

SOCIAL WORK, BSW

Social Work students are usually interested in a wide variety of topics related to social justice, human rights, social policy, mental health, and community organizing. Often underlying those interests is a concern for persons who are vulnerable, oppressed, underserved, and living in poverty. Students interested in social work typically have strong oral and written communication skills, an interest in solving social problems, and an enjoyment of working with people from diverse backgrounds.

Mission of the BSW Program: The BSW Program prepares practitioners committed to promoting social justice and improving the well-being of individuals, families, groups, and communities.

Goals of the BSW Program: Graduates of the BSW program will be able to:

- Demonstrate skills in generalist social work practice informed by the best available evidence
- Engage in culturally sensitive and culturally effective social work practice with diverse groups
- Apply social work values and ethics
- Advocate for vulnerable and oppressed populations
- Create sustainable local and global change that improves societal wellbeing

Unique opportunities for BSW students: Some of the unique opportunities the BSW program offers students include:

- Field internship offerings in Washington, D.C., internationally, or in more than 250 social services agencies in Alabama
- A social work honors program
- Research experiences with faculty and graduate students
- Policy and advocacy-focused Washington, D.C. Fly-In program
- Opportunities for service learning
- Community-engaged student organizations

The degree of Bachelor of Social Work requires completion of the courses designated in the following program of study. Elective hours may be used to complete a portion of the University Core Curriculum; additional courses may be required. Students should also review core curriculum requirements in the Academic Records and General Academic Policies section of this catalog. Please note that some courses require proctored exams or skills labs. Students are expected to cover the cost of proctored exams, if applicable. A few courses are not yet available in online format and will need to be completed at another institution.

Note: The School of Social Work reserves the right to make modifications in its program and policies as necessary, but every effort will be made to implement the general program for full-time students.

Social Work Major Courses

Code and Title	Hours
Social Work Major Courses	
SW 100 or Intro Fields SW Practice	3
SW 105 Honors Intro Field of SW Pract	
SW 200 or History Social Welfare US	3
SW 205 Hon Hist. Social Welfare--US	
SW 351 or Anti-Oppression Social Justice	3
SW 355 Hnrs Anti-Opprssn & Soc Justic	
SW 401 or Soc Wel Policy & Services	3
SW 405 Hon Soc Wel Pol & Serv	

SW 410	Human Behav Soc Envir I	3
SW 411	Human Behav & the Soc Envir II	3
SW 420 or	Research Social Work Practice	3
SW 425	Research for SW Pract. Honors	
SW 440	SW Pract with Indiv & Families (**)	3
SW 441	SW Practice with Groups (**)	3
SW 442	SW Practice with Communities (**)	3
SW 443 or	Seminar in Generalist Practice	3
SW 445	Social Work Honors Seminar	
SW 490	Field Education	9
Select two approved Social Work electives		6
Credit Hours Subtotal:		48

Social Work Ancillary Courses		
SW 101	Orientation to Social Work (*)	3
SW 310	Professional Writing Seminar	3
SW 444	Field Preparation Seminar	1
PY 358 or	Psychopathology (***)	3
SW 415	Psychopathology	

Select one of the following Social Psychology Courses:

SOC 205 or	Social Psychology	3
PY 372	Social Psychology	

Select one of the following Statistics courses:

BER 345	Educational Statistics	3
CJ 381	Statistics	
PY 211	Elem Statistical Methods	
SOC 301	Social Statistics	
ST 260	Statistical Data Analysis	

Select two of the following courses in different disciplines. At least one course must carry SB designation

ANT 100	Anthropology and Humanity	6
ANT 102	Intro to Cultural Anthropology	
ANT 103	Discoveries In Archaeology	
ANT 225	Introduction to Global Health	
EC 110 or	Principles of Microeconomics	
EC 112	Honors Prin of Microeconomics	
EC 111 or	Principles of Macroeconomics	
EC 112	Honors Prin of Microeconomics	
GY 105	World Regional Geography	
GY 110	People, Places, & Environment	
PSC 101	Intro American Politics	
PSC 211	State & Local Govt	

Electives	
Select 4 hours of free electives	4
Total Hours	74

Footnotes

* *Online Distance Learning courses may require a proctored exam. Additional charges may be incurred for proctored services. The student is responsible for any proctoring cost.*

** *The online section of this course requires concurrent enrollment in the accompanying skills lab.*

*** This course is not currently available in online format and will need to be completed at another institution.

- 1 Students must have a two-course sequence in either HY or L. Students transferring in HY 103 or HY 104 are required to complete GY 105, SW 419, ANT 225, or a UA Study Abroad course.
- 2 At least one course must hold the SB designation, and the two courses selected must not be from the same department.
- 3 Math courses have prerequisites that must be met.
- 4 A Bachelor of Social Work degree requires a minimum of 120 hours with a Social Work GPA of 2.5 and an overall GPA of 2.25.

numerous public and private agencies that serve individuals and families in need.

Learn more about opportunities in this field at the Career Center

Sample Curriculum Plan (p.)

Freshman

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
EN 101	3	EN 102 or 103	3
PY 101	3	SOC 101	3
SW 100	3	HY 101 or 102	3
SW 101	3	MATH 110	3
Foreign Language	4	Foreign Language	4
16		16	

Sophomore

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Core BSC (with lab)	4	COM 122 or 123	3
Social Behavior (from approved list)	3	SOC 205 or PY 372	3
Fine Art (core curriculum)	3	SW 351	3
SW 200	3	Literature (core Curriculum)	3
SW 310	3	Core Natural Science (with lab)	4
16		16	

Junior

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
SW 401	3	SW 411	3
SW 410	3	SW 441	3
SW 440	3	SW 442	3
Statistics	3	SW 444	1
Social Work Elective	3	Social Behavior (from approved list)	3
15		13	

Senior

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
SW 490	9	HY or LI sequence	3
SW 443	3	HU/L/FA or Free Elective	3
SW 420	3	Social Work Elective	3
		SW 415 or PY 358	3
		Free Elective	1
15		13	

Total Hours: 120

According to the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, social work is one of the fastest growing careers in the United States. Social workers are employed in a variety of career settings, including schools, hospitals, colleges and universities, mental health clinics, senior centers, nursing homes, elected offices, private practices, prisons, military systems, public defender and criminal court systems, corporations, and