School of Social Science and Human Services



Social Work

Recommended Four-Year Plan (Fall 2019)

The recommended four-year plan is designed to provide a blueprint for students to complete their degrees within four years. Students must meet with their Major Advisor to develop a more individualized plan to complete their degree. This plan assumes that no developmental courses are required. If developmental courses are needed, students may have additional requirements to fulfill which are not listed in the plan and may extend degree completion.

NOTE: This recommended Four-Year Plan is applicable to students admitted into the major during the 2019-2020 academic year.

First Year						
Fall Semester	HRS	✓	Spring Semester	HRS	✓	
Gen Ed: Keystone Course	4		Gen Ed: Keystone Course	4		
INTD 101 FYS First Year Seminar			Quantitative Reasoning			
Gen Ed: Keystone Course &	4		Gen Ed: Studies in Arts and Humanities	4		
SSHS School Core Social Science Inquiry						
Gen Ed: Keystone Course	4		Gen Ed: Distribution Category (Choose one):	4		
CRWT 102—Critical Reading and Writing II			Values and Ethics, OR Systems,			
			Sustainability, and Society, OR Culture and			
			Creativity*****			
SSHS School Core School Core: Sustainability,	4		Major Prereq: SOCI 101Introduction to	4		
Society and Civic Mindedness & Social Work			Sociology			
Prereq: PSYC 101—Introduction to Psychology						
Total:	16		Total:	16		

Second Year							
Fall Semester	HRS	✓	Spring Semester	HRS	✓		
Gen Ed: Global Awareness	4		Major Prereq: SWRK 222 History and	4			
			Philosophy of Social Welfare				
Gen Ed: Distribution Category (Choose one):	4		SSHS School Core:	4			
Values and Ethics, OR Systems, Sustainability,			SOSC 235—History of Social Thought				
and Society, OR Culture and Creativity*****							
(Must be outside of SSHS)							
Major Prereq: SWRK 225 Introduction to Social	4		Major: SWRK 270 Cultural Diversity:	4			
Work			Racism, Oppression, & Privilege				
Gen Ed: Scientific Reasoning	4		General Elective: Elective	4			
(BIOL 101-Intro to Biology recommended)							
Career Pathways Module 1:	Grad.		Career Pathways Module 2: SSHS 002	Grad.			
SSHS 001 Career Assessment/Advisor	Req.		Resume/Cover Letter/Personal Statement	Req.			
Visit SSHS Advisor in Cahill Center (C209)			Visit SSHS Advisor in Cahill Center (C209)				
Total:	16		Total:	16			

Third Year						
Fall Semester	HRS	✓	Spring Semester	HRS	✓	
Major: SWRK 202 Political Economy of Social Welfare OR Introduction to Macro Economics	4		Gen Ed: Historical Perspectives	4		
Major: SWRK 362 HBSE I	4		Major: SWRK 363 HBSE II (HBSE I is a prereq for this course)	4		
Major: SWRK 329 Social Work with Agencies and Communities (100 hours of fieldwork) (Must be accepted into the major prior to taking this course)	4		Major: SWRK 307 Social Work Research Methods	4		
Elective/Minor	4		Elective/Minor	4		

Career Pathways Module 3: SSHS 003	Grad.			
Interview Practice/Internship Search	Req.			
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Total:	16	Total:	16	

Fourth Year						
	HRS	✓	Spring Semester	HRS	✓	
Major: SWRK 325 Theory & Practice I (200	8		Major: SWRK 326 Theory & Practice II (200	8		
hours in fieldwork) (Social Work with Agencies			hours in fieldwork) (Theory & Practice I is a			
& Communities is a prereq for this course)			prereq for this course)			
Major: Social Work Elective (Groups	4		Major: SWRK 420 Contemporary Social	4		
recommended for those planning to attend			Policy (Theory & Practice I is a co-req or			
MSW program)			prereq for this course)			
Elective/Minor	4		Elective/Minor	4		
Total:	16		Total:	16		

Total Credits Required: 128 credits **GPA Required:** 3.0

^{*}Ideally, students should be fully admitted into the program by the end of their second year at Ramapo. Transfer students should be admitted by preregistration date of their first semester on campus. Students should be directed early to the Social Work program for admissions requirements.

^{**}Students must be fully admitted into Social Work program before registering for SWRK 329 Social Work with Communities and Agencies.

^{***} Students must take SWRK 329 before entering into the Theory & Practice I & II sequence (SWRK 325 & SWRK 326).

^{****}Theory & Practice I (SWRK 325) is offered fall semester and Theory & Practice II (SWRK 326) is only offered in the Spring semester. These two courses must be taken consecutively over one academic year.

^{*****}Most MSW programs require students take a course in Social Work Practice with Groups. We recommend students take this as an elective in the BSW program if they plan to attend a MSW program.

^{******}Gen Ed Distribution Categories: Two of the three categories are required, but one course must be outside of SSHS.