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BASIC DEGREE REQUIREMENTS
BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK (BSW) DEGREE

The BSW degree at UCF is an entry-level, professional program accredited by the Council of Social Work Education (CSWE)

General University Requirements

1. Acceptance into the University by completing the application for admission to UCF.
2. Completion of an Associate of Arts (AA) degree from a Florida State college or university, or all UCF general education program and Gordon Rule requirements.

Note: Transfer students admitted to the School of Social Work who wish to substitute courses taken at other colleges for courses required by UCF's General Education Program must submit a transfer credit evaluation request through the ServiceNow Transfer Credit Evaluation form to request that a course taken at another institution be reviewed for equivalency. Go to the Registrar's Office webpage here for more information:

<https://registrar.ucf.edu/transfer-credit-evaluation-request/>

Policy & Admission Requirements for the School of Social Work

To be admitted into UCF's undergraduate social work program, students must be willing to work directly with and on behalf of diverse populations. These include adult men and women, persons of African, Asian, Hispanic, or multi-cultural decent, children, persons with disabilities, older adults, gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and gender-neutral individuals; or persons with HIV/AIDS or other physical/mental health concerns, and economically disadvantaged individuals. Social work students are also expected to provide services through a variety of helping strategies including but not limited to assessments, contracting, home visits, office interviews, referrals, case management, community evaluations, grant writing, advocacy, education, and follow-up.

Students, who in the judgement of the faculty, are unwilling or unable to meet these expectations, may be denied admission or later may be dismissed from the program.

The criteria for admission to the BSW program are:

1. Gain admission into the University of Central Florida (UCF).
2. Have an overall grade point average of 2.5 or better.
3. Declare Social Work-Pending as the major field of study.
4. Complete a minimum of two of the four BSW Program Prerequisites prior to applying to the program. These include:
 - a. BSC 1005 Biological Principles (or equivalent course)
 - b. POS 2041 American National Government
 - c. PSY 2012 General Psychology
 - d. SYG 2000 Intro to Sociology or SYG 2010 Social Problems
5. Submit a separate electronic application to the School of Social Work BSW Program.
6. Submit as part of the application:

- a. A letter of recommendation from a college instructor or a supervisor from a place of employment or a volunteer experience. The letter should be addressed to the BSW Program Director.
- b. A professional statement (2-4 pages) that discusses your interest in the social work profession. See the BSW application for additional information regarding the professional statement requirements.

Admission to the University does not guarantee admission to the undergraduate program in social work.

Students who have a misdemeanor or felony arrest or conviction must schedule an appointment with the BSW Program Director to discuss the nature of the arrest or conviction. Please note, this does not automatically preclude admission to the social work program. Students who do not reveal arrests, charges, or convictions at the time of the application may be dismissed from the BSW program.

Note: Students are admitted to the BSW degree program during the summer, fall, and spring terms. If students start at UCF in the spring semester, they may take a social work elective and one (1) core course with the program director or program advisor's permission.

Prospective or newly admitted undergraduate students need to schedule an appointment with BSW Program Advisor to review degree requirements and expectations of the program. The advisor and student will also create a personalized plan of study that details the specific requirements and timeline to graduation.

Admissions Decisions

Admission decisions are made by the BSW Admissions Committee in consultation with the BSW Program Director and Director of the School of Social Work. A student may appeal a decision by following the procedures outlined in the Policy on Appealing Admission to the Program found in the **BSW Student Handbook**.
<https://healthprofessions.ucf.edu/socialwork/bachelors/>

Regular Admission

Students who are admitted under regular status have met all program prerequisites and have the required minimum grade point average.

Conditional Admission

Conditionally admitted students are those who meet the grade point average requirement but have not completed all the program prerequisites. These students are permitted to register for two (2) social work courses: SOW 3104 Human Behavior & the Social Environment I and SOW 3284 Social Work Perspectives on Social Justice. These students may be permitted to enroll in additional classes upon meeting with the BSW Program Advisor or BSW Program Director to follow up on registration and completion of the plan of study. Students are expected to complete any missing program prerequisites within the first academic year in the program.

Provisional Admission

Provisionally admitted students are those who do not meet the 2.5 GPA requirement and may also need to complete program prerequisites. The School of Social Work provides for admission exceptions of up to ten percent of the number of undergraduate students regularly admitted to the BSW program. These exceptions will be drawn from the pool of students who apply and meet the criteria established for consideration as a provisional student. These students are expected to improve their overall grade point average in their first term or may be dismissed from the program.

