EASTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

83 WINDHAM STREET • WILIMANTIC, CONNECTICUT 06226 • 860-465-5000

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY, ANTHROPOLOGY, CRIMINOLOGY, AND SOCIAL WORK

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIAL WORK (BSW)

SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM APPLICATION

EASTERN'S SOCIAL WORK MAJOR IS ACCREDITED BY THE COUNCIL ON SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION

Admission to Eastern Connecticut State University does not guarantee admission to the Social Work Program

Applicant Name	Date of Application
Local Address	Cell Phone
Permanent Address	Home Phone
Current University	Email (Eastern email if applicable)
Number of College Credits Completed	Expected Date of Graduation

ADMISSION PROCESS DEADLINES

- Applications should be submitted to the social Work Program Coordinator by January 31st prior to the fall semester.
- Admission decisions will be conveyed to applicants by March 15th.
- Later applications will be accepted as long as space remains for additional students.

REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS

Contact information and course completion matrix	Personal essay
Behavioral survey	Human service professional reference
Pre-admission field work statement	Transcripts from all higher education institutions attended
Affirmative Action card (optional)	

ADMISSION PROCESS RANKING OF APPLICATIONS

- GPA with special attention given to grades earned in social work foundation courses. An overall GPA of at least 2.3 (C+) is preferred for program admission. Admission to the social work major is based on a variety of variables in addition to GPA, thus all students with a strong desire to be social workers are encouraged to apply.
- Number of Social Work Program liberal arts foundation and professional foundation areas completed. Completion of SWK 200 and four of the five foundation areas is required for formal program admissions, although students may apply prior to their completion.
- Evidence of the applicant's understanding of and commitment to the ideals and practice principles of the social work profession.
- The applicant's potential for enriching diversity in the Social Work Program through life experience or membership in an underrepresented demographic group.
- Personal behavior and classroom performance demonstrating likelihood for adherence to the ethical expectations and obligations of professional social work practice as contained in the National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics.

COURSE COMPLETION MATRIX

Applicants must have completed approximately 45 credits at the time of application including SWK 200 Introduction to Social Work or an equivalent course. List all courses below which you have completed or anticipate completing prior to the fall semester during which you begin the major. Completion of SWK 200 and at least four of the five foundation areas is required for admission to the social work major.

Course or Equivalent	*College or University*	*Semester / Year*	*Grade*
Required Social Work Foundation Courses			
SWK 200, or Intro to Human Services			
Sociological Foundation SOC 100, or SOC 300			
Anthropological Foundation ANT 106, ANT 337, or ANT 358			
Human Biology Foundation BIO 202 Human Biology			
Psychological Foundation PSY 100 General Psychology			
American Government Foundation PSC 110, or PSC 200			

May we contact course instructors, or if entering Eastern from another institution, the Department Chair or Program director to discuss your academic performance? Yes ☐ No ☐

PRE-ADMISSION FIELDWORK REQUIREMENT

The social work introductory course must include at least 20 hours of fieldwork experience. At the discretion of the social work faculty, volunteer or social agency experience may be substituted for the pre-admission fieldwork requirement.

Briefly describe your fieldwork, volunteer, or other social agency experience:

RETURN ALL REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS TO:

Eunice Matthews-Armstead, Ph.D., LCSW
Social Work Program Coordinator
Webb Hall, Room 430
Eastern Connecticut State University
83 Windham Street
Willimantic, CT 06226

Notice of Nondiscrimination:

The Eastern Connecticut State University Social Work Program does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, national, or ethnic origin, age, gender, disability, political, or sexual orientation in admission to, access to, treatment in, or employment in its program and activities. The Social Work Program actively seeks diversity in its social work majors. We encourage applications from persons of color and other underrepresented groups.

BEHAVIORAL SURVEY

Special Expertise:

Do you have spoken and/or written competency in a language other than English? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please identify the language(s) here.

Do you have special credentials such as current certification in CPR or other that may enhance your application?

If yes, please list here. Yes ☐ No ☐

Community Standards:

"Yes" answers to the questions below will not necessarily exclude an applicant from consideration for the social work major. You will be contacted further information if the social work faculty is concerned about your suitability for the social work profession. **Add an extra page for explanation if necessary.**

Have you ever been convicted of, or are you presently under arrest for, a felony offense? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please explain here.

Have you ever been subjected to disciplinary action for academic or other misconduct at Eastern or another post-secondary educational institution?

If yes, please explain here. Yes ☐ No ☐

PERSONAL ESSAY

Describe your motivation for entering the field of social work, your personal attributes, and experiences that will contribute to your effectiveness as a professional social worker, and your readiness to take on the mission and the responsibilities of the profession. Your essay must be typed, double spaced, and approximately 750 words (3 pages) in length.

Applicants must read the attached Information for Applicants to the Social Work Major and indicate their agreement to comply with the Program standards.

I have read the Information for Applicants to the Social Work Major and am willing to comply with the Social Work Program's academic, ethical, and personal conduct standards.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

EASTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY
83 WINDHAM STREET • WILIMANTIC, CONNECTICUT 06226 • 860-465-5000

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY, ANTHROPOLOGY, CRIMINOLOGY, AND SOCIAL WORK

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIAL WORK (BSW)

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS TO THE SOCIAL WORK MAJOR

EASTERN'S SOCIAL WORK MAJOR IS ACCREDITED BY THE COUNCIL ON SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION

SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS

The social Work Program recognizes its responsibility as gatekeeper to the profession, including an obligation to protect clients who will be served by program graduates. Academic standards enforced by the program include both competence in social work knowledge, values, and skills as demonstrated by students' classroom and field agency performance, and behavior in conformance with the ethical and behavioral expectations of the social work profession.

