

Social Work, BA

Requirements

The Bachelor of Arts with a major in social work requires a minimum of 120 s.h., including at least 56 s.h. of work for the major. Students must maintain a grade-point average (GPA) of at least 2.00 in all courses for the major and in all UI courses for the major. They must also complete the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences GE CLAS Core.

The program draws on a liberal arts perspective and integrates a systemic perspective and understanding of the interconnectedness of people and their environments. The program encourages collaborative learning approaches to support students' development and growth. Knowledge and practice in social work values and ethics are an integral part of students' education. Beginning with the course SSW:1022 Social Justice and Social Welfare in the United States, knowledge and skills related to the social work profession are integrated throughout the curriculum, continuing through practice and research courses, and culminating in SSW:4189 Bachelor of Arts Generalist Practicum Seminar and SSW:4193 Bachelor of Arts Generalist Practicum.

The BA with a major in social work requires the following coursework.

Requirements	Hours
Pre-Social Work Courses	9
Required Course	3
Professional Core Courses	32
Electives	12

Pre-Social Work Courses

Students must earn a grade of C or higher in pre-social work courses to advance into the professional core courses.

Transfer students can view transfer course tables for approved equivalent courses. Students who have taken an introductory course not listed there may contact the School of Social Work for further guidance.

Course #	Title	Hours
SSW:1022	Social Justice and Social Welfare in the United States	3
SOC:1010	Introduction to Sociology	3
PSY:1001	Elementary Psychology	3

Required Course

Students must complete POLI:1100 Introduction to American Politics, preferably before taking SSW:4843 Social Welfare Policy and Practice.

Professional Core Courses

Students may enroll in these courses if they have completed the pre-social work courses with a grade of C or higher, have completed at least 45 s.h., and have a minimum 2.00 overall cumulative GPA.

Course #	Title	Hours
All of these:		
SSW:3840	Human Behavior in the Social Environment	4

SSW:3841	Fundamentals of Social Work Practice	3
SSW:3842	Interpersonal Skills Laboratory	2
SSW:3844	Introduction to Social Work Research	4
SSW:3845	Social Work Processes	4
SSW:3847	Discrimination, Oppression, and Diversity	3
SSW:4189	Bachelor of Arts Generalist Practicum Seminar	1
SSW:4193	Bachelor of Arts Generalist Practicum	8-11
SSW:4843	Social Welfare Policy and Practice	3

Electives

Students complete a minimum of 6 s.h. of social work electives and 6 s.h. of courses in one other approved discipline, or they can select 12 s.h. of coursework in social work. If they opt to complete 6 s.h. from another discipline, students typically select courses in areas closely related to social work, such as African American studies (prefix AFAM); aging and longevity studies (prefix ASP); American studies (prefix AMST); communication studies (prefix COMM); criminology, law, and justice (prefix CRIM); entrepreneurial management (prefix ENTR); global health studies (prefix GHS); journalism and mass communication (prefix JMC); management and entrepreneurship (prefix MGMT); political science (prefix POLI); psychological and brain sciences (prefix PSY); public health (prefix CPH); sociology (prefix SOC); social justice (prefix SJUS); and gender, women's, and sexuality studies (prefix GWSS).

Students who are earning a minor or a certificate may apply up to 6 s.h. from that program of study toward this requirement.