# WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

**Initial Advising**

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**PROPOSED GUIDANCE SHEET**

**Student’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Student’s ID: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Year Entered: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Advisor’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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| ***NOTE: The Department advises all students to commit to this sequence and register courses accordingly. Academic credit for life experience or previous work experience is prohibited. If a Social Work student has difficulty enrolling in a Social Work Course, it is recommended that you contact the Chair immediately. STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CHECKING THEIR DEGREE PROGRESS REPORT (via myWCU) TO ENSURE THEY ARE FULFILLING ALL UNIVERSITY DEGREE REQUIREMENTS.*****Download University General Education and Distributive Requirements at** **https://catalog.wcupa.edu/undergraduate/** |

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| *WRT 120 and WRT 200 level* ***(can place out of WRT 120 – contact ENG)*** | *6 credits of Science (For SW – BIO 100 and one other Science)* |
| *3 credits Ethics Designation Course (SWO 320)* | *6 credits of Behavior Science (For SW 9—PSY, SOC, PSC)* |
| *3 credits Math course above 100 levels (104 or 121 recommended)* | *6 credits of Humanities (For SW –HIS, PHI)* |
| ***Speaking Emphasis Courses (9 Credits Total****)****)******\* see below*** | *3 credits of ART* |
| *3 credits of diverse communities (for SW – SWO 351)* | *17 or 18 credits of Advised Electives* |
| *3 credits of interdisciplinary course (for SW – SWO 225)*  | *Students must achieve a minimum of 120 credits to graduate* |
| *9 credits of writing emphasis courses (for SW—SWO 300, 351, 495)*  | *SW Students need 2.5 GPA overall for BSW* |
| *Minimum grade of* ***C*** *required for SWO 320, 321, 375, 395, 450, 451, 495, and 496. All other required SWO courses minimum* ***C-*** |

**\*Transfer students with 40-70 credits only need 2 (6 credits) approved speaking emphasis (SE) courses. With 70+ transfer credits, only one 3 credit course is required. All students must complete at least one speaking emphasis course at the 300 or 400 level.**

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| **First Year: Pre-Candidacy - Fall Semester** |
| **Course Number** | **Course Name** | **Credits** | **Term** | **Grade** |
| SWO 200 | Introduction to Social Welfare | 3 |  |  |
| SWO 225 | Race Relations (I and J) | 3 |  |  |
| FYE 100  | First-Year Experience (Transfer students with 24+ credits do not have to complete) | 4 |  |  |
| WRT 120 | English Composition Effective Writing I | 3 |  |  |
| FLG I | Foreign Language (*Spanish recommended*.) Spanish for Health Care SPA 118 recommended). \*\* | 3 |  |  |

\*\* Students may enroll in 1 or 2 foreign language culture clusters to meet foreign language requirement

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| **First Year: Pre-Candidacy - Spring Semester** |
| **Course Number** | **Course Name** | **Credits** | **Term** | **Grade** |
| SWO 220 | Introduction to Generalist Practice  | 3 |  |  |
| SWO 300 | Family Systems (W) | 3 |  |  |
| PSY 100 | PSY 100 required | 3 |  |  |
| FLG II | Foreign Language (*Must be one level up from first FLG course*) | 3 |  |  |
| WRT 200 - Level | WRT 200, 204, 205, 206, 208, or 230. Has this changed to a 300 or 400 level? | 3 |  |  |

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| **Second Year: Pre-Candidacy - Fall Semester** |
| **Course Number** | **Course Name** | **Credits** | **Term** | **Grade** |
| SWO 332 | Social Welfare Policies and Services | 3 |  |  |
| SWO 350 | Human Behavior in the Social Environment I | 3 |  |  |
| PSC | Select approved Political Science Course (PSC 100 recommended) | 3 |  |  |
| BIO\*\*\* | BIO 100 (not BIO 102) or another approved science for **new students AY2020-2021**  | 3 |  |  |
| HIS | Select approved HIS course (HIS 150 Recommended) | 3 |  |  |

