

Bachelor of Social Work - Advising Guide 2026/27

Please use this **Bachelor of Social Work Guide** in conjunction with the attached GNEED and Elective Worksheets, [mruGradU8](#), the Academic Calendar, and MyMRU to create your schedules.

You can find registration tutorials [on our website](#). Use the [Registration Quick Links page](#) to learn more about registration or troubleshoot registration errors. All MRU course descriptions are available in the [MRU Academic Calendar](#).

It is highly recommended that students follow the order of the courses presented in this guide, specifically for SLWK and INTS courses. SLWK courses are typically offered only once a year. Completing SLWK or INTS courses in any order other than what is listed in this guide will result in extending the length of the degree. Connect with your advisor if you are not able to take courses in this order.

Students are responsible for fitting their General Education requirements and Electives where they can within their schedule. In total, students enrolled in the Bachelor of Social Work are required to take 10 General Education and 4 Elective courses as part of their degree. Full-time student status is considered 9-credits or 3 courses at 3-credits each. A full course load is 5 courses per semester.

Students in the Bachelor of Social Work must [declare a concentration](#), in either Child intervention, or Generalist Social Work as they enter their third year of study.

Bachelor Of Social Work Requirements

First Year - Fall Semester		Semester Offered
SLWK 1114	Introduction to Social Work History, Philosophy and Theory	FALL
SLWK 2215	Social Work Assessment and Documentation	FALL
SLWK 2224	Indigenous Knowledge in the Helping Professions	FALL
INTS 1240	Fundamentals of Professional Communication	FALL, WINTER, SPRING,
GNEED / Elective	Please visit mruGradU8 to see your remaining GNEED and Elective requirements	FALL, WINTER, SPRING OR SUMMER
First Year - Winter Semester		
SLWK 1187	Social Welfare Policy and Issues	WINTER
SLWK 2216	Counselling Skills - Prerequisite(s): A grade of C or higher in both INTS 1240 and SLWK 1114.	WINTER
INST 1101	Introduction to Indigenous Studies: The Canadian Context	FALL, WINTER, SPRING, OR SUMMER
GNEED / Elective	Please visit your mruGradU8 audit to see your remaining GNEED and Elective requirements	FALL, WINTER, SPRING OR SUMMER
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Second Year - Fall Semester		Semester Offered
SLWK 2221	Social Work Practice with Communities - Prerequisite(s): A grade of C or higher in both SLWK 1114 and SLWK 1187.	FALL
SLWK 2222	Social Work with Families - Prerequisite(s): A grade of C or higher in both SLWK 2216 and SLWK 2215.	FALL
SLWK 2218	Social Work Knowledge and Skills for Group Work - Prerequisite: A grade of C or higher in SLWK 2216.	FALL
SLWK 1296	Social Work Practice I - Prerequisite(s): A grade of C or higher in INTS 1240, SLWK 1114 and SLWK 1187.	FALL
GNED / Elective	Please visit your mruGradU8 audit to see your remaining GNED and Elective requirements	FALL, WINTER, SPRING OR SUMMER
Second Year - Winter Semester		
SLWK 2217	Leadership and Interprofessional Practice in Social Work - Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of C or EP in one of SLWK 2287 or SLWK 1296.	WINTER
SLWK 2223	Social Work Practice in Addictions and Mental Health - Prerequisite(s): A grade of C or higher in SLWK 1215.	WINTER
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Third Year - Fall Semester		Semester Offered
SLWK 3315	Diversity and Inclusion in Social Work Practice - Prerequisite(s): A grade of C or higher in all of SLWK 2217, SLWK 2221, and SLWK 2224.	FALL
SLWK 3316	Human Development and Social Contexts - Prerequisite(s): A grade of C or higher in both SLWK 2223 and SLWK 2224.	FALL
SLWK 3301	Child and Adolescent Mental Health - Prerequisite(s): A grade of C or higher in SLWK 2215.	FALL
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Third Year - Winter Semester		Semester Offered
SLWK 3397	Social Work Practice II - Prerequisite(s): A grade of C or EP in all of SLWK 1296, SLWK 2218, SLWK 2221, SLWK 2222 and SLWK 3315. Prerequisite(s) or Corequisite(s): SLWK 3321 or SLWK 3521. Students possessing a completed Social Work Diploma may not have to take this course. Connect with your advisor to confirm.	WINTER

