



Academic & Career **PATHWAYS**

Associate in Arts (AA)

Social Work Emphasis – Advising Guide

Social Workers are professionals who go out into the world and work with people to assist them in meeting life's challenges. By pursuing a bachelor's degree in social work, you will be prepared with the knowledge, skills, and values for entry-level (generalist) social work practice and for advancement to graduate level study. Our social work program is built around the Associate in Arts (AA) degree. This degree gives you a solid background in general education courses that can transfer to a four-year institution. For more information, please refer to <https://mcckc.edu/programs/social-work/index.aspx>.

	Course	Degree Requirement Met	Credits	Action Steps
Semester 1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENGL 101 Composition & Reading I	Written Communications	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet with Student Success Advisor to build degree plan
<input type="checkbox"/>	Humanities & Fine Arts Course, CORE 42 Approved Choose one	Humanities & Fine Arts	3 – 5*	
<input type="checkbox"/>	SOWK 100 Introduction to Social Work	Elective	3	
<input type="checkbox"/>	SOCI 160 Sociology	Social and Behavioral Sciences	3	
<input type="checkbox"/>	MATH 115 Statistics	Mathematics	3	
			Total Credits	15 - 17
Semester 2				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Humanities & Fine Arts Course, CORE 42 Approved Choose one	Humanities & Fine Arts	3 – 5*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet with Student Success Advisor • Research/contact transfer institutions
<input type="checkbox"/>	SOWK 220 Social Welfare: Past and Present	Elective	3	
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENGL 102 Composition & Reading II	Written Communications	3	
<input type="checkbox"/>	BIOL 132 Human Nutrition OR PHYS 101 Introductory Physics OR PHYS 106 General Astronomy OR Any Natural Science Course with Lab Choose one	Natural Sciences Without Lab	3 – 4*	
<input type="checkbox"/>	ELECTIVE Choose any course 100 level or higher if semester total is less than 15	Elective	3*	
			Total Credits	15-18
Semester 3				
<input type="checkbox"/>	SOWK 167 Special Issues in Social Welfare	Elective	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet with Student Success Advisor • Apply for admission at transfer institution
<input type="checkbox"/>	HIST 133 Foundations of Western Civilization OR HIST 134 Modern Western Civilization Choose one	Humanities & Fine Arts	3	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Natural Science Course with Lab, CORE 42	Natural Sciences with lab	4 – 5*	

	Approved Choose one			• Apply for scholarships at transfer institution
<input type="checkbox"/>	ELECTIVE COURSE Choose any course 100 level or higher	Elective	3	
<input type="checkbox"/>	PSYC 140 General Psychology	Social and Behavioral Sciences	3	
Total Credits			16 - 17	
Semester 4				
<input type="checkbox"/>	English Literature or Philosophy Course, CORE 42 Approved Choose one	Humanities & Fine Arts – Literature or Philosophy	3	• Complete Civics Exam with 70% or higher • Apply for Graduation
<input type="checkbox"/>	SOCI 163 Contemporary Social Issues	Elective/Global Diversity	3	
<input type="checkbox"/>	HIST 120 U.S. History to 1865 OR HIST 121 U.S. History since 1865 OR POLS 136 Intro to U.S. National Politics Choose one	Social & Behavioral Sciences-Civics	3	
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM 100 Fundamentals of Speech	Oral Communication	3	
<input type="checkbox"/>	ELECTIVE COURSE Choose any course 100 level or higher if total credits are less than 60	Elective	2	
Total Credits			12 - 14	
Credits Required for AA Degree			60*	
*The AA degree requires a minimum of 60 total credits to graduate. When selecting a course from multiple options, please consider the number of credits for each course to ensure meeting the minimum requirements for graduation.				

This Pathway Map is an advising tool designed for full-time students and identifies the course recommendations for timely degree completion. All pathway maps can be modified to fit the individual needs of students. All students are encouraged to meet with their student success advisor to develop an individualized completion plan that best meets their goals, interests, and objectives. Degree requirements and prerequisite information can be found here: <https://www.mcckc.edu/programs/aa/>

Please note:

- Courses may require a prerequisite or appropriate placement, see the [Academic Catalog](#) for additional information.
- Natural Science courses must be chosen from two different disciplines including at least one course with a lab
- Only 3 credits for performance classes can be used for Humanities & Fine Arts