BSW in Social Work

Degree Program Description

The Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) Program is a professional program that prepares students for immediate entry into direct human service professional positions, graduate-level education, and life-long learning. BSW-level social workers assist individuals, families, small groups, organizations, and communities to effectively resolve problems, deal with their relationships, and function optimally within their environment. Graduates are employed in many different settings, including nursing homes, hospices, hospitals, home care agencies, family service agencies, children and youth services, aging services, residential treatment programs, domestic violence shelters, criminal justice agencies, schools, and legal services agencies.

Major Program Requirements

Required Entry-Level Courses: Specific liberal arts requirements for graduation are listed below (* denotes a prerequisite course to the BSW professional program that must be completed before beginning social work core courses).

Students must complete all university requirements (http://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/universityrequirements), including general education (http://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/generaleducationrequirements), in addition to the degree requirements below.

Degree Core Requirements

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<td>Humanities (grades must be in the &quot;C&quot; range or higher)</td>
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<td>PHIL 1000</td>
<td>The Big Questions: An Introduction to Philosophy</td>
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<td>PHIL 1100</td>
<td>The Difference Between Right and Wrong: An Introduction to Ethics</td>
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<td>How to Think: Logic and Reasoning for Everyday Life</td>
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<td>General Principles and Concepts of Biology (with a minimum grade in the C range)</td>
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<td>Introduction to Biological Systems with Laboratory</td>
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<td>General Biology Laboratory</td>
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<td>LAB SC</td>
<td>Lab Science AND Physical or Mathematical Science</td>
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<td>Social Statistics ((Required for all BSW Professional Program Students))</td>
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<td>ESC_PS 4170</td>
<td>Introduction to Applied Statistics</td>
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Social science (grades must be in the "C" range or higher)

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<td>HIST 1100</td>
<td>Survey of American History to 1865</td>
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<td>HIST 1400</td>
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<td>HIST 2210</td>
<td>Twentieth Century America</td>
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<td>U.S. Society Between the Wars 1918-1945</td>
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<td>Understanding Personality in a Social Context</td>
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Exploration of Power, Privilege, & Oppression (6 hours)

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<td>Human Behavior in the Social Environment - Writing Intensive</td>
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<td>Social Justice and Social Policy</td>
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<td>Variations in Human Behavior</td>
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<td>Introduction to Social Work Practice</td>
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<td>Introduction to Community and Organizational Processes</td>
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<td>SOC_WK 4750</td>
<td>Interaction Skills Workshop</td>
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<td>Theory and Practice of Social Group Work</td>
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<td>SOC_WK 4770</td>
<td>Strategies of Direct Practice</td>
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<td>SOC_WK 4951</td>
<td>Research for Social Work Practice - Writing Intensive</td>
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<td>SOC_WK 4952</td>
<td>Research Methods for Social Work - Writing Intensive</td>
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1 **SOC_WK 2220W, SOC_WK 2000W, SOC_WK 4951W, SOC_WK 4952W, SOC_WK 4770W** are all required courses. No additional courses are required for the Writing Intensive (WI) requirement toward graduation.

2 Humanities include art and music history and appreciation classes, classical studies courses, foreign civilization courses, literature courses in English or other languages and religious studies courses. Applied art and music performance courses do not count toward the humanities requirement. Students are urged to check with their advisor before selecting courses.

3 One course in humanities or biological, physical or mathematical sciences must be at the 2000 level or higher.

4 Exploration of Power, Privilege & Oppression: Social Work BSW majors are required to take SOC_WK 2000W to count for three (3) credit hours of the six (6) credit hours requirement. Students should select one additional course that reflect the cultural diversity of our society; often selected from social work, sociology, anthropology, peace studies, English, religious studies, human development and family science, black studies, and women and gender studies. Students are urged to check with their advisor before selecting courses.

5 In addition to the above liberal arts requirements and the 50-credit Professional BSW Core (inclusive of SOC_WK 2220W), students select electives to reach the total credit requirement. SOC_WK 1115 Social Welfare and Social Work is strongly recommended.

**Capstone Requirements**

All students accepted into the professional BSW program must take SOC_WK 4971 Undergraduate Field Practicum and SOC_WK 4970 Senior Professional Seminar to complete their capstone requirement. Please note: As a student, if you have acquired any criminal background history which includes misdemeanors or felony charges your choices of placements may be affected. In an effort to assist you we strongly encourage you to make an appointment with the Director of the Undergraduate Program to assist in facilitating options for your completion of educational requirements.

**Basic Skills Credit Limitations**

No more than 4 credits may be taken from “skills” courses to count toward the required 120 credits. More skill classes may be taken, but will be in excess of the 120 credits. Examples of skills courses are applied art and music performance classes, computer skills, self-defense and first aid.

**Semester Plan**

Below is a sample plan of study, semester by semester. A student’s actual plan may vary based on course choices where options are available.

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