

TRANSFER GUIDE

Catalog years: 2024-2026

Virginia Commonwealth University Bachelor of Social Work Associate Transfer Degree Plan in Social Work

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Complete at VCCS				Complete at VCU		
BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT		SATISFIED BY		BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT		
Course	Credits	CC Course	Notes	Course	Credits	Notes
UNIV 101	1-2	SDV 100 or 101		SLWK 201 Introduction to Social Work	3	Take in first semester at VCU.
UNIV 111-112	3	ENG 111	UNIV 111 is waived and students receive 3 credits for UNIV 112.	SLWK 230 Communication & Interpersonal Skills in Social Work	3	Take in first semester at VCU.
UNIV 200	3	ENG 112		SLWK 311 Social Work and Anti-Oppressive Practice	3	
PHIL 201	3	PHI 220 Ethics		SLWK 313 Social Work Theory & Assessment with Individual and Micro Systems	3	
General Education	3	Any UCGS Art or Literature		SLWK 330 Social Work Theory & Assessment with Families, Small Groups, & Mezzo Systems	3	
SOCY 101	3	SOC 200 Intro to Sociology		SLWK 332 Generalist Social Work Practice I	3	
HIST	3	Any UCGS History		SLWK 380 Ethical Research for Social Work Practice I: Methods	3	
BIOL/Z 151	4	BIO 101 Intro to Biology I		SLWK 381 Ethical Research for Social Work Practice II: Application	3	
MATH 131	3	MTH 154 Quantitative Reasoning		SLWK 395 Social Work Field Preparation	3	
PSYC 101	3	PSY 200 Intro to Psychology		SLWK 422 Social Welfare, Policy, & Practice	3	
VCU equivalent	3-4	Any UCGS transfer course		SLWK 431 Social Work Theory & Assessment with Communities,	3	

				Organizations, and Macro Systems		
ANTH 103	3	SOC 211 Cultural Anthropology		SLWK 441 Generalist Social Work Practice II	3	
PSYC 407	3	PSY 215 Psychopathology		SLWK 442 Generalist Social Work Practice III	3	
PSYC 304	3	PSY 230 Developmental Psychology		SLWK 494 Senior Field Practicum I	3	
BIOL/Z 152	4	BIO 102 Intro to Biology II		SLWK 495 Senior Field Practicum II	3	
VCU equivalents	8	Foreign language through the 102 level	Students who place into or are waived out of the 101 level in a foreign language must complete the 102 level in the same language. Students who place into or are waived out of the 101 and 102 level in a foreign language must complete at least one college-level foreign language course in any language. Credits earned by CLEP do not count toward the fulfillment of this requirement.	SLWK 499 Capstone Senior Seminar	2	
VCU equivalents	5-7	Transfer electives	ENG 210 Advanced Composition recommended.	Electives	13	
CREDITS PRE-TRANSFER: 60				CREDITS POST-TRANSFER: 60		

TRANSFER GUIDANCE

This degree program is covered by VCU's Guaranteed Admission Agreement.

By meeting the following criteria, you are guaranteed admission to the Bachelor of Social Work:

- Earn a transfer associate degree.
- Earn a minimum GPA of 2.5 for your associate degree.
- Earn grades of "C" or higher in all community college courses. VCU will accept credit for repeated courses for "D" or "F" grades.

- **University Transfer Center:** <https://transfer.vcu.edu/>.
- **Register Intent to Transfer:** By end of first semester at community college through the www.TransferVirginia.org portal.
- **Admission Application:** By March 15 for fall admission and November 1 for spring at <https://www.vcu.edu/admissions/apply/>.
- **Financial Aid:** <https://semss.vcu.edu/our-services/financial-resources-and-guidance/>.
- **FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid:** March 1 for fall semester at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>.

WHAT SHOULD I CONSIDER WHEN SELECTING COURSES?

- Complete your English courses and start your math sequence in your first year.
- Create a schedule for all required courses, pay attention to prerequisites and when courses are offered. For help, see Transfer Steps and Resource Center at www.TransferVirginia.org.

IMPORTANT LINKS & DATES:

- Connect with an advisor at your community college and the VCU Transfer Center within your first semester through your account at www.TransferVirginia.org.

IS THIS DEGREE RIGHT FOR ME?

