SOCIAL WORK, BS

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Description

The undergraduate professional social work program offers a 120 credit Bachelor of Science degree. The goals of this program, in order of priority, are as follows:

- To prepare undergraduate students for competent and effective generalist professional practice by developing the requisite social work knowledge, values, and skills, and
- To prepare undergraduate students for continuing professional education and/or graduate education.

The social work program is based on the concept of ecological systems, which maintains that the fundamental focus of social work practice is on the transactions of people and their environments, and on the constant state of reciprocity in which each shapes the other. Social work intervention aims to promote the progressive forces and minimize the regressive forces in those transactions. The curriculum incorporates instruction in five professional foundation areas: social welfare policy and services, human behavior in the social environment, research, social work practice, and field practicum. Instruction in these areas builds upon a carefully chosen and strong behavioral sciences, and the natural sciences taken within the College of Arts and Sciences.

The program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

Intra-University Transfer

Social Work, BBSSW, Intra-University Transfer (IUT) Process

Deadlines for applying: **November 15** (Spring Entry) and **April 15** (Fall Entry)

Students who meet the following criteria will be considered (on a space available basis) for intra- university transfer and/or declaration of major in social work:

1. Students with a cumulative GPA of 2.8 or higher, who are in good standing at the university and who have expressed an interest in pursuing the social work profession will be considered for transfer to the major.
2. Students must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours at Syracuse University.
3. Students must have a minimum of four (4) semesters of study remaining at the university to complete the social work degree within a four-year time frame.
4. Students must complete and submit an SWK Intra-University Transfer Interest Form
5. After submission of the interest form, students will be contacted to schedule a meeting with the Baccalaureate Social Work (BSSW) Program Director to discuss their interest in the major and to develop a plan for degree completion prior to being formally accepted.

Please visit the social work webpage for additional information.

Study Abroad

SU-Abroad sponsors study opportunities in England, France, Germany, Israel, Italy, Spain, Chile, Australia, and Hong Kong. with careful planning, students can satisfy other degree requirements while developing sensitivity to cultural differences through these programs.

For social work students, the general plan for study abroad involves taking some core courses normally taken during Junior year during the sophomore year (for those students planning to travel abroad during Junior year).

The time abroad is usually used for humanities courses (e.g. English, history, fine arts, or other site-specific opportunities) or electives. To ensure graduating on schedule, it is essential for students to carefully plan for the entire four-year experience so that everything will fit as needed.

Note

Experience Credit - Students may earn elective academic credit for volunteer or paid work experience in social service agencies that occurs while they are enrolled in the baccalaureate social work program.

Learning contracts must be made for that experience before engaging in the experience and usually involve an agreement between the student, a supervising agency staff member, and an appropriate faculty member. Registration forms for Experience Credit are available in the program director's office. Experience credit cannot take the place of a student's senior field practicum. Academic credit is not awarded for life or work experience achieved prior to matriculation in the program. For more information, contact the Social Work Undergraduate Program Director.

Student Learning Outcomes

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 (ADEI) in Practice
4. Engage in Practice-Informed Research and Research-Informed Practice
5. Engage in Policy Practice
6. Engage with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Community
7. Assess Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Community
8. Intervene with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Community
9. Evaluate Practice with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Community

Code	Title	Credits
University Requirement		
In addition to FYS 101, the BS in Social Work requires completion of an IDEA course (chosen from a select list) - The IDEA course may count as a liberal arts, departmental course, or elective depending on the course chosen. Please see the undergraduate course catalog for a full listing of IDEA courses.		
FYS 101	First Year Seminar	1
Major Requirements		
SWK 201	Social Work Practice Skills Laboratory I	3

SWK 202	Social Work Practice Skills Laboratory II	3
SWK 301	Foundations of Social Work Practice	3
SWK 314	Social Welfare Policy and Services I	3
SWK 315	Social Welfare Policy and Services II	3
SWK 326	Persons in Social Context	3
SWK 328	Human Diversity in Social Contexts	3
SWK 361	Foundations of Social Work Research	3
SWK 375	Field Experience Pre-Planning	0
SWK 401	Strategies of Social Work Intervention I	3
SWK 402	Strategies of Social Work Intervention II	3
SWK 435	Field Practicum I	5
SWK 436	Field Seminar I	1
SWK 445	Field Practicum II	5
SWK 446	Field Seminar II	1
Liberal Arts		
Expository Writing		*6*
WRT 105	Studio 1: Practices of Academic Writing	
WRT 205	Studio 2: Critical Research and Writing	
Quantitative Skills		*6-8*
MAT 121	Probability and Statistics for the Liberal Arts I	4
or MAT 221	Elementary Probability and Statistics I	
MAT 122	Probability and Statistics for the Liberal Arts II	4
or MAT 222	Elementary Probability and Statistics II	
or PSY 252	Statistical Methods II	
Humanities Divisional Perspectives		
Social work students must complete 12 credits in the humanities divisional perspective defined in the liberal arts core of the College of Arts and Sciences. More detail is offered in the publication, "Liberal Arts Core."		12
Natural Sciences Divisional Perspective		
BIO 121	General Biology I	3
Select one of the following:		3
ANT 131	Introduction to Biological Anthropology	
BIO 123	General Biology II	
PSY 223	Introduction to Cognitive Neuroscience	
PSY 315	Drugs and Human Behavior	
PSY 395	Mental Health Disorders	
NSD 225	Nutrition in Health	
Social Sciences Divisional Perspective		
Required		
PSY 205	Foundations of Human Behavior	3
PSY 374	Social Psychology	3
Choose 1 course from each of the following groups		18
ANT 112	Introduction to African American Studies	3
or ANT 121	Peoples and Cultures of the World	
ECN 101	Introductory Microeconomics	3
or ECN 102	Introductory Macroeconomics	
PSC 121	American National Government and Politics	3
or PSC 122	American State and Local Government and Politics	
PSY 335	Psychology of Childhood	3
or PSY 336	Psychology of the Adolescent	
or HFS 202	Development of Children	
SWK 357	Processes of Aging	3
or HFS 363	Midlife Development and Gerontology	
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology	3
or SOC 102	Social Problems	
Electives to reach 120-degree applicable credits		
Total Credits		**123-125**

Undergraduate University Requirements

The following requirements and experiences apply to all Syracuse University Undergraduate matriculated degree programs.

- IDEA Course Requirement (https://coursecatalog.syracuse.edu/undergraduate/university-requirements/idea-course-requirement/)
- First Year Seminar (https://coursecatalog.syracuse.edu/undergraduate/university-requirements/first-year-seminar/)