

Social Work

Recommended Four-Year Plan (Fall 2023)

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 2023-2024 academic year.

First Year					
Fall Semester	HRS	✓	Spring Semester	HRS	✓
Gen Ed: Keystone Course INTD 101 FYS First Year Seminar	4		Gen Ed: Keystone Course Quantitative Reasoning	4	
Gen Ed: Keystone Course & SSHS School Core Social Science Inquiry	4		Gen Ed: Keystone Course Studies in Arts and Humanities	4	
Gen Ed: Keystone Course CRWT 102—Critical Reading and Writing II	4		Gen Ed: Keystone Course Historical Perspectives	4	
SSHS School Core School Core: Sustainability, Society and Civic Mindedness & Social Work Prereq: PSYC 101—Introduction to Psychology	4		Major Prereq: SOCI 101 Introduction to Sociology (OR) SOCI 232 Sociology of the Family (OR) SOCI 205 Sociology of Aging	4	
			Career Pathways: PATH SS1 – Career Pathways Module 1	Degree Rqmt.	
Total:	16		Total:	16	

Second Year					
Fall Semester	HRS	✓	Spring Semester	HRS	✓
Major Prereq: SWRK 222 History and Philosophy of Social Welfare	4		Major: SWRK 202 Political Economy of Social Welfare OR ECON 102 Introduction to Macro Economics	4	
Gen Ed: Keystone Course Global Awareness	4		SSHS School Core: SOSC 235—History of Social Thought	4	
Major Prereq: SWRK 225 Introduction to Social Work	4		Major: SWRK 270 Cultural Diversity: Racism, Oppression, & Privilege	4	
Gen Ed: Keystone Course Scientific Reasoning (BIOL 101-Intro to Biology recommended)	4		Gen Ed: Distribution Category (Choose one) Values & Ethics, Systems, Sustainability, and Society, or Culture and Creativity	4	
Career Pathways: PATH SS2 – Career Pathways Module 2	Degree Rqmt.		Career Pathways: PATH SS3 – Career Pathways Module 3	Degree Rqmt.	
Total:	16		Total:	16	

Third Year					
Fall Semester	HRS	✓	Spring Semester	HRS	✓
Gen Ed: Distribution Category (Choose one) Values & Ethics, Systems, Sustainability, and Society, or Culture and Creativity (Must be outside of SSHS)	4		Major: SWRK 307 Social Work Research Methods	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		Elective/Minor	4	
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Total:	16		Total:	16	

Fourth Year					
	HRS	✓	Spring Semester	HRS	✓
Major: SWRK 425 Theory & Practice I (200 hours in fieldwork) (Social Work with Agencies & Communities is a prereq for this course)	8		Major: SWRK 426 Theory & Practice II (200 hours in fieldwork) (Theory & Practice I is a prereq for this course)	8	
Elective/Minor	4		Major: SWRK 420 Contemporary Social Policy (Theory & Practice I is a co-req or prereq for this course)	4	
Elective/Minor	4		Elective/Minor	4	
Total:	16		Total:	16	

Total Credits Required: 128 credits

GPA Required: 2.75

- 1) 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.
- 2) Students must be fully admitted into Social Work program before registering for SWRK 329 Social Work with Communities and Agencies.
- 3) Students must take SWRK 329 before entering into the Theory & Practice I & II sequence (SWRK 425 & SWRK 426).
- 4) Theory & Practice I (SWRK 425) is offered Fall semester and Theory & Practice II (SWRK 426) is only offered in the Spring semester. These two courses must be taken consecutively over one academic year.
- 5) 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.