

SOCIAL WORK (B.S.)

Evening courses are available. Evening and weekend field practicum is available on an extremely limited basis.

The Social Work program is designed to begin in the fall semester. The program may accept a student in the spring or summer semester.

Bachelor of Science Program

Program Code: BS-SP

Major Code: SWK

Social Work Department

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The social work program prepares students for social work practice at the first professional level. Consistent with accreditation standards, the social work courses cover the following areas: human behavior and the social environment, social welfare policy and services, intervention methods, research, values and ethics, diversity, social and economic justice, populations at risk, and field instruction.

Social work is an upper-division major that builds on a liberal arts base. Academic evaluation includes GPA, class performance, and conduct that is ethical and professional. Interested students should contact the department for specific information on these academic standards.

Admission Requirements

At the time of application, students are required to have:

- Completed 45 credit hours
- Attained a minimum GPA of 2.5.
- Successfully completed the SUNY Buffalo State required college Writing (CWP 101/CWP 102 with a "C" or better).
- Human Biology (BIO 101 or BIO 308).
- SOC 100
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Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
	General Education 23 Requirements (http://ecatalog.buffalostate.edu/undergraduate/collegewide-degree-requirements-baccalaureate-degrees/#IF_Courses)	33 credit hours
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Social Work Major Requirements (51 credit hours)

SWK 101	INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL WORK	3
	or SWK 220 INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL WORK	
SWK 201	PROFESSIONAL SKILLS FOR SOCIAL WORKERS	3
SWK 230	INTERSECTIONALITY OF DIFFERENCE	3
SWK 302	SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY	3
SWK 330	FOUNDATIONS OF SOCIAL WORK	3
SWK 340	SOCIAL WORK THEORY AND ASSESSMENT	3
SWK 350	SOCIAL WORK IN ACTION	3
SWK 400	EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE	3
SWK 493 & SWK 494	FIELD PRACTICUM I and FIELD PRACTICUM II	12
SWK 494	FIELD PRACTICUM II	6
SWK 497	INTEGRATIVE SEMINAR II	3

Electives

Choose four courses from the following (12 credit hours): **12**

CAS 301	PERSPECTIVES ON CHILD ABUSE AND ADVOCACY	
CAS 302	GLOBAL CHILD ADVOCACY ISSUES	
CAS 401	PROFESSIONAL AND SYSTEMIC APPROACHES TO CHILD ABUSE AND MALTREATMENT	
SWK 301	POVERTY AND PUBLIC POLICY	
SWK 335	MENTAL HEALTH AND SOCIAL WORK	
SWK 424	GROUPS	
SWK 425	SOCIAL WORK WITH FAMILIES	
SWK 429	POLICY PRACTICE	
SWK 485	SENIOR SEMINAR	
SWK 499	INDEPENDENT STUDY	

All College Electives

30-36 credit hours	30-36
Total Credit Hours	120

Students will acquire:

1. The skills required to work with clients who are diverse in race, ethnicity, gender, class, sexual orientation, ability, and religion.
2. The history of the social work profession and social welfare policy; existing policy and services; and methods to analyze social welfare policy
3. The value and use of the scientific method to assess social work theory and practice
4. The knowledge and skills learned from a liberal arts education, including writing, logical thinking and analysis, human origins, government processes, aspects of social institutions, and psychological functions
5. Policies, procedures, funding sources, structures, functions, rules, and regulations of community agencies