

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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Council on Social Work Education Accredited

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).
- PSY – Any 3 credit hour Psychology course **or** SPF 302 – Educational Psychology: Elementary Education **or** AP Psychology from high school.
- SOC – Any 3 credit hour Sociology course.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
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General Education 23 Requirements (http://ecatalog.buffalostate.edu/undergraduate/collegewide-degree-requirements-baccalaureate-degrees/#IF_Courses)

33 credit hours	33
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Social Work Major Requirements (51 credit hours)

SWK 220	INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL WORK	3
SWK 301	POVERTY AND PUBLIC POLICY	3
SWK 307	HUMAN BEHAVIOR IN THE SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT I	3
SWK 308	HUMAN BEHAVIOR IN THE SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT II	3
SWK 317	RESEARCH METHODS IN SOCIAL WORK	3
SWK 320	SOCIAL SERVICES ORGANIZATIONS	3
SWK 419	SOCIAL WELFARE POLICY	3
SWK 422	ASSESSMENT AND ENGAGEMENT	3
SWK 423	INTERVENTIVE METHOD	3
SWK 424	GROUPS	3
SWK 429	POLICY PRACTICE	3
SWK 493 & SWK 494	FIELD PRACTICUM I and FIELD PRACTICUM II	12
SWK 496	INTEGRATIVE SEMINAR I	3
SWK 497	INTEGRATIVE SEMINAR II	3

All College Electives

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