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 interwoven 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 Phase I: (Pre-Social Work Major) to continue in the B.S.W. major or consider another major. Students meeting these criteria and may advise a student at any point to continue in the B.S.W. major or consider another major.

Phase II: (Social Work Major)

To be eligible for admission to Phase II, students must meet the following criteria and may advise a student at any point to continue in the B.S.W. major or consider another major.

Phase III: (Field Placement)

To be eligible for graduation a student must complete all degree requirements and must have a 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 the academic progress and advancement to graduation in relation to retaking major sequence coursework in the student handbook. To remain in Phase II, students must also agree to adhere to the NASW Code of Ethics and must demonstrate emotional and mental stability, competent communication skills, interpersonal relationship skills, and high levels of self-awareness.

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. 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.
about Introduction to Social Work
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
TCCN: SOCW 2361

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.
about Love and Relationships
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

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.
about Social Services in the Community
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

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.
about Seminar in Human Behavior and Social Environment I
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Seminar in Human Behavior and Social Environment I

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.
about Alcoholism and Chemical Dependence
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

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.
about Helping Troops Transition Back to their Families and Communities:
The Invisible Wounds of War
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

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.
about Selected Topics in Social Work
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Selected Topics in Social Work

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.
about Social Work Research
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

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
contexts.
about Connecting Policy and Practice
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

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).
about Social Work Practice I
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 I
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).
about Social Work Practice II
4 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 1 Lab Contact Hour.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Social Work Practice II

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

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).
about Diversity and Social Justice in Social Work
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Multicultural Content
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Diversity and Social Justice in Social Work

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.
about Child Welfare
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Child Welfare

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.
about Social Work and Health Care
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Social Work and Health Care

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.
about Social Work with Older Adults
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Social Work with Older Adults

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.
about Policy Practice
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Policy Practice

This course builds skills in self-presentation, in taking responsibility for personal and professional growth, in learning professional behaviors in organizations, and in presenting court testimony. Prerequisite: SOWK 3425 official Social Work major.
about Professionalism in Social Work
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Professionalism in Social Work

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.
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
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Directed Study in Social Work

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).
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.
6 Credit Hours. 1 Lecture Contact Hour. 20 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Dual Enrollment Permitted/Time Conflicts Permitted
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

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.
6 Credit Hours. 1 Lecture Contact Hour. 20 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Dual Enrollment Permitted/Time Conflicts Permitted
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

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