 1102 *	English Composition II	3	ENGL 1101 with a grade of C or better
MATH 1401	Introduction to Statistics	3	
SOWK 2102	The Social Welfare Institution	3	ENGL 1101/ Must earn a B or better
ARTS, MUSC, or THEA 1100	Art, Music, or Theater Appreciation	3	
COMM 1110	Fundamentals of Speech	3	
Semester Total		15	

First Year Milestones
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete ENGL 1101 & ENGL 1102 • Complete SOCI 1101, SOWK 2101 & SOWK 2102 • Complete Area A Math • Meet with your advisor • Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5

Notes: * denotes grade of 'C' or higher required



Second Year – Term 1			
Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Pre-requisites
ENGL LIT	ENGL 2000, ENGL 2111, 2112,2120,2121,2130,2131, ENGL 2201	3	ENGL 1102*
BIOL 1107K	Principles of Biology I	4	ENGL 0999 unless exempt
HIST 2111 or 2112	United States History I or II	3	ENGL 0999 unless exempt
SOWK 2103	Social Work Practice & Service Learning	3	SOWK 2101 and SOWK 2102 / Must earn a B or better
PSCY 1101	Introduction to Psychology	3	ENGL 0999 unless exempt
Semester Total		16	

Second Year – Term 2			
Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Pre-requisites
BIOL 1108K	Principles of Biology II	4	BIOL 1107K
Area E elective	Social Science elective	3	
SOWK 2104	Interviewing & Comm Skills	3	SOWK 2101, 2102, 2103/Must earn a B or better
Area F Elective	Check catalog for choice	3	
Semester Total		13	

Second Year Milestones	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet with your advisor • Submit application to program • Become involved in the social work club. • Completion of a minimum of 50 hours of documented volunteer hours with a social service agency in SOWK 2103 	

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Third Year – Term 1			
Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Pre-requisites
SOWK Elective	SOWK 3502, 3503, 3506, 3507, 4900, 3508	3	Varies based on course
SOWK 3101 *	Human Diversity	3	Admission to the BSW upper division or permission of instructor
SOWK 3102 *	Human Behavior in the Social Environment I	3	Admission to the BSW upper division or permission of instructor
SOWK 3201 *	General Practice of Social Work I	3	Prerequisite: SOWK 3101, 3102; Corequisites: SOWK 3103
SOWK 3302 *	Social Work in Child Welfare	3	Admission to the BSW upper division or permission of instructor
Semester Total		15	

Third Year – Term 2			
Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Pre-requisites
SOWK 3103 *	Human Behavior in the Social Environment II	3	SOWK 3102
SOWK 3202 *	General Practice of Social Work II*	3	SOWK 3201
SOWK 3501 *	Social Work in Mental Health	3	Admission to the BSW upper division or permission of instructor
SOWK 3505*	Social Work with Appalachia	3	SOWK 3101
SOWK 4301*	Latino Family and Culture II	3	SOWK 3101
Semester Total		15	

Third Year Milestones
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update your resume. • Practice mock interviews and attend the Career Fair. • Meet with your advisor.

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Fourth Year – Term 1			
Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Pre-requisites
SOWK 4201 *	General Practice of Social Work III	3	SOWK 3101, SOWK 3201, SOWK 3103
SOWK 4400*	Research w/Statistical Applications	3	SOWK 3201, Co-req w/SOWK 4401 & SOWK 4998
SOWK 4401 *	Senior Capstone Project	2	Co-req w/ SOWK 4400 & SOWK 4998
SOWK 4998 *	Practicum and Seminar in Social Work I**	4	SOWK 4400, SOWK 4401, SOWK 4995
SW Elective *	Choose from SOWK 3502* or 3503* or 3506* or 3507 or 4900*	3	
Semester Total		15	

Fourth Year – Term 2			
Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Pre-requisites
SOWK 4202 *	General Practice of Social Work IV	3	SOWK 3103, SOWK 4201
SOWK 4402 *	Senior Capstone Project	2	SOWK 4400, SOWK 4401, SOWK 4998.
SOWK 4999 *	Practicum and Seminar in Social Work II**	4	SOWK 4998
SW Elective *	Choose from SOWK 3502* or 3503* or 3506* or 3507 or 4900*	6	
Semester Total		15	

Fourth Year Milestones
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit Graduation Application to Office of Enrollment Services

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