SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Is the BSW program accredited?
   *The BSW program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). The program has been accredited by the CSWE since 1974, which was the first year undergraduate programs were accredited. We have maintained our accreditation for over 40 years.*

2. Why is an accredited program important?
   *In order to be eligible to be a licensed social worker, a student must graduate from a CSWE accredited school. Many agencies that employ social workers require social workers to be licensed.*

3. When should I apply for admissions to the School of Social Work?
   *Applicant interviews begin during the spring semester for those students intending to begin the BSW course work the following fall. Most applicants complete the admissions process during the spring of their sophomore year.*

4. Can I begin the BSW Program course work at any time?
   *Once admitted to the BSW program, students can begin social work courses in the fall or spring.*

5. Can I complete the BSW degree on a part time basis?
   *Students can complete the BSW program part time over a three or four-year period.*

6. Do I need an Associates of Arts (A.A.) or Associates of Science (A.S.) Degree?
   *Applicants do not need to have earned an A.A. degree or an A.S. degree to gain admission to the BSW program. Students who have not earned either of these degrees must meet the university’s general education graduation requirements.*

7. How can I find out what courses I should take prior to transferring to George Williams College to ensure completion of my BSW degree requirements within two years?
   *Students planning on transferring to George Williams College should contact the Admissions Office (262-245-8564) to ensure that the courses they are taking or plan to take at their current academic institution will facilitate the transfer process and prepare them for the BSW course work.*
8. Can I apply to the BSW program prior to completing my sophomore year or 60 semester hours?
   Students can apply and will be accepted provisionally into the BSW program if they plan on completing 60 semester hours prior to beginning the required social work course work. Students who will have completed slightly fewer semester hours prior to beginning the social work course will be accepted provided they are willing to develop a plan to complete these hours.

9. What if my cumulative grade point average is below the required 2.5 on a 4.0 point scale?
   Students who have a cumulative grade point average slightly below the required minimum can be accepted into the BSW program conditionally provided the BSW Admissions Committee believes that the student has a good chance of succeeding academically. Such conditionally accepted students must earn a minimum of an “A” or “B” grade in the two required social work courses during the first term in the program to gain full acceptance.

10. Can I receive social work credits for life or work experience?
    The Council on Social Work Education, the social work accrediting body, does not permit life or work experience to be used for either required or elective social work courses.

11. Can I transfer social work or human service courses into the University and have them apply to the required social work course work?
    Only courses taken in an academic institution accredited by the Council on Social Work Education can be used to meet required social work course work. Such non-accredited courses can, of course, be used to meet the 120 semester hour general university degree requirement.