

Associate of Arts in Social Work

Social Work is a professional field that aims to help individuals, groups, and communities alleviate social welfare issues such as mental health issues, poverty, homelessness, drug/alcohol addiction, family and community violence, and psychological and social aspects of physical illness. With an associate degree individuals can enter the field of social services as an entry level paraprofessional. To become a professional social worker, students must continue their education and complete a bachelor's degree in Social Work. TOCC prepares students to transfer to a University to complete their professional education.

Program learning outcomes

1. The Social Work Profession
 - a. Students will explain the tenets of generalist social work practice and the social work profession.
 - b. Students will identify common careers, roles and responsibilities in social work practice.
 - c. Students will demonstrate professional interpersonal skills in order to assist someone seeking social services at the individual and group level.
 - d. Students will demonstrate the ability to professionally communicate through scholarly documentation and the use of technology.
2. Social Problems and Social Change
 - a. Students will describe and discuss major human conditions that can result in the need for social services and the delivery of social welfare programs.
 - b. Students will explain the role of human rights, social welfare policy and the impact of such policies on individuals and society.
3. Professional Values and Ethics
 - a. Students will demonstrate an understanding of the importance of professional values and ethics and define ethical dilemma situations, and how to appropriately mitigate them.
4. Engage Diversity and Difference in Practice
 - a. Students will demonstrate cultural awareness and describe the sensitivity required to respectfully serve the Tohono O'odham and other diverse populations.
 - b. Students will identify cultural considerations in responding to the needs of marginalized populations.
5. Assessment, Planning, and Evaluation.
 - a. Students will demonstrate the ability to assess and interpret the needs of client systems at the micro, mezzo, and macro levels in order to address social problems and create positive social change.
 - b. Students will demonstrate the ability to develop a plan of action based on a person-in-environment perspective.
 - c. Students will demonstrate the ability to evaluate outcomes of client system interventions and describe the role of research and evidence-based practice.

Students interested in working with individuals who have substance abuse and addictions issues should also consider the [Certificate in Substance Abuse and Addiction Studies](#).

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Program of Study

General Education	General Education Category	Course Requirement	Credits Required	Recommended courses for this degree*
	Tohono O'odham Himdag	HIS 122 Tohono O'odham History and Culture (C)	3	
		THO 101 Elementary Tohono O'odham or THO 106 Conversational Tohono O'odham I	4	
	English Composition	WRT 101 Writing I	3	
		WRT 102 Writing II (I)	3	
	Mathematics	MAT 142H College Mathematics	4	
	Humanities and Fine Arts	Choose any course from: Art General Education Selection	3	
		Choose any course from: Humanities General Education Selection	3	PHI 101 Introduction to Philosophy (G)
	Social and Behavioral Sciences	Choose any course from: Social and Behavioral Science General Education Selection	6	PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology or SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology
	Two Lab-loaded Science Course	Choose any course from: Science	8	BIO 160N Intro to Human Anatomy/Physiology
Total General Education Credits			37	

* Recommended courses are courses that are recommended to take as part of the degree because the course is relevant to area of study and/or the course will be a requirement by most Universities when the student transfers. Consult with your Academic/Faculty Adviser for further information.

Core Requirements	Core Courses	
	SWU 171 Introduction to Social Work (Offered F, S)	3
	SWU 291 Social Service Delivery Systems (Offered F, S)	3
	SWU 295 Foundations of Social Work Practice: Effective Helping in a Diverse World (Offered F, S)	3
	POS 110 American National Government (Offered F)	3
	Total Core Credits	12

F = Fall
S = Spring
Su = Summer

Electives	Highly recommended for this degree: ECN 202 Macro Economics or MAT 225 Basic Statistics. And choose any course designated with the following prefixes: ECE, PSY, SOC, SSE, SWU, TOC, or TOS.	12
	Total Credits for Elective	12
	Total Credits for Degree	61