

Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts Social Services Concentration

Full-Time, Fall Start

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Prepare for entry-level positions in social service organizations that provide community services including service delivery, community outreach and intervention. Continue your studies at ASU to earn a bachelor's degree in social work. This pathway may also lead to other bachelor's programs in social work.

Title IV Financial Aid eligible: Yes

What can I do with this degree?

Career options: Associate degree holders can pursue a variety of employment options, including behavioral health, family and youth services, community intervention programs, and crisis intervention. In Social Services you will learn about service delivery, community outreach, intervention techniques, behavioral health and substance use, youth and family services, ethical practice, social justice, documentation, the role of government and policy, and group facilitation techniques.

Academic options: Transfer to the Bachelor of Social Work program at ASU (in Tucson or Phoenix campuses) or other universities offering a four-year degrees in a helping profession such as Human Services or Family Studies.

CHOOSE YOUR COURSES WITH YOUR COLLEGE ADVISOR

Placement

Students must meet prerequisite standards before taking MAT 142 and WRT 101 required in the pathway below. If you are not prepared for these courses based on placement results you will need to take courses to build your skills prior to taking them. The sequence of courses follows.

Math: ICS 081 > MAT 092 > MAT 142

Reading: ACL 080 > REA 091

Writing: ACL 080 > WRT 090 > WRT 101 (or WRT 101S can replace both WRT 090 and WRT 101) If MAT 151 or higher is chosen, additional coursework may be needed.

Semester Pathway

This pathway is a suggested sequence of courses for your program of study. Work with an advisor to develop a unique pathway for you based on your placement recommendations, any prior college courses and your specific situation.

General Education Note: When General Education (Gen. Ed.) credits are listed below, select from the appropriate General Education course list linked from the program website. Some programs recommend specific courses.

For this pathway, ensure that the I, C and G requirement is met.

Semester 1 - Fall (Semester Total: 15-16 credits)

SSE 182: A Social Services Perspective of Government (3 credits)

SSE 110: Introduction to Social Welfare (3 credits)

SSE 111: Group Work (3 credits)

WRT 101: English Composition I (3 credits)

Gen. Ed.: AGEC Mathematics List. *Recommend* MAT 142: Topics in College Mathematics (3 credits)
or MAT 151: College Algebra (4 credits)

Semester 2 – Spring (Semester Total: 15 credits)

ANT 112: Exploring Non-Western Cultures (3 credits) or MAS 219: Mexican-American Culture (3 credits)

PSY 101: Introduction to Psychology (3 credits)
or SOC 101: Introduction to Sociology (3 credits)

SSE 184: Introductory Ethics: A Social Services Perspective (3 credits)

WRT 102: English Composition II (3 credits)

Semester 3 – Fall (Semester Total: 17 credits)

SSE 205: Case Report Writing (3 credits)

SSE 281: Social Service Delivery Systems (3 credits)

Cultural Diversity*: Complete an additional course with a “C” designation. *Recommend* ANT 202: Sexuality, Gender and Culture (3 credits), PSY/SOC 215: Human Sexuality (3 credits), or SOC 204: Gender Identities, Interactions and Relations (3 credits)

Gen. Ed.: Biological & Physical Sciences List. *Recommend* BIO 105IN, BIO 108IN, BIO 109IN or GLG 110IN (4 credits)

BIO 156IN: Intro Biology Allied Health (4 credits)
or BIO 160IN: Introduction to Human Anatomy and Physiology (4 credits)

Semester 4 – Spring (Semester Total: 15 credits)

ECE 150: An Economic Perspective (3 credits) (Recommended)
or ECN 202: Macroeconomic Principles (3 credits)

SSE 285: Foundations of Social Work Practice (3 credits)

Gen. Ed.: AGEC Fine Arts List. *Recommend* THE 105, ART 105, MUS 151, or MUS 160 (3 credits)

Transferable Elective: Choose 3 credits from: SSE 121, SSE 160, SSE 211, or SSE 242

Cultural Diversity*: Complete an additional course with a “C” designation. *Recommend* ANT 206: Contemporary Native Americans of the Southwest (3 credits), or SOC 201: Race, Ethnicity, Minority Groups and Social Justice (3 credits)

* ASU’s BSW Program requires 3 semesters or more of a Second Language OR 9 credits in Cultural Diversity (C) OR 2 semesters of second language + 3 credits in Cultural Diversity (C). See a program faculty or program advisor for a full list of elective choices which will help fulfill ASU and PCC requirements or to explore a Second Language option.

PROGRAM TOTAL: 62 credits

Program/Major/Concentration Codes: **AOALIBRALART/ALA/ALAV**

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