

# SOCIAL WORK AND HUMAN SERVICES, ASSOCIATE IN ARTS FOR TRANSFER

This degree will acquaint students with the fundamentals of the human services system and the profession of Social Work, including an introduction to the theories, principles, and values on which human services are offered and social work is practiced in the United States.

The Social Work/Human Services AA-T program prepares students for careers in the helping professions, may prepare students for the first two years of their transferable Human Services education, and enhances the skills of persons already employed in this field. In addition, students will be provided with personal/interpersonal skills needed to live healthy lives and deal with the stressful demands of daily living.

Human Services is a course of study for those interested in employment in such diverse settings as group homes and halfway houses; correctional facilities, developmental disability agencies, and community mental health centers; family, child, and youth service agencies; and programs concerned with alcoholism, drug abuse, family violence, homelessness, aging, or other social issues. The primary focus of the human service worker is to assist individuals and communities to function as effectively as possible in the major domains of living as case managers, advocates, grant writers, youth workers, volunteer coordinators, human resource specialists, fundraisers, trainers, or para-educators. The Human Services AA-T, AA, and certificate programs are structured around interrelated components, including theoretical foundations/intervention strategies, client population/cultural diversity, research/evaluation, and skill development/field experience. Successful completion of appropriate coursework will enable students to either further their education, seek employment in a variety of social service organizations, or both.

The Associate in Arts in Social Work and Human Services for Transfer degree is intended for students who plan to complete a Bachelor's degree in Social Work or a similar major at a CSU campus, such as Collaborative Health and Human Services, Criminal Justice, Human Services, or Sociology. For a current list of what majors (and what options or areas of emphasis within that major) have been designated as "similar" to this degree at each CSU campus, please refer to <https://icangotocollege.com/associate-degree-for-transfer> (<https://icangotocollege.com/associate-degree-for-transfer/>) and seek guidance from a Ventura College counselor. Students completing this degree are guaranteed admission to the CSU system, although not necessarily to a particular CSU campus or major.

Students transferring to a CSU campus that accepts the Social Work and Human Services AA-T will be required to complete no more than 60 units after transfer to earn a bachelor's degree (unless the major is a designated "high-unit" major at a particular campus). This degree may not be the best option for students intending to transfer to a particular CSU campus or to a university or college that is not part of the CSU system. Students should consult with a counselor when planning to complete the degree for more information on university admission and transfer requirements.

To earn an Associate of Arts in Social Work and Human Services for Transfer degree, students must meet the following requirements:

- Complete 60 semester units or 90 quarter units that are eligible for transfer to the California State University, including both of the following:
  - The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC for CSU) or the California State University General Education-Breadth (CSU GE-Breadth) requirements.
  - A minimum of 18 semester units or 27 quarter units in a major or area of emphasis, as determined by the community college district.
- Obtain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 in all CSU transferable coursework. While a minimum GPA of 2.0 is required for admission, some transfer institutions and majors may require a higher GPA. Please consult with a counselor for more information.
- Obtain a grade of "C" or better or "P" in all courses required in the major or area of emphasis. Even though a "P" grade is allowed (Title 5 section 55062), it is recommended that students complete their major courses with a letter grade ("A," "B," or "C") due to unit limitations on "P/NP" courses.
- Complete requirements in residency. For students in the Ventura County Community College District, a minimum of 12 units must be completed in residence within the college district.

Course ID	Title	Units/ Hours
<b>Required Core Courses (24–25 units):</b>		
ANAT V01	Human Anatomy	4
	or	
BIOL V12	Human Biology	3
	or	
PHSO V01	Human Physiology	4
ECON V01A or ECON V01B	Principles of Macroeconomics Principles of Microeconomics	3
MATH V44 or PSY V04	Elementary Statistics Introductory Statistics for the Social and Behavioral Sciences	4
PSY V01	Introduction to Psychology	3
SOC V01	Introduction to Sociology	3
SWHS V01	Introduction to Social Work and Human Services	3
SWHS V10 & V10L	Fieldwork: Social Work and Human Services and Fieldwork: Social Work and Human Services Laboratory	3+2
<b>LIST A: Select two (2) of the following courses (6 units):</b>		
ANTH V02	Cultural Anthropology	3
CD V02	Child Growth and Development	3
CD V61	Child, Family, and Community	3
CJ V01	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
COMM V12	Intercultural Communication	3
ENGL V01C	Critical Thinking and Writing	3
HIST V46	United States History to 1877	3
HIST V56	United States History since 1865	3
PSY V05	Introduction to Developmental Psychology	3
PSY V15	Introduction to Abnormal Psychology	3
SOC V02	Social Problems	3

SOC V03/AES V11	Racial and Ethnic Group Relations	3
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<b>Major Units</b>		<b>30–31</b>
<b>CSU General Education or IGETC-CSU Pattern</b>		<b>37–39</b>
<b>Electives (CSU transferable units to reach 60)</b>		<b>0–11</b>
<b>Double Counted Units</b>		<b>(9–19)</b>
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<b>TOTAL UNITS</b>		<b>60</b>

***See a counselor or consult [assist.org](http://assist.org), especially if you plan to transfer to a UC campus or a college or university other than CSU.***

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Discuss the values, theories and principles of social work and human services to describe how they may guide fieldwork experience and future employment.
- Employ ethical principles of the field of social work and human services to guide fieldwork experience and future professional practice.
- Demonstrate a conceptual and practical understanding of system concepts, theories, and techniques that are foundational to the practice of human/social services.