SCHOLASTIC ACADEMIC STANDARD

Social work majors must demonstrate mastery of the knowledge, values, and skills of the social work profession. Grades earned in social work courses must reflect mastery of the profession's knowledge base and skills; motivation, work, and time management skills; and critical thinking skills that are essential for effective social work practice. Therefore, social work majors must maintain a GPA of 2.0 © or better in all required courses beyond the pre-major foundation course level. These courses include SWK 200, SWK 300, SWK 311, SWK 312, SWK 320, SWK 325, WK 330, SWK 333, SWK 335, SWK 350, SWK 420, SWK 450, and SWK 475. The social work faculty will review the academic progress of all social work majors whose university cumulative grade point average drops below 2.0 or whose grades fall below C in the listed social work courses. At the discretion of the social work faculty, failure to meet the program's academic standards may delay admission into further courses in the sequence of study or result in suspension or dismissal from the social work major.

ETHICAL ACADEMIC STANDARD

The social work profession is committed to the advancement of human well-being and the promotion of social and economic justice for all. This professional role requires a public trust. Social work students, therefore, must show moral awareness, self-understanding, concern for the welfare of others, and responsibility. Students must demonstrate respect, honesty, fairness, trustworthiness, appreciation of individual and cultural differences, and the ability to collaborate effectively with others.

ACADEMIC STANDARDS RELATING TO PERSONAL CONDUCT

Because social work clients are particularly vulnerable to misconduct, misjudgment, and biases, social work students must meet high standards for knowledge, ethical standards, and behavioral expectations. Ethical and responsible conduct is expected of social work majors in classroom activities, on fieldwork assignments, in the university, in the community, and through their identity on social media.

Student conduct (especially behavior involving clients) in the classroom, university, field work agency, in the community, or in electronic media that is potentially dangerous to current or future clients or which raise doubt about the student's ability to adhere to the ethical expectations and obligations of professional practice, constitutes a violation of Social Work Program academic standards. In field agency placements, students are expected to conform to agency policies and to conduct themselves ethically and responsibly with the agency, colleagues, and clients. Any violation of campus or community regulations, of law and/or university standards of behavior, or of academic standards relating to personal conduct will result in a review of the student's performance in the Social Work Program by the program faculty and may result in dismissal from the social work major in addition to university or community action taken against the student. The following are examples, but not a complete list, of proscribed behaviors for social work students which may result in a student's dismissal from the social work major on academic grounds:

- Academic dishonesty, university behavior code violations, and other community misconduct
    - Academic dishonesty may result in an academic progress review for social work majors
    - Academic dishonesty, such as plagiarism, cheating on examinations, or other conduct is punishable by the Connecticut State University (CSU)
    - Dishonesty about fieldwork activities including, but not limited to, falsification of records such as field agency timesheets, field journal entries, or field performance documentation and evaluation forms
    - Solicitation or acceptance of gifts of value, services, or money from clients that are not legitimate payment for services received on behalf of the student's field agency
    - Sexual activity with clients including, but not limited to, kissing, fondling, or sexual intercourse
    - Interaction with clients on personal social media sit

Social work majors should read and become familiar with the CSU Guidelines for Student Rights and Responsibilities and Judicial Procedures, and the CSU Punishable Offenses and Range of Sanctions contained in Eastern's Student Handbook. In addition, students also should be aware of other relevant policies such as the CSU Policy Regarding Racism and Acts of Intolerance, Eastern's academic misconduct, alcohol and drug, and sexual harassment policies also contained in Student Handbook.

Social work students are required to inform the program coordinator as soon as practical, but no later than five business days, following any arrest or university offense that could result in disciplinary action by the university.

Student misconduct, on or off campus, directed toward other students, faculty, university staff, or members of the community may, at the discretion of the social work faculty, result in Social Work Program and/or university procedures for dismissal. The CSU Proscribed Conduct list published in Eastern's Student Handbook provides examples, but not a complete list, of misconduct which may result in a student's dismissal from the Social Work Program on academic grounds. When the legal or illegal behavior does not affect current or potential clients but the behavior violates the policies, standards, or rules of the university, proceedings will follow the university's procedures for addressing student misconduct as described in Eastern's Student Handbook.

You can access Eastern's Student Handbook at: https://www.easternct.edu/student-affairs/studenthandbook.html

The Social Work Program of Eastern Connecticut State University prepares effective bachelor-level generalist social work professionals who competently and effectively promote human well-being and advance human rights and social justice among diverse populations from a global perspective with emphasis on the vulnerable and oppressed by employing practice skills that are grounded in social work's body of knowledge and professional values.

Because the program relies upon a collaborative, supportive, and engaged learning community, our students achieve professional competencies that are rooted in relational, experiential, and empirical learning. Dedicated classroom and field faculty teach and mentor individual and small cohorts of students to promote and achieve a professional ideal that emphasizes the importance of human relationships and service to the community. Students develop professional social work identities grounded in self-awareness, professional values, and the history and mission of social work in the United States.

Our students develop social work practice competencies in our beautiful and paradoxical region. We serve a diverse community within urban and suburban settings in Eastern Connecticut. We are **The Last Green Valley**, a national heritage corridor that characterizes our unique assets as a rural environment within the Washington=Boston megalopolis. We work within a wealthy state with contrasts of extreme poverty and high rates of income inequality. Our graduates are capable of meeting human needs and mobilizing opportunities in diverse community settings.

Social work is a major program in Connecticut's only public liberal arts university – a university that aspires to be a model of social responsibility, environmental stewardship, and educational access. Our educational community prepares our social work liberal arts graduates to be broadly educated about the human condition in society, and intellectually curious and responsible citizens who are capable of promoting social justice and human well-being in a rapidly changing global context.

For additional information, visit the Social Work Program website at https://www.easternct.edu/programs/social-work.html