

2025-2026

LANGUAGE: 9 HRS

Grade of "C" or better is required.

HUMANITIES/FINE ARTS: 9 HRS

SOCIAL/BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE: 9 HRS

Must be from two different disciplines. One course must meet Cultural & Diversity requirement

SOCIAL WORK REQUIREMENTS: 61 HRS

PREREQ. COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO THE MAJOR:
12 HRS

Grade of C or better required for each course.

ADDITIONAL MAJOR REQUIREMENTS: 37 HRS

Grade of C or better required for each course.

SCIENCE AWARENESS: 7 HRS

One biological and one physical science course, one of which must involve a lab.

MATHEMATICS: 3 HRS

SENIOR SEMINAR: 3 HRS

Senior topic must be outside the major area. See Undergraduate Catalog for Senior Seminars outside of Human Services.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE: 0-8 HRS

Exempt if 2 yrs in high school with "C" average.

SOCIAL WORK ELECTIVES: 12 HRS

Consult the course catalog for Social Work elective courses.

GENERAL ELECTIVES: 0-19 HRS

Select elective courses in any field to complete the graduation requirement of 120 semester hours.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

<input type="checkbox"/>	2.00 Major GPA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cultural Diversity
<input type="checkbox"/>	Application for Graduation (First semester junior year)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Electronic Writing Portfolio 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> See www.eiu.edu/~assess/ for requirements

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

SUGGESTED 4-YEAR SEQUENCE

YEAR 1 MUST EARN 30+ SH FOR SOPHOMORE STATUS			
FALL		SPRING	
ENG 1001G	3	ENG 1002G	3
BIO Gen Ed. Science	3	Physical Science Gen. Ed.	4
PSY 1879G (Soc & Beh)	3	SOC 2420*	3
HSL 1800	3	Humanities	3
SOC 1838G (Soc & Beh)	3	HSL 2820	3
Total	15	Total	16
YEAR 2 MUST EARN 60+ SH FOR JUNIOR STATUS			
FALL		SPRING	
CMN 1310G	3	Social/Behavioral Science	3
Humanities or Fine Arts	3	Fine Arts	3
Math Gen. Ed	3	PSY 3780*	3
SOC 3620*	3	SOC 3630*	4
Free Elective	3	Free Elective	3
Total	15	Total	16
YEAR 3 MUST EARN 90+ SH FOR SENIOR STATUS			
FALL		SPRING	
SWK 3800*	3	SWK 3900*	3
SWK 3850*	3	SWK 4200*	3
SW Elective	3	SW Elective	3
Free Elective	3	Free Elective	3
Free Elective	3	Free Elective	3
Total	15	Total	15
YEAR 4 MUST EARN 120 SH TO GRADUATE			
FALL		SPRING	
SWK 4570*	6	SWK 4575*	6
SW Elective	3	Senior Seminar	3
Free Elective	3	SW Elective	3
Free Elective	3	Free Elective	3
Total	15	Total	15

*Consult Catalog for pre-requisite(s)

**Suggested Minors: Human Services, Sociology, Psychology, Criminology, Public Health, Political Science, Nutrition, Aging Studies or any other.

NOTES, QUESTIONS, MINOR REQUIREMENTS:

Prospective students must be a declared major at EIU in either Human Services or Sociology. The Social work program at EIU will not accept transfer students until the program has been accredited. Admission to the program is competitive and based on space/availability and quality of the applicant pool. Minimum requirements for admission: (1.) Cumulative GPA of 2.5 at time of application. (2.) Prerequisite coursework (HSL 1800, HSL 2820, SOC 1838G, PSY 1879G) completed with a grade of C or better. Prerequisite courses with an earned grade of D, F, or W may not be repeated more than once to receive a passing grade of C or higher. The highest grade earned in a repeated course will be used for GPA calculation. Applications for admission to the Bachelor of Social Work major are accepted January 15 - March 1 of the sophomore year for admission in the fall of junior year. Application does not guarantee admission. For full consideration, applications must be received by March 1st. Prerequisite coursework can be taken during the spring semester in which students apply for admissions. Students will be notified of their acceptance into the Social Work major during the spring semester. An application will be considered complete for review and consideration when all of the following are met: (1.) Admission to the university. (2.) Declared major in Human Services or Sociology. (3.) Completed social work application. (4.) Earned C or better in all prerequisite courses. (5.) Minimum GPA requirement is met. (6.) Essay submission. (7.) Reference submission. Admission to the program is competitive, and will be based on, but not limited to, courses taken, cumulative GPA, essay, and references. The social work program reserves the right to limit the size of the entering class. Admission is determined by a faculty committee. Applicants will be notified after March 1st of their admission decision. Qualified students not accepted will be placed on a waiting list. Students may only re-apply once for admission. Re-applicants will be newly ranked relative to the cohort of prospective students. As per accreditation requirements, students admitted to the social work program must pass a background check.