The goals of the profession of social work are to provide services to persons who are vulnerable due to a lack of personal, social and/or institutional resources to meet their emotional, health and economic needs. Social work practice is the application of professional knowledge, skills and values across a range of settings and populations. The focus of practice is on individuals, couples, families, groups and communities. In addition to direct clinical social work practice, social workers are involved in the administration of human service programs, social planning, the development of social policies, research and evaluation, and teaching. In order to achieve the goals of promoting social justice and enhancing well-being for individuals, families, groups and communities, social workers provide a variety of services primarily in public and nonprofit organizational contexts. Examples of the range of settings in which social workers practice include community centers, public social services, child welfare, residential treatment facilities, schools, community mental health agencies, family and children service agencies, psychiatric and acute care hospitals, substance abuse treatment facilities, services for the elderly, court services and adult and juvenile rehabilitation facilities. Social work practice is designed to enrich quality of life by enabling individuals, groups, communities and organizations to achieve their greatest potential development. The goal of the School of Social Work at VCU is to provide professional education in response to these needs.

WHAT IS THE IMPACT ON MY DEGREE OF WORK I HAVE ALREADY COMPLETED?

- **Associate Transfer Degree Completion:** The completion of a transfer associate degree results in all lower-division general education requirements being met when you transfer to VCU.
- **Dual Enrollment – Completion of Associate Degree in HS:** The completion of an associate degree concurrent with high school results in 60 credits of coursework applied towards your degree and VCU's general education courses will be satisfied. High school students must apply to VCU as freshman applicants for orientation and engagement purposes.
- **Credit for Prior Learning:** VCU accepts AP, IB, Cambridge, CLEP, DANTES, and military credits.
- **Catalog Year:** VCU will honor the degree requirements of the VCU Undergraduate Bulletin in effect at the time of the student's first post-high school enrollment into an appropriate associate degree at the two-year institution. Students must stay enrolled at their community college and take no more than four years to complete their associate degree. Students must also enroll at VCU within one year of completing their associate degree.

IS THIS COLLEGE RIGHT FOR ME?

- Located in downtown Richmond, within two hours of the beach, the mountains and Washington DC, VCU provides top-ranked academic programs, research opportunities and an urban setting so students can live and learn in the real world.
- VCU is a large, public research institution dedicated to the success and well-being of students and the Richmond community.
- Diversity, inclusion and equity are deeply ingrained core values at VCU. If you are looking to connect with a broad range of people, come join us!

Learn more about our college at www.TransferVirginia.org.

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

- Completing your associate transfer degree satisfies all lower division general education requirements and increases the likelihood you will complete your bachelor's degree?
- Exceeding 3 years or 90 credits at your community college could exhaust your financial aid there and reduce your future financial aid at VCU?

WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS DEGREE?

Explore possible careers, salaries, and job outlook at www.TransferVirginia.org

PROGRAM SUCCESSES & HIGHLIGHTS

The beauty of VCU's campus is that it's embedded in the city of Richmond. Walk just a few blocks in any direction from class and one finds neighborhoods with their own unique populations, needs and attractions, as well as a menu of agencies to serve those needs. What better way, and in what better place, for students to embrace and fully immerse themselves in the grassroots of social work practice? As Virginia's oldest and most established social work educator, we've forged lasting connections with more than 500 community agencies throughout Richmond and the state, which means our students won't be pigeon-holed into a field experience that doesn't truly match their passions and future ambitions.

WHAT ARE MY CHANCES FOR GETTING ACCEPTED?

If you apply through general application instead of through the Guaranteed Admission Agreement, you will be considered for admission with all other transfer applicants.

Learn more about applying at www.TransferVirginia.org.

DO MORE WITH YOUR DEGREE!

Graduates of the B.S.W. program may choose to go on to pursue the Master of Social Work to further their studies. B.S.W. graduates are eligible for the accelerated Advanced Standing M.S.W. degree which can be completed in one calendar year or three semesters.

OTHER THAN CLASSES, ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS?

All students must complete at least one VCU "REAL" experiential learning activity in order to graduate from VCU. Examples of REAL activities include: internships, research, and service learning. This requirement may be satisfied by completing a 300-level (or higher) REAL course or through an approved REAL co-curricular experience.

Learn more at <https://real.vcu.edu/>.