**SOCIAL WORK, BSW**

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

**School of Social Work**

**Social Work Program**

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*Overview of School Admissions & Requirements:* School of Social Work [socialwork.illinois.edu/school-work/](http://socialwork.illinois.edu/school-work/)

The Bachelor of Science in Social Work can be completed through our traditional program on the Urbana campus or through our upper level 4-year program in the Chicago area. The traditional program is open to freshmen, off-campus transfers and inter-campus transfers. Courses are taken on the Urbana campus. The complete program is open to upper division (junior/senior level) off-campus transfers and inter-campus transfers. Courses are a blend of online and in-person in the Chicago area.

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**
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CMN 101 | Public Speaking | 6-7
CMN 105 | Writing and Research | 6-7
or CMN 111 | Oral & Written Communication I | 3
or CMN 112 | Oral & Written Communication II | 3

**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 | 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 | 3
- STAT 100 | Statistics | 3
- ECON 202 | Economic Statistics I | 3
- EPSY 280 | Elements of Statistics | 3
- SOC 280 | Intro to Social Statistics | 3
- PSYC 235 | Intro to Statistics | 3

From the approved campus list | 3

**BSW Requirements**

**Code** | **Title** | **Hours**
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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 Policy and Services | 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

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| Minimum hours required for graduation               | 120

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