

Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) Program Highlights

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The School of Social Work offers a Bachelor of Social Work as well as a minor in Social Work.

Admission Requirements: Students can apply to the BSW program after completion of 53 credits, 40 of which must be in core courses, and completion of three course prerequisites: SOWK 1301: Introduction to Social Work, SOCI 2300: Introduction to Sociology, and PSYC 2300: Psychology and the Human Experience. You must have at least a 2.5 GPA in the above prerequisites to be admitted to the program. In addition, no grade of D or F will be accepted in the prerequisites or any social work course, and students must maintain a 2.5 overall GPA as well as a 2.5 GPA for social work courses. Applicants can only apply in the spring for admission in each fall semester. Due to the structured nature of our program, students must start their social work classes (beyond Introduction to Social Work) in the fall semester of each year. Applications are typically due in mid-May and applicants are notified by mid-June.

About us: The BSW program is committed to the values of diversity, human rights, and social justice. With this value base, we educate our students in the knowledge, values, and skills necessary for generalist practice within our diverse population and prepare students for graduate and lifelong learning.

Students in the BSW program are educated as generalist practitioners and are able to:

- Engage in generalist practice at the micro, mezzo, and macro levels;
- Engage in culturally affirming practice with diverse populations;
- Engage in practice that is consistent with the National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics;
- Evaluate individual, group, and community practice;
- Identify client strengths and challenges;
- Utilize the knowledge of human development in a social environment to guide assessment, intervention, and evaluation;
- Advocate and promote social justice;
- Advocate on behalf of policy change;
- Contribute to the knowledge base of the profession;
- Engage in lifelong learning, including the pursuit of graduate study.

Students will receive hands-on social work practice experience in the field through a required social work internship. This social work practicum provides 240 hours per semester of direct practice experience to the student in exchange for the opportunity to observe, learn, and participate in designated areas of the agency over the course of the senior year. An agency field instructor will be the student's main source of leadership and will act as a role model for the student to practice professional competencies.

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Minor in Social Work

The social work minor is intended for students who have previously been admitted to the Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) Program but do not complete their degree requirements and want to minor in social work. This minor consists of 18 credits and includes the following courses: SOWK 1301 and 15 credits from the following courses: SOWK 3302, SOWK 3303, SOWK 3304, SOWK 3313, SOWK 3314, SOWK 3322, SOWK 3331, and SOWK 3381. In order to minor in social work, students must have been admitted to the BSW Program, have successfully completed any course they wish to count towards the minor with a grade of C or above, and have a 2.5 GPA in all social work courses. It should be noted that the Council on Social Work Education, the accrediting body for social work education, does not recognize a minor in social work. Consequently, no professional privileges or practice rights will stem from the minor in social work and the students who minor in it will not graduate with the BSW degree.

Majoring in Social Work: Required Social Work courses (50 credits):

FRESHMAN OR SOPHOMORE YEAR					
SOWK 1301 Introduction to Social Work 3 credits					
JUNIOR YEAR					
FALL			SPRING		
Course No.	Title	Credits	Course No.	Title	Credits
SOWK 3303	Human Behavior in the Social Environment I	3	SOWK 3304	Human Behavior in the Social Environment II	3
SOWK 3313	Soc. Welfare Policy I	3	SOWK 3314	Soc. Welfare Policy II	3
SOWK 3302	Cultural Diversity	3	SOWK 3331	Practice I	3
			SOWK 3381	Statistics	3
SENIOR YEAR					
FALL			SPRING		
Course No.	Title	Credits	Course No.	Title	Credits
SOWK 3322	Research Methods	3	SOWK 3315	Policy Practice	3
SOWK 4332	Practice II	3	SOWK 4333	Practice III	3
SOWK 4212	Field Seminar I	2	SOWK 4213	Field Seminar II	2
SOWK 4541	Field Experience I	5	SOWK 4542	Field Experience II	5

Other required courses (16 credits):

- 4 credits of Biology (BIOL 1400 or 1401).
- 6 credits of foreign language, which must be in the same foreign language such as SPAN I and II.
- RHET 3301 (Editing for Usage and Style), RHET 3315 (Persuasive Writing), OR RHET 3326 (Technical Writing).
- PSYC 3360: Abnormal Psychology

Electives (18 hours credits):

- 6 hours of a 1000 – 4000 level course (almost any course you take will count towards this).
- 12 hours of 3000 – 4000 level courses in any of the related disciplines: Gerontology, Political Science, Sociology and Anthropology, Psychology, Criminal Justice, Human Services Administration, & Public Administration. Courses in other disciplines may count but need the approval of your advisor prior to enrollment.

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Please note that your transcript from your prior college must note that you have an AA/AS degree to be considered to have an Associates Degree.

Admissions applications are accepted in the spring semester for admission in the fall of each year. Only students who are formally admitted to the BSW program may take social work classes beyond Introduction to Social Work.

In order to graduate with a bachelor's degree in Social Work, you will need at least a 2.5 over all GPA and a 2.5 GPA in all social work classes.

For more information, visit our website at <http://ualr.edu/bsw/>, contact Scott Crump, BSW Administrative Secretary, at 569-3046, or email him at slcrump@ualr.edu. You can also check us out at www.facebook.com/ualrbsw and become a fan by clicking the "like" link.