



College of Social Work

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SOCIAL WORK MAJOR

Social work is a helping profession which focuses on providing skilled intervention in the prevention and amelioration of individual and societal problems. It is a challenging and rewarding career involving the application of knowledge, skills, and professional values to assist individuals, families, groups, and communities in reaching their potential. The primary mission of the undergraduate social work program is to develop generalist social workers who are strategic thinkers, life-long learners, and opinion shapers. It is the purpose of the college to provide an education which enhances individual and career development and fosters involvement on behalf of social and economic justice.

The program prepares students for social work careers in such diverse areas as schools, youth programs, family service agencies, nursing homes, courts, mental health, and welfare agencies. The degree provides graduates a competitive advantage in many jobs, the possibility of up to one year's standing in some master's degree programs in social work, and the potential to be licensed in a number of states throughout the nation.

The social work curriculum builds on a strong liberal arts base. The humanities and the social and behavioral sciences are emphasized to help students understand human diversity and the transactions between people and their environment. The curriculum combines classroom experience and agency-based field placements. Courses provide a knowledge base in social work practice theory, human behavior, social welfare policy, and research. Educationally directed field placements, which consist of over 600 clock hours of supervised field instruction in agency settings throughout greater Knoxville, provide extensive and challenging opportunities for students to apply the lessons of the classroom to the needs of society. The program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

The undergraduate social work program (Bachelor of Science in Social Work) started in 1982 in the College of Liberal Arts. It was granted initial accreditation by the Council on Social Work Education in January 1983, and reaffirmation was given in 1992 and 2001. The program was transferred to the College of Social Work in September 1985. The three programs, Bachelor of Science in Social Work, Master of Science in Social Work, and Doctor of Philosophy, in the college represent the full continuum of social work education.

Facilities

The College of Social Work is housed in Henson Hall, located on the corner of Cumberland Avenue and Volunteer Boulevard on the UT Knoxville campus. This building houses the administrative and faculty offices, along with classrooms for the BSSW, MSSW and PhD programs. Video and computer resources are available to facilitate instruction.

Graduate Program

The College of Social Work offers a fully accredited two-year graduate professional degree at the master’s level (MSSW). The college also offers a graduate program leading to a Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work (PhD). Information concerning graduate programs is given in the *College of Social Work Bulletin* and also in the *Graduate Catalog*. Master’s degree programs are offered on the campus in Knoxville and in Nashville and Memphis. The PhD program is offered in Knoxville.

Grading Policy

The Satisfactory/No Credit option is not permitted in the major. The minimum acceptable grade for all social work courses is a C. Courses, other than field, in which a D or F is achieved may be repeated once. Field courses must be completed with a C or better and may not be repeated.

A student receiving a grade of incomplete (I) in any social work course must remove the Incomplete before enrollment in subsequent field practice.

Course Load

The maximum credit hours per semester allowed for any student is 19. Special permission is needed for any overload.

Progression Requirements

Students admitted to the university may request a faculty advisor from the College of Social Work. Prior to enrolling in upper-division social work courses, students in the college must successfully complete Social Work 200 and 250 with a grade of C or better, be in good academic standing, and have fulfilled most lower-division and General Education course requirements. Students in the college are encouraged to participate in community service and/or volunteer activities at a social service agency in advance of upper-division social work coursework. Students are advised that several field placement agencies and licensing boards require successfully passing a criminal background check.

Requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Social Work

First Year	Hours Credit
English 101, 102*	.6
¹ Foreign Language (Intermediate Level)*	.6
Mathematics 113*	.3
Biology 101, 102*	.8
Social Work 200	.3
Psychology 110*	.3
Communication Studies 210*	.3
Second Year	
² Arts and Humanities*	.6
³ Cultures and Civilization (History Sequence)*	.6
Psychology 220	.3
Social Work 250	.3
Economics 201*	.4
Political Science 101	.3
Anthropology 130*	.3
Elective	.3
Third Year	
Social Work 312, 313, 314*	.9
Social Work 316	.3
Mathematics 115*	.3
Social Work 310, 380	.6
Child and Family Studies 220*	.3
Elective	.3

Fourth Year

Social Work 412, 416	.6
Social Work 480, 481	.12
Social Work 460	.3
Electives	.9
Total 120	

* Meets University General Education Requirement.

- 1 Students are required to complete a two-course sequence in a foreign language at the intermediate level. Educational Interpreting 223 and 226 will fulfill the foreign language requirement but will not meet the University General Education Requirement.
- 2 See Arts and Humanities—University General Education Requirement. Select two courses from the list in the Undergraduate Catalog.
- 3 One of the following sequences may be selected – Africana Studies 235-236; Asian Studies 101-102; History 241-242; History 261-262; Latin American Studies 251-252; Medieval Studies 201-202; Religious Studies 101-102.

Intercollegiate/Interdisciplinary Minor in Gerontology

An intercollegiate/interdisciplinary undergraduate minor in gerontology is available. See Department of Exercise, Sport, and Leisure Studies in the College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences for required courses.