\*\*\*For new students only on or after AY 2020-2021, an approved second science course may be taken instead of BIO 100

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| **Second Year: Pre-Candidacy - Spring Semester** |
| **Course Number** | **Course Name** | **Credits** | **Term** | **Grade** |
| SWO 320 | Generalist Practice I (E) | 3 |  |  |
| SWO 351 | Human Behavior in the Social Environment II (W) (J) | 3 |  |  |
| Science | Select approved science class from CHE, CSC, ESS, or PHY (different from BIO) | 3 |  |  |
| SOC | Select approved Sociology course (SOC 200 or SOC 240 recommended) | 3 |  |  |
| Advised Elective |  | 3 |  |  |

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**IF INTERESTED IN CWEB, PLEASE ENROLL IN THE CHILD WELFARE COURSE**

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| **Third Year: Apply for Candidacy by September 15th - Fall Semester** |
| **Course Number** | **Course Name** | **Credits** | **Term** | **Grade** |
| SWO 321 | Generalist Practice II | 3 |  |  |
| SWO 431 | Methods of Social Inquiry | 3 |  |  |
| MAT | Select any math course based on placement (MAT 104 or MAT 121 recommended) | 3 |  |  |
| PHI | Select approved Philosophy course (PHI 180 recommended) | 3 |  |  |
| Advised Elective |  | 3 |  |  |

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| **Third Year: Professional Core - Spring Semester** |
| **Course Number** | **Course Name** | **Credits** | **Term** | **Grade** |
| SWO 375 | Field Experience I | 6 |  |  |
| SWO 395 | Junior Seminar | 3 |  |  |
| SWO 432 | Advanced Policy Practice | 3 |  |  |
| Advised Elective |  | 3 |  |  |

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| **Fourth Year: Professional Core - Fall Semester** |
| **Course Number** | **Course Name** | **Credits** | **Term** | **Grade** |
| ART | Select approved Art, Cinematography, Dance, Photography, or Theater | 3 |  |  |
| SWO 450 | Field Experience II | 6 |  |  |
| SWO 495 | Senior Seminar I (W) | 3 |  |  |
| Advised Elective |  | 3 |  |  |

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| **Fourth Year: Professional Core - Spring Semester** |
| **Course Number** | **Course Name** | **Credits** | **Term** | **Grade** |
| SWO 451 | Field Experience III | 3 |  |  |
| SWO 496 | Senior Seminar II | 6 |  |  |
| Advised Elective |  | 3 |  |  |
| Advised Elective | Depending on transfer credits and FYE, student may take a 2 or 3 credit elective to fulfill the 120 credits | 2 or 3 |  |  |

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|  **SOCIAL WORK ELECTIVES** |
| **Courses** | **Term(s) Offered** | **Credits** | **Term** | **Grade** |
| SWO 421 – Mental Health and Addictions |  | 3 |  |  |
| SWO 423 – Child Welfare Practice and Policy |  | 3 |  |  |
| SWO 491 – Human Sexuality Concepts for Social Workers |  | 3 |  |  |

**I = Interdisciplinary J = Diverse Communities W = Writing Emphasis E = Ethics**

* Students may take social work courses concurrently while applying for candidacy.
* Students cannot fulfill a general education requirement and interdisciplinary with the same course.

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**Chair’s Signature Date**

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**Advised Student Signature Date**

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**West Chester University**

**BSW Program Academic Plan**

Student’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Semester/Year Entered: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Academic Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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I have met with my advisor and I understand this ladder as it has been presented. I understand that I must follow the courses in the sequence above in order to apply for candidacy and graduate on time. At any time, I may meet with my Academic Advisor to adjust this plan as necessary. I am aware that I must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.50 in order to remain in the Program.

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Advisor/Chairperson’s Signature Date

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