

SOCIAL WORK, BSW

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

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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.

Code	Title	Hours
Communication Skills and Composition		
CMN 101 & RHET 105 or CMN 111 & CMN 112	Public Speaking and Writing and Research Oral & Written Comm I and Oral & Written Comm II	6-7
Advanced Composition - SOCW 300 will meet the Advanced Composition Requirement		3-4
Language other than English		
Complete of the third level or equivalent is required for graduation. American Sign Language is also acceptable.		0-9
Humanities and the Arts		
Literature and the Arts		3
Historical and Philosophical Perspective		3
Social and Behavioral Science		
Any course that has been approved as a Social and Behavioral Science course from the General Education course list.		9
Cultural Studies		
U.S. Minority cultures		3
Western cultures		3

Non-Western cultures	3
Natural Sciences and Technology	
Life Science	3
Physical Science	3
Quantitative Reasoning	
SOCW 225 Social Work Statistics	
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	3

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
Social Work electives:		9
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	
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