



PROGRAM PLANNING GUIDE 2023 - 2024

Social Work Diploma

The purpose of this program planning guide is to help students track their progress within their chosen program. The information in this planning guide is accurate at the time of printing and is subject to change without notice. It is the students' responsibility to ensure the accuracy of their program and course choice. Students should use the program planning guide dated the year in which they began the program. This guide should be used in conjunction with the official version of the Medicine Hat College Calendar, and calendars of appropriate transfer institutions, which are the final authorities regarding program requirements.

Year One

FALL SEMESTER			WINTER SEMESTER		
COURSE	DATE	GRADE	COURSE	DATE	GRADE
ANTH 213 [3] (lec) <i>Contemporary Aboriginal Issues in Canada</i>			PSYC 351 [3] (lec) <i>Developmental Psychology</i> Prerequisite: Any 200-level Psychology		
IDST 100 [4] (lec/lab) <i>Intro Communications for Helping Professions</i>			SLWK 101 [3] (lec) <i>Social Work Theories & Practice</i> Prerequisite: Minimum C grade in SLWK 100		
PSYC 201 [3] (lec) <i>Introduction to Psychology II – Social Science</i>			SLWK 103 [3] (lec/lab) <i>Social Work with Individuals</i> Prerequisite: Minimum C grade in SLWK 100 & IDST 100		
SLWK 100 [3] (lec) <i>Intro to Social Work Practice</i>			SLWK 105 [3] (lec) <i>Social Work with Groups</i> Prerequisite: Minimum C grade in SLWK 100 & IDST 100		
SLWK 102 [3] (lec) <i>Social Problems & Policies</i>			Elective:		
SPRING SEMESTER					
COURSE	DATE	GRADE			
ENGL 2xx [3] (lec) <i>Junior ENGL</i>					
Elective:					

Year Two

FALL SEMESTER			WINTER SEMESTER		
COURSE	DATE	GRADE	COURSE	DATE	GRADE
PSYC 357 [3] (lec) <i>Human Development</i> Prerequisite: Any 200-level Psychology			SLWK 209 [3] (lec) <i>Social Work with Communities</i> Prerequisite: Minimum C grade in SLWK 103, SLWK 105 & SLWK 206		
SLWK 206 [3] (lec) <i>Evidence-based practice in Social Work: Research, Leadership and Indigenous Ways of knowing</i> Prerequisite: Minimum C grade in SLWK 101, SLWK 102 & IDST 100			SLWK 211 [3] (lec) <i>Social Work with Mental Illness, Trauma and Addictions</i> Prerequisite: Minimum C grade in SLWK 101, SLWK 102, SLWK 103 & SLWK 105		
SLWK 208 [3] (lec) <i>Social Work with Families</i> Prerequisite: Minimum C grade in SLWK 101, SLWK 102, SLWK 103 & SLWK 105			SLWK 213 [9] (lec/prac) <i>Social Work Practicum II</i> Prerequisite: Minimum C grade in SLWK 206, SLWK 208, & SLWK 212		
SLWK 212 [9] (lec/prac) <i>Social Work Practicum I</i> Prerequisite: Minimum C grade in SLWK 101, SLWK 102, SLWK 103 & SLWK 105			Elective:		
SLWK 219 [1.5] (online)+ <i>International Social Work (optional)</i>					
SPRING SEMESTER			+ not offered every year, check with Program Coordinator		
COURSE	DATE	GRADE			
SLWK 220 [7.5] (prac)+ <i>International Social Work Practicum (optional)</i> Prerequisite: Minimum C grade in SLWK 101, SLWK 102, SLWK 103, SLWK 105 & SLWK 219					

Program Notes:

Electives may be drawn from any courses which transfer to the University of Calgary as per the Alberta Transfer Guide (available at www.transferalberta.ca).

Continuation Requirements:

- SLWK courses can only be repeated once.
- In order to continue in the program, a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 is required at the end of each semester.
 - Students that do not meet one or any of the continuation requirements (as mentioned above) will be given an academic warning within the social work program. If students do not meet the requirements for a second time, they will receive a program dismissal from the social work program, and will be required to withdraw from the social work program. Students required to withdraw from the social work program may still be eligible to attend Medicine Hat College and pursue other programs of interest by submitting an application to the program of choice and meeting the entrance and competitive requirements
 - Students that are dismissed from the social work program once, can return to the social work program but must wait until the next offering of the term from which the student was dismissed and will have to re-apply to the program. Students can re-apply to the program only once.
 - While the college and program will endeavor to inform students of their academic status in a timely manner, students are responsible for monitoring their own academic program.
- Students that have been absent from the program for one calendar year and are returning to complete a course, will be required to meet with the Program Coordinator and Academic Advisor and may be required to successfully complete a comprehensive evaluation.

For more information or assistance with your program, please contact the Academic Advising office at (403) 529-3819

Graduation Requirements

- In addition to the courses required for graduation the students' progress in the program will be reviewed each semester by the program faculty. Should the student be found to be in academic difficulty or should their professional suitability be of concern, they may be referred for remedial assistance or, in extreme cases, asked to withdraw from the program.
- Achieve a minimum of a "C" grade in all courses required for the program (i.e. SLWK, ENGL, ANTH, IDST, PSYC)
- One "D" grade allowed in an elective course

You should see your Academic Advisor or Program Coordinator if you:

- Choose to take courses in a different configuration than shown above.
- Drop or fail a course.
- Want to take a course in the spring semester or from another institution.