



Bachelor of Social Work

	Fall Term	J-term	Spring Term	Comments
First Year	PSYC 101	GEN-ED	SOCI 101	32 credits per year are necessary to graduate in 4 years (which requires a minimum of 128 semester hours).
	GEN-ED FYEP 101 PLUS 100 (1hr) FTWL 100 (1hr)		FYEP 102 (SOCW 101) GEN-ED GEN-ED	
Credits:	14	4	16	Credits for year: 34
Sophomore Year	ANTH 102 <i>or</i> 334 SOCW 335	GEN-ED	STAT 231 <i>or</i> 232 SOCW 336	
	GEN-ED GEN-ED FTWL Activity (1hr)		GEN-ED Graduation Hr Req. (4hr)***	
Credits:	17	4	16	Credits for year: 37
Junior Year	SOCW 290 SOCW 332 SOCW elective		SOCW 360 SOCW 350	
	Graduation Hr Req.		Graduation Hr Req. Graduation Hr Req.	
Credits:	16		16	Credit for year: 32
Senior Year	SOCW 460 SOCW 480		SOCW 465 SOCW 481	
	Graduation Hr Req. Graduation Hr Req.		Graduation Hr Req.	
Credits:	16		12	Credit for year: 28
Total Credits Required by Degree: 60				Total Credits: 131
Prerequisites for Social Work Program				
Students should plan to take the following courses within the first two years at PLU or before beginning the program:				
ANTH 102 <i>or</i> 334	PSYC 101	SOCI 101	STAT 231, STAT 232, <i>or</i> MATH 242	
Social Work elective options: Any sociology course, PSYC 310, 315, OR 337				

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General education course requirements are listed assuming that major classes will not count toward the general education course requirements. If a course counts towards a major and a general education requirement (e.g. PSYC 101 if the student is a psychology major), students will still need to take enough courses (shown here as Graduation Hr Req) to reach the 128 credits needed to graduate.

****This degree requires 7 additional courses to fulfill the graduation hour requirement of 128. Students should consider using these 7 courses to add a minor or another major. Minors range from 4-7 courses and some majors require as few as 9 courses to complete. Speak with a Center for Student Success advisor to map out what would fit best in your degree.

Departmental Requirements

- 60 semester hours, which includes prerequisite courses
- Application to the Social Work program is no longer required.
- To remain in the program, a student must: (a) maintain a 2.75 grade point average in Social Work courses *and* a 2.50 overall grade point average in all PLU courses, (b) demonstrate behavior that is consistent with the NASW Code of Ethics and University Code of Conduct.

General Degree Requirements

- A minimum of 128 semester hours must be completed with a GPA of 2.00 or higher.
- In addition to the requirements of this major, students must complete all other requirements of the University as listed in the catalog.
- At least 32 semester hours must be completed in residence at PLU.
- At least 8 semester hours for the major must be taken in residence at PLU.
- All students must complete a minimum of 40 semester hours of Upper-Division work (300-400 level) which includes courses in the major.
- Students should earn 32 semester hours per year to stay on track to graduate in 4-years (which requires a minimum of 128 semester hours).
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