

HUMAN SERVICES, ARTICULATED WITH IDAHO STATE (ISU)

Program Description

This program provides academic coursework and foundational knowledge for students planning to transfer to Idaho State University (ISU) to pursue a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW). Students will develop essential skills in communication, working with diverse populations, and assessing the needs of individuals, families, and groups. Graduates will be prepared to foster dignity, respect, and self-determination in their professional practice while addressing the growing need for social workers in Douglas County and beyond.

Program Outcomes

This degree aligns with the Social Work program at Idaho State University (ISU). Students who complete the Human Services Associate of Science will have the knowledge, skills and abilities to:

1. Communicate effectively with others.
2. Be comfortable and effective working with people from diverse backgrounds.
3. Assess and address needs of individuals, families, and groups.
4. Develop a plan of action and link people with community resources.
5. Foster commitment to the field of human services based on the belief that all humans are capable of growth and have a fundamental right to dignity, respect, and self-determination.
6. Expand general knowledge and skills in ways that enrich personal and professional lives.
7. Use appropriate library and information resources to research professional issues and support lifelong learning.
8. Formulate questions that can be addressed with data and collect, organize, and display relevant data to answer them.

Career Considerations

The Associate of Science (AS) in Human Services is based on a signed articulation agreement with Idaho State University (ISU). This agreement allows students to seamlessly transfer to ISU's Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) program as juniors, with no loss of credits. The program focuses on preparing students for careers in human services, equipping them with the knowledge and skills needed to address the diverse needs of individuals, families, and communities.

Program Course Requirements

First Year		
First Term		Credits
GS 104 or GS 105 or GS 106	Physical Science or Physical Science or Physical Science	4
HS 100	Introduction to Human Services ¹	3
SOC 204Z	Introduction to Sociology	4
WR 121Z	Composition I	4
Credits		15
Second Term		
HS 155	Counseling Skills I ¹	3
PSY 201Z	Introduction to Psychology I	4

SOC 205Z	Social Change and Institutions	4
WR 122Z	Composition II	4
Credits		15
Third Term		
HS 217	Group Counseling Skills I ¹	3
HS 226	Ethics and Law ¹	3
MTH 105Z	Math in Society (or higher)	4
SOC 206Z	Social Problems ¹	4
Credits		14
Second Year		
First Term		
ART 101	Introduction to Visual Arts	4
BI 211		5
ENG 104Z	Introduction to Fiction	4
HS 265	Counseling Skills II ¹	3
Credits		16
Second Term		
BI 212		5
HS 266	Case Mgmt for HS Workers ¹	3
PSY 231	Human Sexuality	3
STAT 243Z	Elementary Statistics I	4
Credits		15
Third Term		
COM 111Z	Public Speaking	4
HS 229	Crisis Intervention-Prevention ¹	3
SOC 213	Race Class and Ethnicity ¹	3
SOC 225	Social Aspects of Addiction ¹	3
SOWK 1101 Intro to Social Work ²		3
Credits		16
Total Minimum Credits		91

¹ Any approved elective course can be taken.

² This course will be taken online through Idaho State University (ISU).

Advising Notes:

Completion of this AS degree confers the following benefits:

1) ISU waives the admission fee upon Transfer.

2) Students who transfer without predetermined courses from degree plan must complete ISU's institution- specific education requirements.

Idaho State University Requirements:

Students must complete 120 credits of coursework, of which at least 60 must be academic credits.

Completion of an AA/AS degree as outlined above satisfies ISU's general education requirements. Students who transfer to ISU without an AA/AS must complete ISU's general education requirements.

Students must complete 36 credits of upper division coursework (3000 level and above), of which 15 must be earned at ISU.

At least 30 credits in the major area of study must be resident credits (earned at ISU), or 30 of the last 50 credits applied to the degree must be ISU resident credit. (Refer to the ISU catalog for limits on specialized credits such as credit by exam, physical activity, music participation, and experiential learning.)

Students must complete all major requirements with a minimum grade point average of 2.0 and have an overall ISU cumulative GPA of 2.0.

Students will be subject to the program contained in the academic catalog of the year they enroll at ISU.