

## Social Work

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### Objectives

The bachelor of social work program prepares students for positions as generalist social work practitioners in human services agencies, who are:

- Strongly committed to the goals, values, and ethical standards of the social work profession;
- Able to provide quality services that promote the optimal well-being of individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities; and
- Committed to redress social inequities.

The program also seeks to provide a sound academic foundation for students who choose to pursue graduate study in social work.

Building on the foundations of the university's liberal arts core, its history of Catholic social teaching, and the Jesuit educational mission, the program seeks to prepare its students with the knowledge and skills to analyze social inequity and oppression in its manifest forms. Building on the collaborative nature of the department and college in which it is situated, the program fosters an interdisciplinary approach to the understanding of social and economic injustices and how they have developed over time, how social forces influence human lives and in turn how individual and community initiatives can work toward the common good and the well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.

The major also strives to prepare students for practice in a diverse and increasingly global environment by promoting openness to, learning from, and respect for people of all faiths, cultures, and traditions.

### Degree Offered

Bachelor of Social Work

### Majors Offered

Social Work

Social Work with Departmental Honors

### Minor Offered

Social Welfare

### Accreditation

Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)

### General Program Requirements

Students may declare a major in social work at any point from admission to Seattle University through fall of the junior year. Declaring the major as early as possible is encouraged so that students formally come to the program for all their advising. Students are asked to meet regularly with their advisors given the sequenced nature of the curriculum. Social Work majors may choose any minor.

Social Work majors must obtain a minimum grade of C (2.00) or better in required courses, (SOCW 250, 300, 301, 303, 304, 310, 317, 403, 404, 410, 411, 460-2).

## Academic Progression in Social Work

Majors are required to apply for formal admission as a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree candidate in the fall of their junior year. Admission requirements include: junior level standing, an overall GPA of 2.50, and completion of Phase One and Social Science I and II of Phase Two of the Core, and BIOL 101 (or its equivalent). Acceptance as a bachelor of social work (BSW) degree candidate is based on faculty review of completed applications which contain a personal statement, academic transcripts, three letters of reference, and a Washington State Patrol criminal background check. Students are referred to the Social Work Program Student Handbook and an Application packet for a more detailed description of the application process. Eligibility to progress in the major and receive the BSW degree is contingent on acceptance as a degree candidate.

Students complete a 450-hour Field Practicum (SOCW 470-2) during their senior year. Students are placed at social service agencies and are supervised by approved social work professionals. The Social Work Program Handbook provides a more detailed description of the Program's Field Education.

Extensive advising about social work as a career, the BSW program, and admissions procedures is available to all interested students from the program director. Please contact the director or the program administrative assistant for more information.

## Bachelor of Social Work Major in Social Work

In order to earn the bachelor of social work degree, students must complete a minimum of 180 credits with a cumulative and a program/major grade point average of 2.00, including the following:

### I. Core Curriculum Requirements

ENGL 110	College Writing: Inquiry and Argument .....	5
PHIL 110	Introduction to Philosophy and Critical Thinking .....	5
HIST 120	Origins of Western Civilization .....	5
ENGL 120	Introduction to Literature .....	5
MATH 107 or 110 or above	.....	5
Lab Science	(Biology 101 required).....	*5
Fine Arts (one approved 5 credit course; see course descriptions)	.....	5
PHIL 220	Philosophy of the Human Person.....	5
Social Science I (ANTH/SOCL allowed, not SOCW)	.....	5
Social Science II (ANTH/SOCL allowed, not SOCW and different discipline from social science I)	.....	5
Theology and Religious Studies Phase II (200-299)	.....	5
Ethics (upper division)	.....	5
Theology and Religious Studies Phase III (300-399)	.....	5
Interdisciplinary (ADST 480 required)	.....	*3
Senior Synthesis (SOCW 490 Social Work Research III: Capstone required)	.....	*3

\*Included in major GPA. SOCW 490 must be graded C (2.00) or better.