INTS 3331	International Community Development: Indigenous and Global Perspective	WINTER
SLWK 3321	Social Work Theories and Practice to Support Change - Prerequisite(s): A grade of C or higher in SLWK 2224 and SLWK 3315. Prerequisite(s) / Corequisite(s): SLWK 3301	WINTER
OR	Social Work Theories and Practice to Support Change: Child Intervention - Prerequisite(s): A grade of C or higher in SLWK 3301 and SLWK 3315.	
SLWK 3521		
GNED / Elective	Please visit your mruGradU8 audit to see your remaining GNED and Elective requirements	FALL, WINTER, SPRING OR SUMMER
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Fourth Year - Fall Semester		Semester Offered
SLWK 4415	Emerging Issues In Social Work Practice - Prerequisite(s): A grade of C or higher in SLWK 3321 or SLWK 3521	FALL
SLWK 4416	Social Justice and Social Work Practice - Prerequisite(s): A grade of C or EP in SLWK 3397 or SLWK 2297	FALL
SLWK 4417	Social Work Research in Practice: Empowering individuals, Families and Communities - Prerequisite(s): SLWK 1114 with a minimum grade of C.	FALL
GNED / Elective	Please visit your mruGradU8 audit to see your remaining GNED and Elective requirements	FALL, WINTER, SPRING OR SUMMER
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Fourth Year - Winter Semester		
SLWK 4421	Advanced Social Work Intervention Skills: Generalist - Corequisite(s): SLWK 4497.	WINTER
OR	Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of C in SLWK 4415 and a minimum grade of C or EP in one of SLWK 3397 or SLWK	
SLWK 4521	Advanced Social Work Intervention Skills: Child Intervention - Corequisite(s): SLWK 4597 Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of C in SLWK 4415 and a minimum grade of C or EP in one of SLWK 3397 or SLWK	
SLWK 4497	Social Work Practice III: Generalist - Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of C or EP in one of SLWK 2297 or SLWK 3397. Corequisite(s): SLWK 4421	WINTER
OR	Social Work Practice III: Child Intervention - Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of C or EP in one of SLWK 2297 or SLWK 3397. Corequisite(s): SLWK 4521	
SLWK 4597		
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General Education Requirements

FOUNDATION (TIER 1)		Your Choice
Cluster 1	Choose 1 from GNED 1101, 1102 or 1103	GNED 11_____
Cluster 2	Choose 1 from GNED 1201, 1202 or 1203	GNED 12_____
Cluster 3	Choose 1 from GNED 1303 or 1304	GNED 13_____
Cluster 4	Choose 1 from GNED 1401, 1403 or 1404	GNED 14_____
<p>It is recommended that Cluster 1 and Cluster 4 courses be taken within your first 10 courses.</p> <p>It is recommended that Cluster 2 and Cluster 3 courses be taken within your first 20 courses.</p>		Total of four courses.

TIER 2 - PART 1		Your Choice
Course 1	Cluster 1	
TIER 2 - PART 2		Your Choice
Course 2	Cluster 2, 3 or 4*	
Course 3	Cluster 2, 3 or 4*	
<p>*Your Tier 2 Part 2 courses must be selected from different clusters.</p> <p>When choosing Tier 2 courses be careful not to exceed more than sixteen (16), 1000 level courses total for your degree. This includes courses in your Major, General Education, and Elective requirements</p>		Total of three courses.

TIER 3 - PART 1		Your Choice
Course 1	Cluster 1, 2, 3 or 4*	
Course 2	Cluster 1, 2, 3 or 4*	
TIER 3 - PART II		Your Choice
Course 3	Cluster 1, 2, 3 or 4	
<p>* Your Tier 3 Part 1 courses must be selected from different clusters.</p> <p>Many Tier 3 courses have pre-requisites. It's recommended to plan ahead to meet pre-reqs using your Tier 2 or elective courses.</p>		Total of three courses.

Elective Requirements

For the Bachelor of Social Work, you must complete a total of 4 Electives. An Elective is a 3-credit course which is not part of your major but counts towards an applied degree, diploma, or certificate. While academic advisors may recommend certain courses to fulfill elective requirements, students may freely choose their electives. This excerpt is from the Glossary of MRU Academic Calendar.

Electives		Your Choice
Course 1	Any 3-credit course	
Course 2	Any 3-credit course	
Course 3	Any 3-credit course	
Course 4	Any 3-credit course	
When choosing Elective courses be careful not to exceed more than sixteen (16), 1000 level courses total for your degree. This includes courses in your Major, General Education, and Elective requirements		Total of four courses.

<u>Transfer Equivalencies</u>	<p>Upon receipt of an application for admission and an official transcript from each current or previously attended post-secondary institution, transfer course equivalencies are assessed.</p> <p>To be considered for transfer equivalency, each course must have been completed at a recognized accredited post-secondary institution with a minimum passing grade.</p> <p>Regardless when a course was completed, normally it may be considered for a transfer equivalency. However, limitations do exist for time-sensitive courses, e.g. Computer Science, Midwifery, Nursing, and Science. Refer to Transfer Credit Assessment within individual program requirements.</p>
<u>Minors</u>	<p>If you are considering a Minor, please speak to the Academic Advisor. You can plan to overlap your minor requirements with your General Education requirements as much as possible. Anything that is not designated as a General Education course can be used in your Electives. If you want to declare a minor. It is recommended that you do so within your first two years of study so you have enough time to complete it.</p>

Students are responsible for understanding program continuance policies, pre/co-requisites, and graduation requirements. Please refer to the MRU Academic Calendar for more information.

Contact HCEadvising@mtroyal.ca, including your name, ID number, and current program of study (ie. Bachelor of Social Work) for program planning support.