



2025-2026

SOCIAL WORK MAJOR, B.A.

Social Work Department; College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences

Social work is the professional activity of helping individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities to enhance or restore their capacity for social functioning and create societal conditions favorable to that goal. Social workers at the baccalaureate level are trained as generalist practitioners, this means the social worker has an eclectic theoretical base that utilizes a systems framework to assess a variety of points for possible intervention. If students are trained to understand that life is dynamically interwoven by historical, social, political, and economic forces, then students will be able to comprehensively assess conditions and be prepared to work in a variety of practice environments and levels of intervention, with specific awareness of vulnerable population groups. Areas of practice include, but are not limited to: work in child welfare/foster care/adoption, medical settings, addictions, mental health/counseling, school social work, community development organizations, non-profit management, homeless shelters, crisis intervention, developmental disabilities, grant writing, policy development, juvenile and adult incarceration, etc.

To graduate must complete all major requirements, foundational requirements, and additional electives needed for 124 hour minimum degree requirement.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (58)

Choose one Biology + lab:

- ___ 4 BIO 100+101 Biological Science
- ___ BIO 201+203 General Biology I

Complete:

- ___ 3 PSY 315 Stats for Behavioral Science
- ___ 3 SW 100 Intro to Social Work
- ___ 3 SW 211 Encountering Poverty
- ___ 3 SW 251 Human Behavior Social Envir I
- ___ 3 SW 252 Human Behavior Social Envir II
- ___ 3 SW 302 SW Ethics & Contemporary Practice
- ___ 3 SW 310 SW Practice: Individuals/Families
- ___ 3 SW 331 Intro Research Methods
- ___ 5 SW 340 Practicum I
- ___ 3 SW 390 SW Practice: Groups
- ___ 3 SW 402 Soc Welfare Policies
- ___ 3 SW 410 SW Practice: Communities/Organiztns
- ___ 8 SW 440 Practicum II
- ___ 2 SW 475 Senior Seminar

Choose 6 hours from:

- BTH 300 Bible/Culture/Justice
- BU 211 Principles of Management
- ECN 272 Intro to Microeconomics
- ECN 273 Intro to Macroeconomics
- HIS 202 U.S. History since Reconstruction
- ICS 201 Christianity & World Religions
- ICS 210 Cross-Cultural Life & Leadership
- ICS 322 Contextualization: Christianity/Culture
- ___ 3 ICS 330 The Church in Context
- PHL 343 Political/Social Philosophy
- PS 300 Washington Federal Seminar
- PSY 210 Social Psychology
- PSY 340 Forensic Psychology
- PSY 351 Theories of Psychotherapy
- PSY 360 Abnormal Psychology
- SOC 201 Inequalities in Society
- SOC 311 Sociology of Religion
- ___ 3 SOC 341 Marriage & Family
- SOC 350 Race and Ethnicity
- SOC 353 International Social Issues
- SOC 355 Gender and Society
- SW 311 Social Services for Child/Family
- SW 385 Spirituality in Helping Professions
- SW 391 Independent Study
- SW 393 Seminar
- SW 435 Senior SW Practicum

PLUS FOUNDATIONS REQUIREMENTS (49)

(4 hours Science and 3 hours Foundations Integration satisfied by required major courses.)

Plus electives needed for the 124 hour degree requirement (17)