# 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 these 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 changes that improves societal well-being

**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

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Select two approved Social Work electives

**Credit Hours Subtotal:** 48

### Social Work Ancillary Courses

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

**Credit Hours Subtotal:** 48

### Electives

Select 4 hours of free electives

**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 or SW 419.

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 Students must take SW 310 unless they make an A or B on the writing exam in SW 101.

5 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.

Sample Curriculum Plan (p. )

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

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