The following information has official approval of the School of Social Work, but is intended only as a supplemental guide. Official degree requirements are established at the time of transfer and admission to the degree-granting college. Completion of this degree within the identified time frame below is contingent upon many factors, including but not limited to: class availability, total number of required credits, work schedule, finances, family, course drops/withdrawals, successfully passing courses, prerequisites, among others. The transfer process is completed through an appointment with your academic advisor.

The Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree with a major in Social Work requires completion of two years of a language requirement and Spanish is recommended. The Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Work (B.A.S.W) does not require a language.

*Italicized* courses fulfill General Education requirements. Unless a course is specified, refer to the General Education guide at [http://www.uakron.edu/advising/docs/General_Education_Guide.pdf](http://www.uakron.edu/advising/docs/General_Education_Guide.pdf)

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*Preadmission Requirements* – must be completed prior to admission into the Social Work major. ** A student may transfer to the School of Social Work as a pending major after completion of 30 credits and an overall GPA of at least a 2.75. Please note: admission to the School of Social Work does not mean admission to the social work major. Pending Social Work majors will be assigned to the pending social work student advisor, Michele Thornton (972-8195 or mdt@uakron.edu).
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**Minimum Credits for Degree:** 120

**+ Electives required to meet 120 total credits**

**alert:** 1) By the end of your first 48 credit hours attempted, you should have completed your General Education English, Math, and Oral Communication (Speech) requirements; 2) By the end of your first 48 credit hours attempted, you should have declared a major and transferred to (been accepted by) a degree granting college at The University of Akron.
NOTES:

a. While not required for transfer to the School of Social Work, the student **must** complete a General Education math and English requirements **prior to full admission to the Social Work major.** Any General Education math is accepted, but Statistics is recommended in preparation for Social Work Research I & II.

b. Introduction to Sociology 3850:100, Government and Politics 3700:100 OR 2040:242 American Urban Society, **AND** Introduction to Psychology 3750:100 OR 2040:240 Human Relations, are requirements and will fulfill the Social Science requirement.

c. Natural Science courses, including one human biology course, are required. This biology requirement can be met by completing Natural Science Biology, 3100:103; the remainder of the requirement may be met by several courses. Consult your adviser and appropriate General Education guide.

d. The Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Social Work requires completion of two years of a language requirement; Spanish is recommended. A student may also take the following sequence in Sign Language to meet the foreign language requirement: 7700:101, Intro: American Sign Language; 7700:102, American Sign Language I; 7700:201, American Sign Language II; 7700:202, Conversational American Sign Language (all sequential and 3 credits each); and 7700:222, Survey of Deaf Culture in America, 2 credits, no prerequisite. **The Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Work (B.A./S.W. 40795) does not require a language.**

e. General Electives: These may be chosen from the following suggested disciplines: Anthropology (3230), Economics (3250), History (3400), Family & Consumer Sciences (7400), Political Science (3700), Psychology (3750), and Sociology (3850) or foreign language/Sign Language coursework taken from the Bachelor of Arts with a major in Social Work degree.

Associate degree, Minor, and certificate requirements may satisfy some of the general electives. Certificate programs in Pan African Studies, Gerontology (aging), Addictions and other fields can be scheduled within the elective framework of the curriculum.

There are coordinated curricular arrangements between this program and both the Associate in Community Services Technology and the Associate in Criminal Justice Technology programs offered in Summit College, as well as the Associate in Social Services Technology program at the Wayne General and Technical College.

School of Social Work, Polsky 411: Contact Michele Thornton, Pending Social Work Student Adviser at 330-972-8195, mdt@uakron.edu or Dr. Timothy McCarragher, Director at 330-972-5976, mccarra@uakron.edu, or contact his administrative assistant, Mrs. Janice Cuddy at 330-972-5275, jcuddy@uakron.edu, Web Address: www.socialwork@uakron.edu

***Students pursuing a Social Work Degree desiring licensure as an LSW should be aware that felony convictions may negatively affect eligibility for licensure. To inquire whether individual situations affect licensure, write to: Counselor, Social Worker & Marriage & Family Therapist Board, 50 West Broad Street, Suite 1075, Columbus, Ohio 43215-5919; phone (614)466-0912 or email www.cswmft.ohio.gov/***

**IN GENERAL:** The Social Work major is an undergraduate professional program preparing students for entry-level practice positions in social service agencies employing Social Workers. **The undergraduate Social Work program is fully accredited by The Council on Social Work Education.** Social work is concerned with the restoration of human social and emotional functioning, with the provision of services to meet social needs and with the prevention of social dysfunctions. Most Social Workers function in agencies responding to specific social problems.

**JOB DESCRIPTION:** Job titles include caseworker, family worker, group worker, community organization worker, outreach worker, rehabilitation worker, probation worker, community health worker, counselor, child welfare worker, employment community service worker, fair housing coordinator, human relations worker, consumer services worker, etc. Job titles are varied but all relate to human needs in the area of social-emotional adjustment, development or protection, in the context of the individual, family, group, or community. Opportunities exist in the public and non-public sectors.

A Bachelor’s degree is preparation for an entry-level position and for graduate study in Social Work. A student is encouraged to consider graduate level study to further his/her career opportunities. The University of Akron now offers a joint Master’s degree program with Cleveland State University. **The Joint Master of Social Work Program is fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.**

All Social Workers in the state of Ohio are licensed by the state.

**Salary Level:** Depending on one’s qualifications, experience, creativity and interests, there is a wide range of salaries possible at the entry-level, and upward mobility for the professional worker is fairly rapid. Entry-level salaries will range upward from $20,000 to $30,000 (BSW); $40,000 to $50,000 (MSW).