### SOCIAL WORK, BSW

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

The Bachelor of Science in Social Work can be completed through our traditional program on the Urbana campus or through our upper-level completer program. The traditional program is open to freshmen, off-campus transfers, and inter-campus transfers. Courses are taken on the Urbana campus. The iBSW Program is open to junior-level transfer students. The iBSW program is a two-year degree completion program that allows students to earn their Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree while residing in students’ home communities.

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.

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#### 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.

#### BSW Requirements

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<td>SOCW 404</td>
<td>Social Work Case Management Practice</td>
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#### Social Work electives:

- SOCW 310: UG Research Assistance
- SOCW 321: Social Entre & Social Change
- SOCW 325: International Development with Grassroots Organizations
- SOCW 330: International Perspectives
- SOCW 360: Social Work and the Military
- SOCW 370: Social Work and Disability Studies
- SOCW 380: Current Topics in Social Work (may be repeated)
- SOCW 404: Social Work Case Management Practice
- SOCW 412: Hispanics in the U.S.
- SOCW 416: Child Welfare Issues & Trends
- SOCW 417: Dementia Care for Older Adults
- SOCW 418: Independent Study
- SOCW 420: Subst Use in Social Context

#### 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

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**Advanced Composition - SOCW 300 will meet the Advanced Composition Requirement**

#### Communication Skills and Composition

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SOCW 436    Intl SW & Development
SOCW 455    Social Work with Women
SOCW 475    Undergraduate Research Abroad
SOCW 480    UG Research Project

Total SOCW hours 53

Minimum hours required for graduation 120

This sample sequence is intended to be used only as a guide for degree completion. All students should work individually with their academic advisors to decide the actual course selection and sequence that works best for them based on their academic preparation and goals. Enrichment programming such as study abroad, minors, internships, and so on may impact the structure of this four-year plan. Course availability is not guaranteed during the semester indicated in the sample sequence.

Students must fulfill their Language Other Than English requirement by successfully completing a third level of a language other than English. This may require up to three semesters of language depending on high school coursework or placement. For more information, see the corresponding section on the Degree General and Education Requirements page (http://catalog.illinois.edu/general-information/degree-general-education-requirements/).

First Year

First Semester  Hours
SOCW 101  2
SOCW 225 (or equivalent statistics course)  3
Comp I or General Education course  3

Second Semester Hours
SOCW 200 (or General Education course)  3
General Education course  3
Elective or Language Other Than English (3rd level)  3

First Semester Hours
SOCW 300  3
CMN 101  3
General Education course or SOCW 200  3

Second Semester Hours
SOCW elective course  3
General Education course  3
Elective  3

16  15

Second Year

First Semester  Hours
SOCW 401  4
SOCW 451  3
SOCW 455  3

Second Semester Hours
SOCW 402  3
SOCW 410  3
SOCW elective course  3
Elective  3
Elective  3

15  15

Third Year

First Semester  Hours
SOCW 403  3
SOCW 427  3
SOCW 461  4

Second Semester Hours
SOCW 470  15
SOCW 410  3
Elective  4

14  15

Total Hours 120

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Students graduating with the Bachelor of Social Work should be able to:
1. Demonstrate ethical and professional behavior
2. Engage diversity and difference in practice
3. Advance human rights and social, economic, and environmental justice
4. Engage in practice-informed research and research-informed practice
5. Engage in Policy Practice
6. Engage with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities
7. Assess individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities
8. Intervene with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities
9. Evaluate practice with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities

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