SOCIAL WORK, BSW

for the degree of Bachelor of Social Work Major in Social Work

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overview of school admissions & requirements: School of Social Work

The purpose of undergraduate social work education at the School of Social Work is to provide a comprehensive educational experience for students that is grounded in a liberal arts tradition and prepares graduates for excellence in the areas of social work practice, policy, social engagement and leadership.

Upon degree completion, graduates will be prepared for entry into generalist social work practice, advanced standing in graduate social work education, and a multitude of career opportunities. These can include careers in communications, corrections, education, government, healthcare, human resources, law, non-profit organizations, religious studies, and public service. Obtaining an undergraduate degree in Social Work gives students the opportunity to pursue a License of Social Work (LSW). A BSW degree also makes students eligible to pursue Advanced Standing status in many masters of Social Work (MSW) programs. The advanced standing status enables BSW graduates to receive an MSW in only one year.

The focus of undergraduate curriculum delivery is through a student-centered strengths-based educational model that fosters student understanding by providing a challenging, yet supportive environment of high expectations that encourage the development of well-informed and engaged citizens.

The social work major prepares practitioners for generalist social work practice with individuals, groups, families and communities. The curriculum requires a minimum of 120 hours for graduation.

Departmental Distinction: The top 10% of the BSW graduating class will graduate with distinction.

Minimum required major and supporting course work: A minimum of 53 course hours of social work coursework, which includes 15 credit hours of combined agency-based field practicum (internship) and field seminar.

Code Title

CMN 101 Public Speaking
& RHET 105 and Writing and Research
or CMN 111 Oral & Written Comm I
& CMN 112 and Oral & Written Comm II

Advanced Composition - SOCW 300 will meet the Advanced Composition Requirement

Language other than English
Complete of the third level or equivalent is required for graduation. American Sign Language is also acceptable.

Humanities and the Arts
Literature and the Arts
Historical and Philosophical Perspective

Social and Behavioral Science
Any course that has been approved as a Social and Behavioral Science course from the General Education course list.

Cultural Studies
U.S. Minority cultures
Western cultures
Non-Western cultures

Natural Sciences and Technology
Life Science
Physical Science

Quantitative Reasoning
SOCW 225 Intro Stat for Social Work
STAT 100 Statistics
ECON 202 Economic Statistics I
EPSY 280 Elements of Statistics
SOC 280 Intro to Social Statistics
PSYC 235 Intro to Statistics
From the approved campus list

BSW Requirements

Code Title Hours
SOCW 200 Introduction to Social Work 3
SOCW 300 Diversity: Identities & Issues 3
SOCW 401 Practice I 4
SOCW 402 Practice II 3
SOCW 403 Practice III 3
SOCW 410 Social Welfare Pol and Svcs 3
SOCW 427 Social Work Research Methods 3
SOCW 451 HBSE I: Human Development 3
SOCW 461 Professional Practice Seminar I 4
SOCW 470 Field Practicum & Professional Seminar II 15
SOCW 310 UG Research Assistance 3
SOCW 321 Social Entre & Social Change 3
SOCW 325 International Development with Grassroots Organizations 3
SOCW 330 International Perspectives 3
SOCW 360 Social Work and the Military 3
SOCW 370 Social Work and Disability Studies 3
SOCW 380 Current Topics in Social Work (may be repeated) 3
SOCW 404 Social Work Case Management Practice 3
SOCW 412 Hispanics in the U.S. 3
SOCW 416 Child Welfare Issues & Trends 3

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**Total SOCW hours**  
53

**Minimum hours required for graduation**  
120

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