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.

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 honor’s 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 SW 105  Intro Fields SW Practice  3
SW 200 or SW 205  History Social Welfare US  3
SW 205          Honors History of Social Welfare in the United States  3
SW 351 or SW 355  Oppression & Social Injustice  3
SW 401 or SW 405  Soc Wel Policy & Services  3
SW 405          Hon Soc Wel Pol & Serv  3
SW 410          Human Behav Soc Envir I  3
SW 411          Human Behav & the Soc Envir II  3
SW 420 or SW 425  Research Social Work Practice  3
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 SW 445  Seminar in Generalist Practice  3
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 SW 445  Abnormal Psychology (***)  3
PY 415          Psychopathology  3

Select one of the following Social Psychology Courses:

SOC 205 or SW 205  Social Psychology (***)  3
PY 372          Social Psychology  3

Select one of the following Statistics courses:  3

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

Select two of the following courses in different disciplines. At least one course must carry SB designation  6

ANT 100          Anthropology and Humanity  3
ANT 102          Intro to Cultural Anthropology  3
ANT 103          Discoveries In Archaeology  3
EC 110 or EC 112  Principles of Microeconomics  3
EC 112          Honors Prin of Microeconomics  3
EC 111 or EC 112  Principles of Macroeconomics  3
EC 112          Honors Prin of Macroeconomics  3
GY 105          World Regional Geography  3
GY 110          People, Places, & Environment  3
PSC 101          Intro American Politics  3
PSC 211          State & Local Govt  3

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 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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