



GO Social Work Requirements

Option A

Global Culture Learning Experience	Social Work 5004: International Social Work (3 credits, no prerequisite): The globalization of social issues requires that social work practitioners understand global problems and the nature of transnational solutions. This course examines a variety of social issues through a multi-cultural lens in order to fully appreciate the role of culturally diverse and country-specific responses to social problems. Issues discussed in this course include: human trafficking, economic inequalities, health care, child welfare, aging, homelessness, mental illness, and human rights. Social work services for each of these issues will be examined from a global perspective that incorporates the concept of ethno-relativism and helps students to understand how different countries and cultures will define and address these issues.
Education Abroad	Education Abroad (minimum of 3 credits): Students may select any Education Abroad offered by the College of Social Work, as well as Social Work Education Abroad courses offered by other colleges and universities. Other Education Abroad courses offered through the OSU Office of International Affairs are acceptable under the following conditions: content is relevant to social work to include social, economic, political, and cultural issues; and social justice and empowerment of marginalized groups. Students must complete a petition to request an Education Abroad not offered by the College of Social Work.
Field Placement Experience with International Focus	Social Work 4189: Field Placement Experience with International Focus (10 credits, 420 clock hours): As the signature pedagogy of social work, field education is critical to the education and development of skilled professional social workers. Students are provided active opportunities to engage in generalist social work practice and participate in both direct and indirect service. Students who enroll in the Global Option will engage in a field placement abroad or in a domestic organization that provides international social services, including social services with immigrants and refugees.
Human Rights Activities	Human Rights Activities with International Focus (0 credits, 16 clock hours): Global Option students will complete 16 clock hours of human rights activities during their senior year in order to engage in advocacy on a macro level or volunteering on a more individual level. These activities must be completed outside of the field placement agency and not related to the day-to-day activities of the student's field placement. It is the student's responsibility to identify activities in which to participate. Human Rights Activities must be approved by the Office of Field Education.

Additional Program Requirements

1. Upon selection into the Global Option program, students complete a pre-test on Global Citizenship and Cultural Intelligence. At graduation, students will complete a post-test in order to assist the College in understanding the extent to which students develop academically and personally during their participation in the program.
2. During the semester of graduation, Global Option students must present a poster to the College of Social Work community demonstrating evidence of their achievements and their attainment of the global competencies.
3. Students must earn a C or higher for all graded components, and a Satisfactory for all S/U components.
4. Students must complete all degree requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Social Work and must remain in good academic standing in the College in order to continue in the GO Social Work and receive transcript designation.
5. Students may abandon the GO Social Work without penalty and complete the traditional social work degree path.