

# SOCIAL WORK, BSW

for the degree of Bachelor of Social Work in Social Work

The Bachelor of Science in Social Work can be completed through our traditional program on the Urbana campus or through our upper-level completer program. The traditional program is open to freshmen, off-campus transfers, and inter-campus transfers. Courses are taken on the Urbana campus. The iBSW Program is open to junior-level transfer students. The iBSW program is a two-year degree completion program that allows students to earn their Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree while residing in students' home communities.

The purpose of undergraduate social work education at the School of Social Work is to provide a comprehensive educational experience for students that is grounded in a liberal arts tradition and prepares graduates for excellence in the areas of social work practice, policy, social engagement, and leadership.

Upon degree completion, graduates will be prepared for entry into generalist social work practice, advanced standing in graduate social work education, and a multitude of career opportunities. These can include careers in communications, corrections, education, government, healthcare, human resources, law, non-profit organizations, religious studies, and public service. Obtaining an undergraduate degree in Social Work gives students the opportunity to pursue a License of Social Work (LSW). A BSW degree also makes students eligible to pursue Advanced Standing status in many masters of Social Work (MSW) programs. The advanced standing status enables BSW graduates to receive an MSW in only one year.

The focus of undergraduate curriculum delivery is through a student-centered strengths-based educational model that fosters student understanding by providing a challenging, yet supportive environment of high expectations that encourage the development of well-informed and engaged citizens.

The social work major prepares practitioners for generalist social work practice with individuals, groups, families, and communities. The curriculum requires a minimum of 120 hours for graduation.

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**Departmental Distinction:** The top 10% of the BSW graduating class will graduate with distinction.

**Minimum required major and supporting course work:** A minimum of 53 course hours of social work coursework, which includes 15 credit hours of combined agency-based field practicum (internship) and field seminar.

| Code   | Title  | Hours |
|--|--|-------|
| <b>Communication Skills and Composition</b>      |  |       |
| CMN 101<br>& RHET 105<br>or CMN 111<br>& CMN 112 | Public Speaking<br>and Writing and Research<br>and Oral & Written Comm I<br>and Oral & Written Comm II | 6-7   |

Advanced Composition - SOCW 300 will meet the Advanced Composition Requirement 3-4

## Language other than English

Complete of the third level or equivalent is required for graduation. American Sign Language is also acceptable. 0-9

## Humanities and the Arts

Literature and the Arts 3

Historical and Philosophical Perspective 3

## Social and Behavioral Science

Any course that has been approved as a Social and Behavioral Science course from the General Education course list. 9

## Cultural Studies

U.S. Minority cultures 3

Western cultures 3

Non-Western cultures 3

## Natural Sciences and Technology

Life Science 3

Physical Science 3

## Quantitative Reasoning

SOCW 225 Social Work Statistics

STAT 100 Statistics

ECON 202 Economic Statistics I

EPSY 280 Elements of Statistics

SOC 280 Intro to Social Statistics

PSYC 235 Intro to Statistics

From the approved campus list 3

## BSW Requirements

| Code                   | Title   | Hours |
|------------------------|---|-------|
| SOCW 200               | Introduction to Social Work                             | 3     |
| SOCW 300               |   | 3     |
| SOCW 401               | Practice I  | 4     |
| SOCW 402               | Practice II   | 3     |
| SOCW 403               | Practice III  | 3     |
| SOCW 410               | Social Welfare Pol and Svcs                             | 3     |
| SOCW 427               | Social Work Research Methods                            | 3     |
| SOCW 451               | HBSE I: Human Development                               | 3     |
| SOCW 461               | Professional Practice Seminar I                         | 4     |
| SOCW 470               | Field Practicum & Professional Seminar II               | 15    |
| Social Work electives: |   | 9     |
| SOCW 310               | UG Research Assistance                                  |       |
| SOCW 321               | Social Entre & Social Change                            |       |
| SOCW 325               | International Development with Grassroots Organizations |       |
| SOCW 330               | International Perspectives                              |       |
| SOCW 360               | Social Work and the Military                            |       |
| SOCW 370               | Social Work and Disability Studies                      |       |
| SOCW 380               | Current Topics in Social Work (may be repeated)         |       |
| SOCW 404               | Social Work Case Management Practice                    |       |
| SOCW 412               | Social Work with Latine                                 |       |
| SOCW 416               | Child Welfare Issues & Trends                           |       |
| SOCW 417               | Dementia Care for Older Adults                          |       |

