

# SOCIAL SERVICES

## Associate Degree

The Associate in Social Services is designed to prepare students for careers in social service or community health agencies as paraprofessionals. In addition, because of the large New Mexico Common Core component, the degree also helps prepares the student for a successful transition into a bachelor's program in Social Work or other majors.

### Credits

#### New Mexico Common Core Requirements: (39 credits)

##### COMMUNICATIONS (16 credits)

ENGL 111G	Rhetoric and Composition	4
ENGL 203G	Business and Professional Communication	
<b>OR</b>	ENGL 211G Writing in the Humanities and Social Sciences	3
COMM 265G	Principles of Human Communication	3
COMM 253G	Public Speaking	3
C S 110G	Computer Literacy	3

##### MATHEMATICS (3 credits)

MATH 210G	Mathematics Appreciation	3
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##### SCIENCE (8 credits)

BIOL 101G/L	Human Biology	
<b>OR</b>	BIOL 111G/L Natural History of Life	4
Choose one additional from		
ASTR 105G, 110G, CHEM 110G, GEOG 111G, GEOL 111G, PHYS 110G		4

##### HUMANITIES/FINE ART (6 credits)

HIST 201G	Introduction to Early American History	
<b>OR</b>	HIST 202G Introduction to Recent American History	3
ART 101G, MUS 101G, 201G, or THTR 101G		3

##### SOCIAL/BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES (6 credits)

GOVT 100G	American National Government	
<b>OR</b>	GOVT 110G Introduction to Political Science	3
SOC 101G	Introductory Sociology	
<b>OR</b>	SOC 201G Contemporary Social Problems	3

##### SOCIAL SERVICE COURSES: (12 credits)

ANTH 201G	Introduction to Anthropology	3
PSY 201G	Introduction to Psychology	3
PSY 266	Applied Psychology	3
S WK 221G*	Introduction to Social Welfare	3

##### FOREIGN LANGUAGE (8 credits)\*

SPAN 111	Elementary Spanish I	4
<b>OR</b>	GER 111 Elementary German I	
SPAN 112	Elementary Spanish II	4
<b>OR</b>	GER 112 Elementary German II	

##### Approved Electives: (10 credits)

**Total Credits Required** **66**

**S WK 221G is usually offered only in the Spring Semester (on the NMSU-A campus).**

Students must earn a grade of *C* or better in all courses.

\*If the student is a native speaker, the requirement is met with 113, 213 and 214 sequence in the language. If the student has taken one or two years of a foreign language in high school they should take the language placement test to determine the level of course in which they should begin. See an advisor.

Students interested in the main campus Bachelors Degree in Social Work program may also be interested in the Associate in Social Services. Students planning to pursue a Bachelors Degree in Social Work must apply for the Social Work Program in the beginning of the Spring Semester prior to the Fall Semester they hope to attend. Transition to the S WK major from the *Associate Degree in Social Services* is **not** automatic. Procedures for admission as a BSW candidate include 2.5 cumulative GPA; notification to the Dean's Office of their intention to apply; completion of S WK 221G, basic skills, and New Mexico Common Core Requirements; and formal application for admission when nearing completion of 60 credits. The S WK program begins only in the Fall semester. **Students (particularly transfer students) should contact the Social Work Advisor in Las Cruces early in their academic career for advising and for the application packets which are available in November each year:**

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A Human and Community Services Bachelors Degree is available through the College of Extended Learning. A few of the courses required to complete the bachelor's degree require visits to the main campus; however, most of the classes are offered through electronic media. Information is available in the Advising Office.