

Bachelor of Social Work (2017/2018 Catalog)

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS	
Social Work major admission is based on the following criteria: a minimum overall GPA of 2.80; successful completion of all program prerequisites; experience in the human services field; letters of reference; and a personal written statement.	
Oakland University Courses	Delta College Options
SW 2301	SOC 250
BIO 1002 or BIO 1200	BIO 101 or BIO 171
PS 1100	PS 103 <i>or</i> 105
PSY 1000	PSY 211
SOC 1000	SOC 211
SOC 2010	SOC 279 <i>or</i> 280
AN 1111	SOC 231
Choose 1 course from the following list: (additional course options available at OU)	CJ 110, 250, 11; SOC 221, 215
WGS 1000 or SOC 3610	IHU 202 or SOC 215 (when not selected above ^{^^})

MICHIGAN TRANSFER AGREEMENTS:

In many cases, it is to a student's advantage to complete the MTA or MACRAO agreement when fulfilling General Education requirements. This may allow for more flexibility when creating a schedule while at your community college. When choosing to complete MTA or MACRAO, please confirm the best courses to take to fulfill the agreement with your academic adviser at Delta or [MTA Approved Courses](#)

Additional course requirements for MTA when following this major guide (minimum 30 credit hours required for MTA):

- ENG 111 (MTA Approved Composition Course)
- ENG 112 (MTA Approved Composition Course; this is a prerequisite for coursework at OU)
- MTA Approved Humanities & Fine Arts Course
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- MTA Approved Natural Science Course (*this requirement may be met by choosing **BIO 171** above*)
- MTA Approved Natural Science Course
- MTA Approved Mathematics Course

SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING MTA OR MACRAO: In some cases, completing the MTA or MACRAO agreement is not as practical. When using MTA or MACRAO, your ability to make the most efficient course selections at OU may be impacted depending on your accumulated credits and chosen OU major. For more details on whether or not it is recommended for you to complete MTA or MACRAO, please consult with an OU academic adviser.

If you plan to transfer without completing a transfer agreement, please reference the table below for courses that satisfy individual categories.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS	
40 credits are required from categories 1-10. Each of these categories must be fulfilled by completing one course of at least 3 or more credits. A course may not be used in more than one of these categories. Please see OU Catalog for further information.	
1. Writing Foundations	ENG 112
2. Formal Reasoning	CST 155, 171; MTH 118, 120, 160, 161, 208, 209; PHL 221
3. Arts	ART 105, 151, 152; COM 215, 216; ENG 226; IHU 226; MUS 111, 112, 118, 119
4. Foreign Language and Culture	FR, GE, SPA 111, 112, 211, 212
5. Global Perspective	Satisfied by Major requirement – SOC 231
6. Literature	ENG 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 228, 229, 241, 242, 245, 246, 269, 271, 272, 274, 276, 277, 278, 285
7. Natural Science and Technology	Satisfied by Major requirement – BIO 101 or 171
8. Social Science	Satisfied by Major requirement – SOC 211
9. Western Civilization	HIS 111, 112, 215, 221, 222; PHL 211, 213
10. Knowledge Applications	Must be outside of OU Major area (confirm course choice with OU adviser) ART 107, 111, 224; CST 217; ENG 116; FR 211, 212; GE 211, 212; MTH 162; PHY 112, 212; PSY 227; SOC 215; SPA 211, SPA 212 <i>May be met by SOC 215 as an option toward major requirements (see above)</i>
U.S. Diversity – May double count with categories 1-10	Satisfied by Major requirement – SOC 211
Capstone & Writing Intensive in the Major	These general education requirements must be met by courses taken at Oakland University.

Students who complete MTA or MACRAO according to this guide satisfy general education categories 1-9 and U.S. Diversity.

EXPLORATORY:

Students with majors in the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) must satisfy an exploratory requirement. This can be done by completing a double major or a CAS minor or concentration; or by completing a minimum of 12 credits in a single CAS rubric, outside of their major rubric. For additional options visit oakland.edu/exploratory. Only courses that are at the 100-level or above may be used to fulfill the exploratory requirement. Students using MTA or MACRAO must complete the exploratory requirement at Oakland University or another four-year institution.

Notes:

- Please contact College of Arts and Sciences Advising at oakland.edu/casadvising or (248) 370-4567 for more information regarding your degree requirements.
- For more details about acceptance into OU's Social Work program, please go to this link: oakland.edu/socan/social-work/sw/

Talking Points

- Earning a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree from Oakland University means earning a widely respected credential that prepares you for a career in helping others and challenges you to become an advocate for positive social change.
- Graduates of our BSW program possess the necessary skills to perform a variety of roles and join the workforce as counselors, case managers, advocates or outreach specialists who work with all types of clients, including children, families, the elderly, and individuals with disabilities or mental illness.
- Graduates of our accredited BSW program are eligible for an accelerated plan of study when they choose to pursue a master's degree in social work.
- Although students may declare a pre-social work major at any time, formal admission into the program requires a separate application and approval process. As such, Oakland University's social work program rigorously reviews candidates to assure that they are appropriate to continue pursuing the profession of social work.
- Students have the option to take classes to complete their Bachelor of Social Work at our newly expanded location, the Anton/Frankel Center (AFC). The AFC is located in downtown Mount Clemens, Mich., and features 11 classrooms, two conference rooms, a spacious student sitting area with vending machines, and a computer lab for student use.
- A minor in Child Welfare and concentrations in both Addiction Studies and Gerontology are available for students who wish to further specialize in the field of social work.
- Social Work majors are invited to join OU's Social Work Club to develop and uphold professional values, knowledge and skills in social work. Some activities of the club have included participation in the Making Strides Breast Cancer walk, volunteering at Focus Hope in Detroit, fundraising and adopting a family for the Holiday season.
- Available scholarships for OU Social Work majors include the Lauren Kathryn Roche Social Work Endowed Scholarship and the Scherer Scholarship. Additional student award opportunities, recognizing outstanding student achievements in scholarship and leadership, are available to Social Work majors.
- BSW graduates who also complete the minor in Child Welfare are eligible to apply for a Child Welfare Certificate through the Department of Human Services. Completion of the certificate may allow students to waive certain training requirements for child welfare staff at the Michigan Department of Human Services including child protective services, foster care and adoption.
- Required field study for Social Work majors allows students to apply the foundational knowledge, skills, values and ethics of generalist social work practice in an approved social service agency.