BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK (B.S.W.) MAJOR IN SOCIAL WORK

Minimum required: 120 semester credit hours

General Requirements

1. The Social Work curriculum is based on and interwoven with the general education core curriculum consisting of 57 semester credit hours, and 6 hours in supportive Social Sciences. Students progress in three phases of the Social Work major, without regard to disability. A social worker must be emotionally and behaviorally stable, must have strong communication skills, must have solid interpersonal relationship-building skills, and must conform to professional ethics. The School of Social Work faculty evaluates whether students meet these criteria and may advise a student at any point to continue in the B.S.W. major or consider another major.

2. For transfer students, 15 semester credit hours may be transferred from a Texas public institution of higher education for the Social Work Field of Study and be applied to the Bachelor of Social Work degree at Texas State University. More information about the Field of Study (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/undergraduate/general-information/academic-policies/texas-legislative-requirements) is available in the Academic Policies section of this catalog.

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3. Majors must complete a minimum of 36 advanced hours (3000 or 4000 level courses).

4. Nine semester credit hours must be writing intensive (WI).

5. The general education core curriculum courses are listed in the degree plan below along with the statewide component code number. See the General Education Core Curriculum (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/undergraduate/general-education-core-curriculum) section of this catalog for the Texas State requirements and options in the core curriculum, including Honors courses.

Phase I: Entry Level Social Work Courses and Specified General Education Core Curriculum Courses

Any student may declare a Social Work major and may enroll in SOWK 1350, SOWK 2375, as well as SOWK elective courses. Social work majors should complete most of the following general education core curriculum and liberal arts courses before applying to Phase II of the Social Work major. They must complete at least 45 credit hours, including the following:

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1 ANTH 2414 Biological Anthropology, BIO 1320 Modern Biology I, BIO 1330 Functional Biology, BIO 1331 Organismal Biology, BIO 1321 Ecology, Evolution, & Society, CHEM 1310 Introductory Chemistry for Non-Science Majors, CHEM 1330 Chemistry for Non-Science Majors, CHEM 1341 General Chemistry I, CHEM 1342 General Chemistry II, GEO 1305 Meteorology, GEOL 1410 Physical Geology, GEOL 1420 Historical Geology, PHYS 1310 Elementary Physics, PHYS 1315 General Physics I, PHYS 1320 Elementary Physics, PHYS 1325 General Physics II, PHYS 1340 Astronomy Solar System, PHYS 1350 Astronomy Stars and Galaxies, PHYS 1430 Mechanics, PHYS 2425 Electricity & Magnetism

2 Math options include MATH 1315, MATH 1316, or MATH 1319.

A minimum 2.50 overall GPA (at the time that final grades post during the semester within which applications are received) is required for the application for Phase II to be fully considered. Students interested in Social Work must contact the College of Applied Arts Academic Advising Center for advisement.

Phase II: Social Work Major

Students submit a formal application for admission to Phase II. Application materials are due to the School of Social Work office by 5:00 p.m. on the third Monday of November for spring admission to the major or the third Monday in April for fall admission to the major. An
Admissions Committee screens applicants, considering academic record and suitability for social work practice, and informs applicants in writing of their decision to admit to full major status, conditionally admit to full major status, or deny admission to full major status. Students admitted to Phase II must attend a mandatory orientation to the major prior to beginning Phase II of the degree program. Information regarding the orientation is provided in the written notification of admission to Phase II of the major. When students are admitted to Phase II, they are eligible to register for the first semester of full major courses.

Admission into Phase II does not guarantee permission to remain in the degree program, nor does it guarantee advancement to Phase III of the major which is Field Placement. Social Work faculty will continuously assess a student’s progress. To be retained, the student must maintain the required minimum Texas State GPA of 2.50. Students must also earn a minimum grade of “C” in each social work course and each supportive course. The School of Social Work outlines academic progress and advancement to graduation requirement, including policies on retaking major courses and sequencing in the Student Handbook. To remain in Phase II, students must agree to adhere to the NASW Code of Ethics, and demonstrate emotional and behavioral stability, competent communication skills, effective interpersonal relationship skills, and high levels of self-awareness.

**Phase III: Field Placement**

Students who have completed all required courses for the B.S.W., excluding SOWK 4645 and SOWK 4650 (Field Placement), demonstrate emotional and behavioral stability, and who have met all the requirements noted above may apply for field placement. Students apply for field placement with the School of Social Work’s Field Office. Students must pass a Phase II Competency Exam and meet all Field Office requirements prior to full advancement into Phase III Field Placement.

The School prefers that students take SOWK 4645 and SOWK 4650 during the same semester, which requires that the student limit his/her enrollment that semester to field placement, totaling 12 hours. Under exceptional circumstances, students may request permission from the Field Coordinator to take SOWK 4645 and SOWK 4650 over two consecutive semesters (6 hours each semester).

To be eligible for graduation a student must complete all degree requirements and must have a minimum Texas State GPA of 2.50 with a GPA of 2.75 in social work and supportive courses. Students seeking either a dual degree or a second bachelors’ degree in Social Work will need to complete all requirements for the B.S.W. degree. Similarly, to be eligible for graduation a student must complete all degree requirements and must have a minimum Texas State GPA of 2.50 with a GPA of 2.75 in social work and supportive courses.

### Course Requirements

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1. Required prior to application for Social Work major.
2. Requires an additional 50 hours volunteering.
3. Social Work Electives:
   - SOWK 2320 Love and Relationships
   - SOWK 3332 Helping Troops Transition Back to their Families and Communities: The Invisible Wounds of War
   - SOWK 4301 School Social Work
   - SOWK 4302 Hip Hop and Social Justice for Individual and Community Change
   - SOWK 4303 Spirituality and Social Work Practice
   - SOWK 4315 Child Welfare
   - SOWK 4318 Social Work and Health Care
   - SOWK 4320 Social Work with Older Adults
   - SOWK 4360 Directed Study in Social Work
   - SOWK 4300A Animal Assisted Therapy
   - SOWK 4300F International Social Work
   - SOWK 4300H Comparative Social Work Ethics in Canterbury
   - SOWK 4300I Social Work and Social Services in Canterbury

4. Students are required to complete fourteen (14) semester credit hours of interdisciplinary electives from a core of disciplines relevant to the social work major (Note: Students must receive a grade of “C” or better for credit). Approved electives are from the following allied disciplines:
   - Psychology
   - Sociology
   - Criminal Justice
   - Anthropology
   - Family and Child Development
   - Consumer Affairs

   Please see the undergraduate catalog for pre-requisites of electives. All electives should be reviewed with College Advising to verify eligibility prior to enrollment.

5. Statistics options include HP 3302 or HP 3325 or CJ 3347 or PSY 2301 or SOCI 3307.