

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the role of an Academic Advisor?

[Academic Advisors](#) are the primary source of advising for students and should be your first contact to discuss any issues, questions, or concerns about your academic program. Each student has direct access to an Academic Advisor, who focuses on program-related issues and advice, and can assist you with degree program requirements and expectations. Your Academic Advisor can assist you in course sequencing, interpreting university policies and procedures, facilitating resolution of academic problems, conflicts and concerns, and referring you to additional resources on campus.

How will my Academic Advisor communicate with me?

Throughout the year, important updates will be sent via your university email address. This is the primary means of communication for students and you should ensure to use this email account when communicating with any staff or instructors at the university. You should get in the habit of checking this email account frequently. It is suggested that you [change your password](#) to something that you will easily remember.

What courses do I need to complete in order to graduate?

Students typically receive 10.0 transfer credits when entering the CSS program as a CSS transfer student. The remaining 10.0 credits of the degree are outlined on the last page of this document. Students must complete 9.5 core credits and 0.5 general elective credit in order to be eligible to graduate. Refer to your Transfer Credit Assessment to confirm the credits from which you are exempt.

How do I register for my courses?

Course registration takes place a few months prior to the start of each new academic semester. A step-by-step guide to course registration (including video tutorials) can be found in the New Student Guide: www.guelphhumber.ca/newstudents. Remember to always use this [Program Plan](#), as well as the [Course Schedule](#) to determine which sections of courses you are allowed to register for.

What electives should I take?

Choose your elective from the published [Electives Course Schedule](#) that interest you. Electives offered in the Fall may differ from electives offered in the Winter semester. Most students complete their electives online via Distance Education (DE). However, students also have the option of taking elective courses in-class on campus, or going on a [Study Abroad](#) trip during the summer semester. Please see your Academic Advisor for more information on these options. In addition to the general electives offered through the University of Guelph-Humber, there are also online general electives offered through the University of Guelph by [Letter of Permission](#).

May I take a CSS course as an elective?

No. Electives are designed to give students breadth and depth in their studies.

Am I required to complete a field placement?

No. CSS students are granted transfer credit for all field placement courses in the program.

May I declare an area of emphasis?

Transfer students admitted under an articulation agreement (block credit) are not eligible for an area of emphasis.

What are my next steps as a new student?

Refer to the New Student Guide found at www.guelphhumber.ca/newstudents to guide you through course registration (with video tutorials), fee payment, obtaining your student ID card, and much more!

Where can I go for more information?

Visit your Academic Advisor in GH108. Call 416.798.1331 x6288 to book an appointment, or email your questions to advisors@guelphhumber.ca. More information can be found on our website outlining [Academic Advising FAQ's](#). For more support, visit the Learning Support Peers (LSPs) in the Learning Commons or email them at lsp@guelphhumber.ca

NOTE: This program plan has been designed to assist you with course selection and program planning. In the case of any discrepancies between this document and the approved Schedule of Studies, the Schedule of Studies (as found in the Academic Calendar at www.guelphhumber.ca/calendar) will serve as the official record.

SEMESTER	COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	PREREQUISITES	CREDIT
Semester 1 Fall 2024	CSS*1000	Social Work in Canada		0.5
	CSS*3030	Spirituality in Social Work Practice	• CSS*2050	0.5
	CSS*2080	Mental Health & Addictions	• 3.0 credits	0.5
	SCMA*2040	Research Methods for Social Science	• 3.0 credits	0.5
	AHSS*1130	Principles of Sociology		0.5
Semester 2 Winter 2025	CSS*1120	Couple and Family Dynamics		0.5
	CSS*1030	Issues in Advocacy and Social Justice	• CSS*1190	0.5
	CSS*2090	Supporting Families: Research and Applications	Co-requisite or Pre-requisite • CSS*1120	0.5
	CSS*3040	Counselling: Advanced Practice	• CSS*2070 • CSS*2060	0.5
		General Elective		0.5
Semester 3 Fall 2025	CSS*3100	Social Work Practice with Older Adults	• 7.5 credits	0.5
	CSS*4000	Family Theory and Therapy	• 12.5 credits including: • CSS*2090	0.5
	CSS*4010	Agency Administration and Community Relations	• 12.5 credits	0.5
	CSS*4030	Social Work and the Law	• 12.5 credits	0.5
	SCMA*3040	Quantitative Methods for Social Science	• SCMA*2040	0.5
Semester 4 Winter 2026	CSS*3020	Diversity in Social Work Practice	• 7.5 credits	0.5
	CSS*3060	Crisis Intervention: Theory and Practice	• 7.5 credits	0.5
	CSS*4060	Family Mediation & Conflict Resolution	• 12.5 credits including: • CSS*3040 • CSS*4000	0.5
	CSS*1010	Social Issues and Social Environments		0.5
	PSYC*1110	Introduction to Psychology		0.5