Social Work Program Substitutions or Exceptions

Requests for course substitutions of social work program prerequisites and requirements are reviewed and approved by the BSW Program Director. Upon approval of the course substitution, a course exception is completed

by the BSW Program Advisor and sent to CHPS-Student Academic Services for processing. A copy of the request is filed in the student's folder in the School of Social Work.

If a student has completed social work courses from another accredited social work program, a course description and syllabus for each course needs to be submitted to the BSW Program Director to verify the completion and that it coincides with the UCF School of Social Work curriculum.

Policy on Student Retention in the BSW Program

For a student to remain as a candidate for the BSW, they must:

1. Earn a grade of "C" or better in each required course in the major. This includes program prerequisites, core classes, and social work electives.
2. Comply with the Code of Ethics of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW, <https://www.socialworkers.org/>)
3. Demonstrate personal and professional qualifications: intelligence, initiative, social concern, appreciation for differences in others, self-awareness, problem solving ability, ease in relating to others, a willingness to work directly with and on behalf of diverse populations (adult men and women, persons of African, Asian, Hispanic, or multi-cultural decent, children, persons with disabilities, older adults, gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and gender-neutral individuals; or persons with HIV/AIDS or other physical/mental health concerns, and economically disadvantaged individuals) and have the proclivity and skills to provide services through a variety of helping strategies including but not limited to assessments, contracting, home visits, office interviews, referrals, case management, community evaluations, grant writing, advocacy, education, and follow-up.
4. Meet with the BSW Program Advisor prior to registration each term to review progress, courses, and professional advisement.
5. Maintain an overall grade point average of 2.5 or better in the major for entry into field education and graduate.

Students who, in the judgement of the faculty, are unwilling or unable to meet these expectations may be dismissed from the program. Students who did not reveal arrests, criminal charges, or convictions at the time of application may be dismissed from the Social Work program.

Policies on admission decisions and program retention, and dismissal are outlined in the **BSW Student Handbook**.

Policy on Cultural Diversity Studies/Foreign Language

To develop awareness, sensitivity, understanding, appreciation, and respect for diversity, social work students are required to complete a minimum of six (6) hours in cultural studies that include contact related to race, ethnicity, culture, religion, sexual orientation, disability, etc. A student may complete these courses in any semester. A list of acceptable courses may be found in the student's degree audit, found in the myUCF portal.

Note: Completion of the UCF Foreign Language requirement cannot be used to satisfy the cultural diversity requirement, except for one semester of American Sign Language.

Sample Plans of Study

Each student is expected to meet with the BSW Program Advisor to review all degree requirements and create a personalized plan of study, reflecting all requirements which may include optional minors or certificates and/or general electives to meet UCF graduation requirements.

Points to keep in mind:

1. Courses are only offered during specific semesters, with only a limited number of courses offered in the summer.
2. Courses should be taken sequentially and only when prerequisites have been met.

3. **All required social work courses are expected to be completed either prior to the internship or concurrently in the final two semesters of the program, i.e., Field Education Seminar and Internship.**
4. The internship may only start in the fall semester. Full time and part time students will complete the internship in the spring semester.
5. Students are required to complete at least two social work electives. A full list of social work elective options can be found on page 12 of this document.

Full Time Plan of Study – SAMPLE

Note: This plan assumes a summer term start in the program.

Summer Semester – Junior Year		Summer Semester – Senior Year	
Course	Credits	Course	Credits
SOW 3300 Practice I: Generalist Practice	3	SOW 3620 Culturally Competent SW Practice	3
Program Prerequisite, if needed	3	SOW 4343 Macro-Level Roles & Interventions	3
		SOW 4730 Documentation in Social Work Practice	3
		Total Credit Hours 6-9	
Total Credit Hours 6			
Fall Semester – Junior Year		Fall Semester – Senior Year	
Course	Credits	Course	Credits
SOW 3104 Human Behavior & the Social Environment I	3	SOW 4343 Micro-Level Roles & Interventions	3
SOW 3284 Social Work Perspectives on Social Justice	3	SOW 4730 Documentation in SW Practice, if needed	3
SOW 3300 Practice I: Generalist Practice, if needed	3	Social Work Elective, if needed	3
Social Work Elective, if needed	3	SOW 4515 Field Education Seminar	2
STA 2014 Princ. of Stats or STA 2023 Stat Methods I, if needed	3	SOW 4941 Internship	4
		Total Credit Hours 12-15	
Total Credit Hours 12-15			
Spring Semester – Junior Year		Spring Semester – Senior Year	
Course	Credits	Course	Credits
SOW 3111 Human Behavior & the Social Environment II	3	SOW 4232 Social Welfare Policies & Issues	3
SOW 3352 Practice II: Interpersonal Skills	3	SOW 4341 Macro-Level Roles & Interventions, if needed	3
SOW 3401 Social Work Research	3	Social Work Elective, if needed	3
SOW 3620 Culturally Competent Social Work Practice	3	SOW 4515 Field Education Seminar	1
Social Work Elective, if needed	3	SOW 4941 Internship	5
		Total Credit Hours 12-15	
Total Credit Hours 12-15			

