Cowboy Credit: Social Work Pathway
2026-2027 University of Wyoming & Northwest College

Cowboy Credit is a planning tool that helps students identify coursework that may align with a UW academic pathway before transferring to the University of Wyoming.

START YOUR PATH
Planning for a Social Work pathway at UW?
Start with these commonly transferable courses to build a strong foundation for the Social Work major.

Social Work Admission Foundations
Build your foundation early:

- Introduction to Social Work
- Sociology
- Psychology
- American and Wyoming Government
- Macroeconomics

Quantitative & Research Foundations

- Statistics

Statistics courses support research, data-informed decision making, and professional practice in the social sciences.

Human Development & Biology Foundations
Additional coursework that may support social sciences and the Social Work pathway:

- General Biology
- Human Anatomy or Biological Psychology

General Education Foundations

- English Composition
- Public Speaking or second level composition

Professional Readiness
Social work is a professional degree program. Students begin as Social Work Pre-Admit majors and must apply for admission to the BSW program before enrolling in professional social work coursework. Admission requires completion of prerequisite courses, minimum grade requirements, and at least 60 transferable credits.

Every student's path is unique. You don't need to complete all of these courses before transferring—this guide helps you start building a strong foundation, and our team will work with you to make the most of your previous coursework, including AP, IB, CLEP, dual enrollment, and transfer credit.

All students seeking admission are required to undergo a background check.

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Social Work Admission Foundations	**UW Credits**	**Northwest College**
SOWK 2000 Introduction to Social Work	3	SOWK 2000
SOC 1000 Sociological Principles (H)	3	SOC 1000
PSYC 1000 General Psychology (H)	3	PSYC 1000
POLS 1000 American and Wyoming Government	3	POLS 1000
AGEC/ECON 1010 Principles of Macroeconomics (H)	3	AGEC/ECON 1010
Quantitative & Research Foundations	**UW Credits**	**Northwest College**
STAT 2050 Fundamentals of Statistics (Q)	4	STAT 2050
Human Development & Biology Foundations	**UW Credits**	**Northwest College**
LIFE 1010 General Biology (PN)	4	BIOL 1010
KIN 2040 Human Anatomy Or PSYC 2080 Biological Psychology	4	PSYC 2080
General Education Foundations	**UW Credits**	**Northwest College**
ENGL 1010 College Composition and Rhetoric (C1)	3	ENGL 1010
COMM 2010 Public Speaking Or a second tier communications course (C2)	3	COMM 2010
Suggested Lower-Division Electives	**UW Credits**	**Northwest College**
SPAN 1010 First Year Spanish I (H)	4	SPAN 1010
SPAN 1020 First Year Spanish II (H)	4	SPAN 1020
RELI 1000 Introduction to Religion (H)	3	*Equivalent course not available at this institution – students may take at UW*
WIND 2100 Introduction to Disability Studies (H)	3	*Equivalent course not available at this institution – students may take at UW*
SOC 2350 Race and Ethnic Relations	3	SOC 2350

Cowboy Credit is a planning tool designed to support transfer and pathway exploration. Final course equivalencies are determined after admission and receipt of official transcripts.

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