

Santa Monica College
Social Work and Human Services AA-T
Effective Fall 2026

The Associate in Arts for Transfer in Social Work and Human Services involves both academic as well as practical preparation both for transfer and for work in the human services field. The course of study offers students a foundational understanding of the field of social work and human services and the opportunity to acquire skills in interpersonal, analytical and critical thinking skills, problem-solving, and written and verbal communication.

Upon completion of the Social Work and Human Services Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T), students will have a strong academic foundation in the field and be prepared for upper division baccalaureate study. Completion of the degree indicates that the student will have satisfied the lower division requirements for transfer into a Social Work or Human Services program for many campuses in the California State University system.

Associate Degree for Transfer Requirements:

- Completion of 60 semester units or 90 quarter units of degree-applicable courses,
- Minimum overall grade point average of 2.0,
- Minimum grade of "C" (or "P") for each course in the major, and
- Completion of Cal-GETC

Program Learning Outcomes:

Demonstrate, through written and/or oral work, planning, collaboration, negotiation, and advocacy skills needed for working with and within social welfare and human service agencies and institutions.

Demonstrate, through written and/or oral work, the importance of empathy, cultural humility, cultural responsiveness, and holistic support for people and communities in need.

Demonstrate, through written and/or oral work, the importance of upholding a code of ethics in service work.

Demonstrate preparation for further study in the field through written and/or oral work.

Required Courses	Units: 16.0
SWHS 1 Introduction to Social Work and Human Services	3.0
SWHS 10 Social Work and Human Services Seminar	1.0
SWHS 95 Social Work and Human Services Fieldwork	2.0
SOCIOL 1 Introduction to Sociology	3.0
PSYC C1000 Introduction to Psychology (<i>formerly PSYCH 1</i>)	3.0
STAT C1000 Introduction to Statistics (<i>formerly MATH 54</i>)	4.0
Economics	Units: 3.0
ECON C2001 Principles of Microeconomics (<i>formerly ECON 1</i>)	3.0
<i>or</i>	
ECON C2002 Principles of Macroeconomics (<i>formerly ECON 2</i>)	3.0
Biological Sciences	Units: 3.0-4.0
ANATMY 1 General Human Anatomy	4.0
<i>or</i>	
BIOL 2 Human Biology	3.0
<i>or</i>	
PHYS 3 Human Physiology	4.0
Restricted Electives (any 2 courses from the list below)	Units: 6.0
AD JUS 1 Introduction to Administration of Justice	3.0
ANTHRO 2 Cultural Anthropology	3.0
COM ST 37 Intercultural Communication	3.0
ECE 11 Child, Family and Community	3.0
ENGL C1001 Critical Thinking and Writing (<i>formerly ENGL 2</i>)	3.0
HIST C1001 United States History to 1877 (<i>formerly HIST 11</i>)	3.0
HIST C1002 United States History since 1865 (<i>formerly HIST 12</i>)	3.0
PSYCH 11 Child Growth and Development	3.0
PSYCH 19 Lifespan Human Development	3.0
SOCIOL 2 Social Problems	3.0
SOCIOL 34 Racial and Ethnic Relations in American Society	3.0
Total: 28.0-29.0	