Part Time Plan of Study – SAMPLE

Note: This plan assumes a summer term start in the program.

Summer Semester – Year 1		Spring Semester – Year 2	
Course	Credits	Course	Credits

SOW 3300 Practice I: Generalist Practice Program prerequisite, if needed Total Credit Hours 6	3 3 6	SOW 3111 Human Behavior & the Social Environment II Social Work Elective, if needed Total Credit Hours 6	3 3 6
Fall Semester – Year 1		Summer Semester – Year 3	
Course	Credits	Course	Credits
SOW 3104 Human Behavior & the Social Environment I STA 2014 Princ. of Stats or STA 2023 Stat Methods I Total Credit Hours 6	3 3 6	SOW 4343 Macro-Level Roles & Interventions SOW 4730 Documentation in Social Work Practice Total Credit Hours 6	3 3 6
Spring Semester – Year 1		Fall Semester – Year 3	
Course	Credits	Course	Credits
SOW 3352 Practice II: Interpersonal Skills SOW 3401 Social Work Research Total Credit Hours 6	3 3 6	SOW 4341 Micro-Level Roles & Interventions SOW 4515 Field Education Seminar SOW 4941 Internship Total Credit Hours 9	3 2 4 9
Summer Semester – Year 2		Spring Semester – Year 3	
Course	Credits	Course	Credits
SOW 3620 Culturally Competent Social Work Practice Social Work Elective, if needed Total Credit Hours 6	3 3 6	SOW 4232 Social Welfare Policies & Issues SOW 4515 Field Education Seminar SOW 4941 Internship Total Credit Hours 9	3 1 5 9
Fall Semester – Year 2			
Course	Credits		
SOW 3284 Social Work Perspectives on Social Justice Social Work Elective, if needed Total Credit Hours 6	3 3 6		

Academic Advising

The BSW program has a dedicated advisor to assist each student so they can be successful throughout the program. It is recommended that you schedule an appointment by calling or emailing the BSW Program Advisor. If scheduling remains difficult, the BSW Program Director is also available. You are expected to use advising to plan your academic career, examine your motivation and the appropriateness of your career goals, select courses prior to registration, review progress towards graduation, and discuss any concerns you may have. You are required to meet with your advisor at least once each semester.

Social Work faculty are available to speak with students about careers in social work, research, or their areas of interest.

Financial Aid

There are several sources of financial assistance available to students. Most forms of financial assistance require students to submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA); others may require you to apply for each

semester. The BSW faculty and staff are not able to answer questions regarding your financial aid; students are encouraged to contact the Office of Student Financial Assistance, located in Millican Hall, Room 107. You may contact them by phone at 844/376-9160 or by email at finaid@ucf.edu. Additional information and an appointment scheduler can be found at <https://www.ucf.edu/financial-aid>.

Scholarships

To help students fund their social work degree, the UCF School of Social Work offers several scholarships. All students within the School are encouraged to apply by submitting an application that is available through Access 2 Opportunities website. A list of the scholarships available to social work students can be found here: <https://healthprofessions.ucf.edu/scholarships/social-work-scholarships/>. Social work-specific scholarships include the Patricia Barnes Memorial Endowed Scholarship, Marlene Richmond Quasi-Endowed Scholarship, Judith G. Thames Scholarship, Cheryl Evans Green Scholarship, and Light the Way; other UCF and external scholarships may also be available. Social Work scholarships all require an application and an essay.

