# WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

***GUIDANCE SHEET***

**Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Year Entered: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_Advisor Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

***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.***

**University General Education and Distributive Requirements**; (*Please see the Undergraduate Catalog Degree Requirements for a complete listing of acceptable General Education courses* *http://www.wcupa.edu/\_admin/associateprovost/documents/APPROVED\_GEN\_ED\_DISTRIBUTIVE\_COURSES.pdf).*

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| *WRT 120 (can place out of this)* | *6 credits of Science (For SW – BIO and one other Science)* |
| *WRT 200-level* | *6 credits of Behavior Science (For SW 9—PSY, SOC, PSC)* |
| *3 credits of a Math course above 100 levels (104 or 121 rec)* | *6 credits of Humanities (For SW –HIS, PHI)* |
| *SPK 208 or 230* | *3 credits of ART* |
| *3 credits of diverse communities (SWO 351)* | *18 credits of Advised Electives* |
| *3 credits of interdisciplinary course (SWO 225)* | *Students must achieve a minimum of 120 credits to graduate* |
| *9 credits of writing emphasis courses ( 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-*** | |

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| **First Year: Pre-Candidacy, Fall Semester** | | | |
| **Course Number** | **Course Name** | **Credits** | **Grade** |
| SWO 200 | Introduction to Social Welfare | 3 |  |
| SWO 225 | Race Relations (I, J) | 3 |  |
| WRT 120 | English Composition Effective Writing I | 3 |  |
| SOC | Select approved Sociology course *(SOC 200 or 240 recommended)* | 3 |  |
| FLG | Foreign Language (*Spanish recommended*.) | 3 |  |

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| **First Year: Pre-Candidacy, Spring Semester** | | | |
| **Course Number** | **Course Name** | **Credits** | **Grade** |
| SWO 220 | Introduction to Generalist Practice | 3 |  |
| SWO 300 | Family Systems (W) | 3 |  |
| WRT 200-level | 200, 204, 205, 206, 208, or 230 | 3 |  |
| PSY | Select approved Psychology course *(PSY 100 recommended)* | 3 |  |
| FLG | Foreign Language (*Must be level up from first course*.) | 3 |  |

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| **Second Year: Pre-Candidacy, Fall Semester** | | | |
| **Course Number** | **Course Name** | **Credits** | **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 | Select approved Biology course *(BIO 102 will not count)* | 3 |  |
| HIS | Select approved History course *(HIS 150 recommended)* | 3 |  |

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| **Second Year: Pre-Candidacy, Spring Semester** | | | |
| **Course Number** | **Course Name** | **Credits** | **Grade** |
| SWO 320 | Generalist Practice I | 3 |  |
| SWO 351 | Human Behavior in the Social Environment II (W, J) | 3 |  |
| SPK 208 or 230 | Public Speaking | 3 |  |
| Science | Select approved Science class from CHE, CSC, ESS, or PHY | 3 |  |
| Advised Elective |  | 3 |  |

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| **Third Year: Apply for Candidacy by October 1st, Fall Semester** | | | |
| **Course Number** | **Course Name** | **Credits** | **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 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**  ***Students must pass competency exam in the spring semester of the junior year in order to advance to senior field.***  ***Interested students can study abroad in Cuernevaca, Mexico for this semester. Ask your advisor about this opportunity!*** | | | |
| **Course Number** | **Course Name** | **Credits** | **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** | **Grade** |
| SWO 450 | Field Experience II | 6 |  |
| SWO 495 | Senior Seminar I (W) | 3 |  |
| ART | Select approved Art, Cinematography, Dance, Music, Photography, or Theatre | 3 |  |
| Advised Elective |  | 3 |  |

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| **Fourth Year: Professional Core, Spring Semester** | | | |
| **Course Number** | **Course Name** | **Credits** | **Grade** |
| SWO 451 | Field Experience III | 6 |  |
| SWO 496 | Senior Seminar II | 3 |  |
| Advised Elective |  | 3 |  |
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**SOCIAL WORK ELECTIVES: Mental Health and Addictions (SWO 421), Child Welfare Practice and Policy (SWO 423), Topical Social Work Seminar (SWO 490), and Sexuality Concepts for Social Workers (SWO 491)(W).**

\*Students may take social work courses concurrently while applying for candidacy.

\*\* Students cannot fulfill a general education requirement and interdisciplinary requirement with the same course.

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**Chair’s Signature – Advised Student Date**

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**Advised Student Signature Date**