The Bachelor of Social Work with a major in Social Work, which is fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, prepares students to engage in entry-level social work practice, to apply for state social work licensure, and to pursue graduate social work studies. Social Work students must maintain high scholastic standards. They must also develop the capacity to work with people from all walks of life and be sensitive toward all people and the many problems they face.

Admission Process

The Social Work degree requires 54 hours in Social Work and 9 hours in supportive Social Sciences, and builds on liberal arts and the general education core curriculum. The Social Work curriculum is based on and interleaved with the liberal arts/general education core curriculum consisting of 54 semester credit hours. The Social Work major does not require a minor. Students' progress in three phases of the Social Work major, without regard to disability. A social worker must be emotionally and mentally 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 evaluate 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.

Phase I: (Pre-Social Work Major)

Any student may declare a pre-social work major and may enroll in SOWK 1350, SOWK 2375, as well as SOWK elective courses. Social work pre-majors should complete most of their 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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Total Hours: 35

1 Biology is the only acceptable Life and Physical Science for admission to the B.S.W. major regardless of core curriculum requirements.

Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.)

- Major in Social Work (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/undergraduate/applied-arts/social-work/social-work-bsw)
Minor

- Social Work

Courses in Social Work (SOWK)

SOWK 1350 is a prerequisite to all other social work courses except
SOWK 2375, SOWK 3339, SOWK 4315, SOWK 4318, SOWK 4320, and
SOWK 4355.

SOWK 1350. Introduction to Social Work.
This introductory survey course includes the nature, function, and various
types of social work practice, acquainting the student with the history,
scope, and values of the profession.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

SOWK 2375. Social Services in the Community.
This undergraduate course introduces the organizations and policies
involved in social services delivery. Students participate in 50 hours of
work as supervised observers and volunteers in selected social service
agencies.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

SOWK 2320. Love and Relationships.
This elective course explores the nature of attraction, friendship, love, and
human sexuality, enabling students to enhance their own personal and
professional relationships.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

SOWK 3305. Seminar in Human Behavior and Social Environment I.
This undergraduate course provides an overview of human functioning
in the environment by studying eco-systems and developmental
frameworks. It builds knowledge and values for practice with task groups,
organizations, and communities. Prerequisites: Official Social Work
major; complete SOWK 3420 or instructor consent.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

SOWK 3312. Alcoholism and Chemical Dependence.
This elective course focuses on commonly used and abused drugs as
well as the dynamics and treatment of addiction and alcohol abuse.
It emphasizes direct social work interventions aimed at addiction
prevention and treatment.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

SOWK 3332. Helping Troops Transition Back to their Families and
Communities: The Invisible Wounds of War.
The course examines topics at the individual, family, group,
organizational, and community levels related to troops who are returning
from current combat operations and their families. It reviews the needs,
community resources, and policies in place for helping them and their
families make this transition. Prerequisite: Upper division undergraduate
standing or instructor approval.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

SOWK 3339. Selected Topics in Social Work.
Students study relevant social work topics in depth. Topics, such as
social work in prisons or in mental health facilities, are selected
according to students’ needs and professional trends. Repeatable for
credit with different emphases.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

SOWK 3340. Social Work Research.
This undergraduate course builds foundation scientific research skills
in critical thinking, knowledge of program and practice evaluation, and
a philosophy of generalist social work practice. Prerequisites: HP 3302
or HP 3325 or CJ 3347 or PSY 3301 or SOCI 3307; official Social Work
major.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

SOWK 3350. Connecting Policy and Practice.
This course describes contemporary American Social Welfare and
illustrates social work professional practice within policy guidelines.
It focuses on practice with involuntary clients in a variety of agency
texts.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

SOWK 3420. Social Work Practice I.
This undergraduate course studies generalist theory and application
of social work practice with individuals, families, and groups, including
introductory data collection, assessment, intervention planning, and
evaluation. Prerequisites: Official Social Work major. (WI).
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
4 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 1 Lab Contact Hour.
SOWK 3425. Social Work Practice II.
This undergraduate course emphasizes generalist social work practice with task groups, organizations, and communities, examining data collection, assessment, intervention, planning, implementation, and evaluation. Students develop and implement a community-based project. Prerequisites: SOWK 3420; official Social Work major. (WI).

Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Social Work Practice II

4 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 1 Lab Contact Hour.
Course Attribute(s): Lab Required|Writing Intensive

SOWK 4305. Seminar in Human Behavior and Social Environment II.
This undergraduate course integrates knowledge from social sciences and SOWK 3305, focusing on individuals, families, and small groups functioning in environments. It uses a bio-psychosocial perspective, expanding on eco-systems, developmental, and values frameworks. Prerequisites: Official Social Work major; and SOWK 3305. (WI).

Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Seminar in Human Behavior and Social Environment II

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing|Writing Intensive

This undergraduate course focuses on knowledge and skills necessary for effective, ethical, and just practice, exploring interpersonal and institutional dynamics of racism, sexism, heterosexism, homophobia, classism and other forms of oppression and their effects on providing social services to diverse populations. (MC).

Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Diversity and Social Justice in Social Work

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Multicultural Content

This undergraduate elective course analyzes child welfare services available to abused and neglected children in their own homes, in substitute care, and through the community, emphasizing social work intervention with children and their families.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Child Welfare

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

This undergraduate elective course provides a generalist view of social work practice in mental health and public health, considering the social problems that affect health care, and ethical and effective intervention strategies and service delivery systems.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Social Work and Health Care

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

SOWK 4320. Social Work with Older Adults.
This undergraduate elective gives a comprehensive introduction to contemporary social problems, values, and issues affecting older adults, and effective and ethical intervention strategies and service delivery systems.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Social Work with Older Adults

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

SOWK 4355. Policy Practice.
This course is an overview of social policy and legislation and the processes of influencing public policy. It links policy with a broad range of social work service areas.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Policy Practice

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

This course builds skills in self-presentation, in taking responsibility for personal and professional growth, in learning professional behaviors in organizations, and in preparing court testimony. Prerequisite: SOWK 3425 official Social Work major.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Professionalism in Social Work

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

SOWK 4425. Social Work Practice III.
This undergraduate course emphasizes interpersonal and communication skills necessary for effective, ethical generalist social work practice. Students translate theory into helping behaviors through practice and feedback to develop competent skills for beginning field placement. Prerequisites: SOWK 3425; official Social Work major. (WI).

Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Social Work Practice III

4 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 1 Lab Contact Hour.
Course Attribute(s): Lab Required|Writing Intensive

This one-semester undergraduate course highlights individualized reading, independent study and projects, and guided instruction. It is offered to superior students by the professor’s invitation and with the consent of the BSW Coordinator. This course may not be repeated for credit. Prerequisite: official Social Work major.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Directed Study in Social Work

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing

SOWK 4425. Social Work Practice III.
This undergraduate course emphasizes interpersonal and communication skills necessary for effective, ethical generalist social work practice. Students translate theory into helping behaviors through practice and feedback to develop competent skills for beginning field placement. Prerequisites: SOWK 3425; official Social Work major. (WI).

Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Social Work Practice III

4 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 1 Lab Contact Hour.
Course Attribute(s): Lab Required|Writing Intensive

Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Social Work Practice III
Undergraduate students engage in generalist social work in agencies, supervised by licensed social workers and the field coordinator. Students work a minimum of 270 clock hours, attend seminars, and complete assignments. Prerequisites: Completion of all Phase II course requirements, and application to field coordinator.

about Beginning Field Practice in Social Work

6 Credit Hours. 1 Lecture Contact Hour. 20 Lab Contact Hours.

Course Attribute(s): Dual Enrollment Permitted|Time Conflicts Permitted
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

about Advanced Field Practice in Social Work

This undergraduate course extends SOWK 4645. Students, supervised by licensed social workers and the field coordinator, apply advanced generalist techniques for a minimum of 270 clock hours, attending seminars, and completing assignments. Prerequisites: Completion of all Phase II course requirements, and application to field coordinator.

about Advanced Field Practice in Social Work

6 Credit Hours. 1 Lecture Contact Hour. 20 Lab Contact Hours.

Course Attribute(s): Dual Enrollment Permitted|Time Conflicts Permitted
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