BSW Student Association (BSWSA)

The School of Social Work is committed to assisting students in enhancing their learning, networking with community, and providing community service to human services agencies. To accomplish this, we have a strong student association that meets regularly with scheduled meetings and activities. Previous activities have included educational programs and community service projects like the Gift Giving Tree during the holidays, and a food drive. Students have also enjoyed having socials (bowling), helping to coordinate the end of the graduation/celebration for graduating students and facilitating attendance in Tallahassee for the Social Work Legislative Education Day(LED). We encourage students to consider being active in BSWSA.

Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society/Nu Phi Chapter

The Nu Phi Chapter of the Phi Alpha National Social Work Honor Society was established at UCF in the fall of 2006. Its mission is to recognize and promote scholastic achievement among students and faculty in the undergraduate or graduate social work program at the University of Central Florida. The following are the minimum requirements for recommendation for membership: a declared social work major of at least sophomore status and be in the top 35 percent of students in the program, who have completed at least nine (9) credit hours in Social Work and 37.5 percent of the required coursework toward the degree, with a minimum 3.5 grade point average. The national dues and yearly chapter dues are the members' responsibility. Members in good standing may wear the Phi Alpha medallion with graduation regalia. Contact: phialphapresident@gmail.com.

Honors Undergraduate Thesis (HUT)

The Burnett Honors College coordinates the Undergraduate Honors Program, which includes the Honors Undergraduate Thesis (HUT) program. HUT is designed to encourage the best juniors and seniors to undertake original and independent work in their major field. Working closely with a faculty committee, students design an honors thesis or project. The committee consists of a faculty mentor from the student's major program or department who serves as the Thesis Committee Chair, a second faculty from the student's major program or department, and a third faculty from another program or department for a total of three committee members. Additional committee members may be added in consultation with the Thesis Committee Chair (Honors College Handbook). Website: <https://honors.ucf.edu/hut/about/>

Social Work-Related Minors and Certificates

Aging Studies Certificate or Minor

In recognition of the special needs of the older adults in Central Florida, the University offers a 15-credit hour interdisciplinary program leading to a Certificate in Aging Studies (18 credits for the minor). The certificate is open to all students in any major. This certificate/minor prepares students for careers in applied gerontology, research, public service, or for graduate training. Courses focus on the physiological, psychological, sociological, environmental, cultural, legal-ethical, and public policy issues affecting older adults. Students majoring in health professions, biomedical sciences, criminal justice and legal studies, hospitality management, psychology, social work, nursing, sociology, business, exercise science, physical education, communication sciences and disorders or education find study of the aging process especially helpful. Certificates will be awarded only at the time of degree completion.

Students must take the following classes, including a required internship of at least 120 hours; BSW majors must take the 9-credit hour field education course.

Required Courses

GEY 3001 Gerontology: An Interdisciplinary Overview

Required Internship

- SOW 4515 Field Education Seminar (3 credits), SOW 4941 Internship (9 credits) HSA 4850 Health Services Administration Internship (1-99 credits)
- IDS 4947 Internship (1-99 credits)
- PSY 3951 Undergraduate Field Work (1-99 credits)

Restricted Electives (choose three for the certificate, four for the minor)

- SOW 4645 Social Services for the Elderly (3 credits)
- SOW 3740 Social Work Practice with Loss & Life's Transitions (3 credits)
- HSA4220 Long Term Patient Management (3 credits)
- HSA3222 Long Term Care and Administration (3 credits)
- HSC 4564 Health Care Needs of the Elderly (3 credits)
- PLA 4530 Legal Issues of the Elderly (3 credits)
- NUR 4286 Gerontologic Nursing (3 credits)
- DEP 3464 Psychology of Aging (3 credits)
- SYP 4730 Aging in Society (3 credits)
- SYP 4732 Minority Aging & Health (3 credits)
- HFT 3005 Intro to Lifestyle Community & Senior Living Industries (3 credits)

Total Undergraduate Credit Hours Required: 15 for certificate, 18 for minor

Other Requirements

- A minimum grade of "C" or better required in each course to satisfy the certificate/minor.
- At least 12 hours used in the certificate/minor must be earned at UCF within the department.
- No credit by exam (TDS, Military credit) may be used.
- Independent Study cannot be used toward the certificate/minor.

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Children's Services Certificate

This certificate is awarded only to students in the undergraduate social work program. The Children's Services Certificate is designed to help students learn about practice considerations in providing services to children and families. Students are prepared to identify a variety of problems such as child abuse, neglect, childhood trauma, and family dynamics essential for identifying service delivery to this population. The certificate includes both classroom academic work and a specialized field internship. This certificate assists in improving services to children and their families. Certificates will be awarded only at the time of degree completion.