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| SOCW 418                                     | Independent Study             |            |
| SOCW 420                                     | Subst Use in Social Context   |            |
| SOCW 436                                     | Intl SW & Development         |            |
| SOCW 455                                     | Social Work with Women        |            |
| SOCW 475                                     | Undergraduate Research Abroad |            |
| SOCW 480                                     | UG Research Project           |            |
| Total SOCW hours                             |                               | 53         |
| <b>Minimum hours required for graduation</b> |                               | <b>120</b> |

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This sample sequence is intended to be used only as a guide for degree completion. All students should work individually with their academic advisors to decide the actual course selection and sequence that works best for them based on their academic preparation and goals. Enrichment programming such as study abroad, minors, internships, and so on may impact the structure of this four-year plan. Course availability is not guaranteed during the semester indicated in the sample sequence.

Students must fulfill their Language Other Than English requirement by successfully completing a third level of a language other than English. This may require up to three semesters of language depending on high school coursework or placement. For more information, see the corresponding section on the Degree and General Education Requirements page (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/general-information/degree-general-education-requirements/>).

| First Year                                 |           |
|--|-----------|
| First Semester                             | Hours     |
| Free Elective course                       | 2         |
| SOCW 225 (or equivalent statistics course) | 3         |
| General Education course                   | 3         |
| Language Other Than English (3rd level)    | 4         |
| Composition I or General Education course  | 4         |
|  | <b>16</b> |

#### Total Hours 16

| First Year                                |           |
|---|-----------|
| Second Semester                           | Hours     |
| SOCW 200                                  | 3         |
| General Education course                  | 3         |
| General Education course                  | 3         |
| General Education course                  | 3         |
| General Education course or Composition I | 3         |
|   | <b>15</b> |

#### Total Hours 15

| Second Year    |       |
|----------------|-------|
| First Semester | Hours |
| SOCW 300       |       |
| CMN 101        | 3     |

|                          |           |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Free Elective course     | 3         |
| General Education course | 3         |
| Free Elective course     | 3         |
|                          | <b>12</b> |

#### Total Hours 12

| Second Year              |           |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Second Semester          | Hours     |
| SOCW elective course     | 3         |
| General Education course | 3         |
| General Education course | 3         |
| Free Elective course     | 3         |
| Free Elective course     | 3         |
|                          | <b>15</b> |

#### Total Hours 15

| Third Year           |           |
|----------------------|-----------|
| First Semester       | Hours     |
| SOCW 401             | 4         |
| SOCW 451             | 3         |
| SOCW elective course | 3         |
| Free Elective course | 3         |
| Free Elective course | 2         |
|                      | <b>15</b> |

#### Total Hours 15

| Third Year           |           |
|----------------------|-----------|
| Second Semester      | Hours     |
| SOCW 402             | 3         |
| SOCW 410             | 3         |
| SOCW elective course | 3         |
| Free Elective course | 3         |
| Free Elective course | 3         |
|                      | <b>15</b> |

#### Total Hours 15

| Fourth Year          |           |
|----------------------|-----------|
| First Semester       | Hours     |
| SOCW 403             | 3         |
| SOCW 427             | 3         |
| SOCW 461             | 4         |
| Free Elective course | 4         |
|                      | <b>14</b> |

#### Total Hours 14

| Fourth Year     |           |
|-----------------|-----------|
| Second Semester | Hours     |
| SOCW 470        | 15        |
|                 | <b>15</b> |

#### Total Hours 15

#### Total Hours: 120

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Students graduating with the Bachelor of Social Work should be able to:

1. Demonstrate ethical and professional behavior
2. Advance human rights and social, racial, economic, and environmental justice
3. Engage anti-racism, diversity, equity, and inclusion
4. Engage in practice-informed research and research-informed practice
5. Engage in Policy Practice
6. Engage with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities
7. Assess individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities
8. Intervene with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities
9. Evaluate practice with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities

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## School of Social Work

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## Advising

BSW Advising (<https://socialwork.illinois.edu/academics/undergraduate-programs/bsw-advising/>)

## Admissions

School of Social Work Admissions (<https://socialwork.illinois.edu/academics/undergraduate-programs/>)

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Undergrad Admissions (<https://www.admissions.illinois.edu/>)