Certificate Admission Requirements

Must be a BSW major.

Certificate Requirements

- Placement in an agency that services children.
- Students need to discuss their interest in the certificate with the Field office when BSW placement are being arranged.

Required Courses

- SOW 3352 Practice II: Interpersonal Skills in Social Work (3 credits)
- SOW 4654 Children's Services (3 credits)
- SOW 4650 Child Abuse: Treatment & Prevention (3 credits)
- SOW 4515 Field Education Seminar (3 credits)¹
- SOW 4941 Internship (9 credits total)

Total Semester Hours Required 18

Other Requirements: none

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Nonprofit Management Minor

The Nonprofit Management minor is related to one of the fastest growing fields in the United States today. Students studying nonprofit management will gain a greater understanding of tools associated with management of these unique organizations, including fundraising, volunteer management, and program planning and evaluation. This minor falls under the College of Community Innovation & Education (CCIE).

Admission requirements: none

Required Classes

- PAD 4144 Nonprofit Organizations (3 credits)
- PAD 4934 Capstone: Nonprofit Leadership Seminar (3 credits)

Students can earn the remaining twelve (12) credit hours by pursuing either the Social Service emphasis or the Public Service emphasis. Students must satisfy all prerequisites for courses. The requirements for each are as follows:

Public Service Emphasis: (complete at least four (4) of the following)

- PAD 4147 Resource Development in the Nonprofit Sector (3 credits)
- PAD 4148 Volunteer Management (3 credits)
- PAD 4153 Planning & Improvement for Public Organizations (3 credits)
- PAD 4325 Program Evaluation for Public & Nonprofit Organizations (3 credits)
- PAD 4104 Administrative Theory (3 credits)
- ENT 4503 Social Entrepreneurship (3 credits)

Social Service Emphasis: (option for BSW students only, complete all the following)

- SOW 3104 Human Behavior & the Social Environment I (3 credits)
- SOW 3284 Social Work Perspectives on Social Justice (3 credits)
- SOW 3401 Social Work Research (3 credits)
- SOW 3352 Practice II: Interpersonal Skills in Social Work Practice (3 credits)

Other Requirements

- Students must earn a “C-“ (1.75) or better in each course.
- Students must earn an overall GPA of 2.0 in the minor.
- At least 6 hours used in the minor must be earned at UCF within the School of Public Administration.
- No credit by exam (TSD, Military credit) may be used.
- Internship or Independent Study credit cannot be used toward the minor without prior approval.

Total Semester Hours Required: 18

For information contact:

College of Community Innovation & Education

School of Public Administration

<https://ccie.ucf.edu/public-administration/nonprofit-management/>

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Spanish for Social Workers Certificate

The Spanish for Social Workers certificate strives for providing students with a strong and solid academic formation through a series of high-quality courses related to social work, behavioral rehabilitation, victim assistance, community development, gerontology, and services to the needy, with an interdisciplinary focus with the collaboration of two different colleges: the College of Arts & Humanities (CAH) and the College of Health Professions & Sciences (CHPS).

The courses offered in the program prepare students to bridge their knowledge across the different areas of Spanish and the key concepts of social work, thus facilitating an easy transition from our academic program to the workforce once this certificate is successfully completed.

This certificate will be awarded only at the time of degree completion.

Certificate Admission Requirements

- Students must demonstrate a foreign language proficiency in Spanish equivalent to third-year college level to be admitted to the certificate program.
- For degree-seeking students only, certificates will be awarded only at the time of degree completion.

Prerequisite Courses: none

Required Courses:

- SOW 3284 Social Work Perspectives on Social Justice (3 credits)
- SPN 4410 Advanced Spanish Conversation (3 credits)
- SPT 3800 Spanish Translation & Interpretation (3 credits)

Restricted Electives (6 total credits):

A list of approved restricted electives can be found in the myKnight audit.

- Social Work upper division course: complete at least one of the following:
 - SOW 3620 Culturally Competent Social Work Practice (3 credits)
 - SOW 4794 Social Work with Immigrants & Refugees (3 credits)
- Spanish upper division course: complete at least one of the following:
 - SPN 3344 Advanced Spanish Native Fluency I (3 credits)
 - SPN 3345 Advanced Spanish Native Fluency II (3 credits)

Total Semester Hours Required: 15

Other Requirements:

- A minimum grade of “C” (2.0) is required in all courses used to satisfy the certificate.
- At least 12 hours used in the certificate must be earned at UCF within the participating departments.
- No credit by exam (TSD, Military credit) may be used.
- Independent Study and substitute courses/new courses are allowed at the director’s discretion.

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Social Work & the Law Certificate

The Social Work & the Law certificate’s goal is to provide students with an understanding of the intersection between social work and the law to comprehend the connections between the disciplines as students work to assist individuals and society. This certificate is appropriate for any student planning to attend law school or graduate studies in social work, and for those planning to work in the court system assisting at-risk populations such as children in the child welfare system, those marginal or disenfranchised individuals unaware of their rights and of services, the elderly, and other groups impacted by the legal system.

Certificate Admission Requirements: none

Prerequisite Courses: none

Required Courses:

Students must satisfy the prerequisites, if any, for each course before enrolling in the class, or obtain consent from the program director or coordinator.

Complete the following:

- PLA 4024 Poverty Law & Community Advocacy (3 credits)
- SOW 4283 Social Work & the Law (3 credits)

Restricted Electives:

Students must satisfy the prerequisites, if any, for each course before enrolling in the class, or obtain consent from the program director or coordinator.

Students must earn at least nine (9) credits in the following classes, selecting at least one class from each college, plus a third class from either the CHPS or CCIE area:

College of Health Professions & Sciences:

- SOW 3284 Social Work Perspectives on Social Justice ** (3 credits)
- SOW 3620 Culturally Competent Social Work Practice ** (3 credits)
- SOW 4794 Social Work with Immigrants & Refugees (3 credits)
- SOW 4754 Forensic Social Work Theory & Practice (3 credits)
- SOW 4650 Child Abuse: Treatment & Prevention (3 credits)

** Required course for students in the BSW program

College of Community Innovation & Education

- PLA 4485 Administrative Law (3 credits)
- PLA 4525 Disability Rights & Protections (3 credits)
- PLA 4530 Legal Issues of the Elderly (3 credits)
- PLA 4806 Domestic Relations Law (3 credits)
- PLA 4813 Juvenile Law & Procedures (3 credits)

Total Semester Credits Required: 15

Other Requirements:

- A minimum overall GPA of 2.5 is required in courses used to satisfy the certificate.
- No credit by exam (TSD, Military credit) may be used.
- Internship or Independent Study credit cannot be used toward the certificate.
- At least 12 hours used in the program must be earned at UCF.
- Course substitutions must be approved in advance by the Program Director of the Legal Studies program or the BSW Program Director in the School of Social Work.

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College of Community Innovation & Education

BSW Core Course Descriptions

All courses are three credits, except where noted.

SOW 3104 Human Behavior & the Social Environment I

Skill development in assessing “person-in-environment” throughout life cycle. Study interaction of bio- psychosocial, cultural, and system influences on human functioning. Open to non-majors and pending social work majors. PR: Junior standing or C.I.

SOW 3111 Human Behavior & the Social Environment II

Development of knowledge and skills in applying theoretical frameworks for human behavior as it relates to persona and environment within families, groups, organizations, and communities. PR/CR: Admission to BSW program and SOW 3104.

SOW 3284 Social Work Perspectives on Social Justice

Examination of the social justice mission of the social work profession. Addresses professional values, the rights of populations served, and justice within practice fields. PR: Junior standing or C.I. Open to non-majors and pending social work majors.

SOW 3300 Practice I: Generalist Practice in Social Work

Study of social work functions, knowledge, values, and skills. Development of ability to use a generalist model of practice. PR: Admission to the Social Work BSW program.

SOW 3352 Practice II: Interpersonal Skills in Social Work

Study and practice of interviewing, group leadership, written communication, and oral presentations, in consensual as well as conflictual contexts of social work. PR: SOW 3300 and admission to the Social Work BSW program.

SOW 3401 Social Work Research

Study of quantitative and qualitative methods of building knowledge for social work and the ethical use of research in professional practice. PR/CR: STA 2014 or STA 2023 and admission to the Social Work BSW program.

SOW 3620 Culturally Competent Social Work Practice

Social work intervention and skill development needed to serve historically oppressed groups for culturally competent social work practice with diverse under-represented groups. PR: SOW 3104, SOW 3284, and admission to the Social Work BSW program.

SOW 4232 Social Welfare Policies & Issues

Development of skills needed to critically analyze social welfare goals, structures, and practices. Proposes improvements in societal resource systems. PR: SOW 3284 and admission to the Social Work BSW program.

SOW 4341 Micro-Level Roles & Interventions

Understand micro practice with individuals, groups, and families using various models of intervention, techniques used within each model, and how to apply in practice. PR: SOW 3300 and SOW 3352.

SOW 4343 Macro-Level Roles & Interventions

Study and simulated practice of roles and tasks in systemic problem solving to obtain and improve social welfare resources within organizations and communities. PR: SOW 3300 and SOW 3352.

SOW 4730 Documentation in Social Work Practice

Development of documentation skills for the delivery of social work services in various agency settings. PR: SOW 3300 and SOW 3352.

SOW 4515 Field Education Seminar (2 credits in fall, 1 credit in spring, 3 credits total)

Weekly seminar to examine the field experience and to relate theory with practice situations. PR: Completion of required core classes and a 2.5 GPA in the major. CR: SOW 4941. For Social Work BSW majors only.

SOW 4941 Internship (4 credits in fall, 5 credits in spring, 9 credits total)

Supervised learning experiences in agencies, which relate social work practice theory, involving 400 clock hours in the field. PR: Completion of required core classes and a 2.5 GPA in the major. CR: SOW 4515. For Social Work BSW majors only.

BSW Elective Descriptions

All courses are three credits, except where noted.

GEY 3001 Gerontology: An Interdisciplinary Overview

Study of Aging from an interdisciplinary perspective that bridges social and behavioral sciences, nursing, social work, allied health, and natural sciences. PR: Junior standing or C.I.

SOW 3740 Social Work Practice with Loss & Life's Transitions

A wide range of losses across the lifespan will be presented from a strengths perspective. Assessment & intervention recognizing cultural differences will be addressed. PR: Junior standing or C.I.

SOW 3803 Mindfulness in Social Work Practice

Study of applications of mindfulness in social work practice with an emphasis on the theoretical foundation and skill development in delivering mindfulness-based interventions

SOW 4148 Introduction to Military & Veteran Culture for Social Work Practice

An introduction to military life providing specific ways to better understand, communicate, and effectively interact with military, veterans, and their families. PR: Junior standing.

SOW 4194 Relationship & Interpersonal Violence: Global Perspectives

Introduction to the types of relationships and interpersonal violence around the world. Social, political, and economic issues related to violence and violence intervention are reviewed. PR: SYG 2000 and SOW 3284.

SOW 4283 Social Work & the Law

An overview of the legal system focusing on the roles social workers play within the courts and the legal processes pertaining to family law, mental health, and child welfare. PR: Junior standing or C.I.

SOW 4322 Social Work Practice with Groups

Provide theories and skills of generalist social work practice with small groups in a wide range of social service agencies and with diverse client populations. PR: SOW 3104 and Junior standing.

SOW 4602 Social Work in Health Settings

Study of social work roles, interventions, and issues related to helping patients in health settings. PR: Junior standing or C.I.

SOW 4645 Social Services for the Elderly

Development of interventive skills for obtaining, providing, and improving social services in behalf of elderly persons and their families. PR: Junior standing or C.I.

SOW 4650 Child Abuse: Treatment & Prevention

The social worker's role and interventions used with survivors of child abuse, those who abuse and neglect children, and how social service systems intervene. PR: SOW 3300 and admission to BSW program or C.I.

SOW 4654 Children's Services

Study of societal responses to children's needs. Development of skills for preventing family breakdown, placing children in alternative care, and reuniting children with their families. PR: Admission to the BSW program.

SOW 4673 Social Work Practice: The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (+) Experience

Sexual orientation and cultural diversity, policies and resources affecting LGBT(+) people, community based therapeutic and preventive interventions with LGBT(+) identifying clients. PR: SOW 3284, SOW 3300, and Junior standing or C.I., CR: SOW 3620.

SOW 4706 Social Work Practice in Addiction and Recovery

Strategies for working with persons who abuse alcohol, other drugs, and substances. PR: Junior standing.

SOW 4754 Forensic Social Work Theory & Practice

The role of social workers within the courts and the criminal justice system. PR: Junior standing or C.I.

SOW 4794 Social Work with Immigrants & Refugees

Social work practice with immigrants and refugees; specifically addressing social policies, program, and legal issues impacting this population from a national and international perspective. PR: SOW 3620 and Junior standing, or C.I.