### II. College of Arts and Sciences Requirements

Modern language 115, 125, 135, or equivalent ..... 15

**NOTE:** All students with a major in the College of Arts and Sciences must demonstrate competency in a language other than English through the 135 level. This competency is ordinarily achieved by successful completion of the three course sequence: 115, 125, and 135. Because these courses are a college requirement, no course in the sequence may be taken on a pass-fail, correspondence, or audit basis. Placement

into other than the beginning course of the sequence is achieved by acceptable performance on the Modern Language Competency Examination. See the Modern Languages Department for details on the examinations. Courses used to satisfy the College of Arts and Sciences modern language requirement may not be used to fulfill social work major requirements.

Choose one of the following two courses .....	5
<b>HIST 121</b>	<b>Studies in Modern Civilization</b>
<b>HIST 231</b>	<b>Survey of the United States</b>

### III. Major Requirements

62 credits in social work, including:

<b>SOCW 250</b>	<b>Introduction to Social Work</b> .....	<b>*5</b>
<b>SOCW 300</b>	<b>Human Behavior in the Social Environment</b> .....	<b>*3</b>
<b>SOCW 301</b>	<b>Human Development and Social Work</b> .....	<b>*3</b>
<b>SOCW 303</b>	<b>History of U.S. Social Welfare Policy</b> .....	<b>*5</b>
<b>SOCW 304</b>	<b>Contemporary Social Policy and Services</b> .....	<b>*5</b>
<b>SOCW 310</b>	<b>Practice I: Social Work with Individuals and Families</b> .....	<b>*5</b>
<b>SOCW 317</b>	<b>Race and Ethnicity</b> .....	<b>*5</b>
<b>SOCW 403</b>	<b>Social Work Research I: Methods</b> .....	<b>*3</b>
<b>SOCW 404</b>	<b>Social Work Research II: Data Analysis</b> .....	<b>*3</b>
<b>SOCW 410</b>	<b>Practice II: Social Work with Groups</b> .....	<b>*3</b>
<b>SOCW 411</b>	<b>Practice III: Social Work with Organizations and Communities</b> .....	<b>*5</b>
<b>SOCW 460-2</b>	<b>Field Seminar I, II, III</b> .....	<b>*3</b>
<b>SOCW 470-2</b>	<b>Field Practicum I, II, III</b> .....	<b>9</b>
<b>Electives</b>	<b>SOCW, or other departments as approved by program director</b> .....	<b>5</b>

**NOTE:** 1. \*Must be graded C (2.00), or better. 2. See department for list of approved electives.

## Bachelor of Social Work Major in Social Work with Departmental Honors

The honors major in social work offers an opportunity for motivated and capable students to engage in more extensive interaction with faculty and to complete challenging individual research projects that will further their personal and professional goals.

**Application to the major:** To be accepted to the program, students must have both a cumulative and major/program grade point average of 3.50 and must have completed SOCW 300, SOCW 304, and SOCW 310. Interested students should apply in spring quarter of the junior year or fall quarter of the senior year.

**Completion of the major:** During senior year, social work honors students will take the social work honors sequence (SOCW 477 for 3 credits in the fall quarter, SOCW 478 for 3 credits in the winter quarter, and SOCW 479 for 4 credits in the spring quarter). Students in the social work honors major complete 10 credits of course work above the norm for social work majors (for a total of 72 credits in social work), and also complete a substantial thesis under the direction of a faculty member. The thesis will be subject to approval by department faculty and will be presented in an oral defense. In order to complete the requirements for social work honors and receive a notation to that effect on their transcripts, students must also maintain a cumulative and major/program grade point average of 3.50. In addition, the grade received for SOCW 479 Social Work Honors Thesis Supervision must be an A or A-. In addition to the bachelor of social work major requirements, the honors major also includes:

10 credits in social work honors, including:

<b>SOCW 477</b>	<b>Social Work Honors Directed Reading</b> .....	<b>3</b>
<b>SOCW 478</b>	<b>Social Work Honors Directed Study</b> .....	<b>3</b>
<b>SOCW 479</b>	<b>Social Work Honors Thesis Supervision</b> .....	<b>4</b>

## Minor in Social Welfare

In order to earn a minor in social welfare students must complete 31 credits, including:

<b>SOCW 250</b>	<b>Introduction to Social Work</b> .....	<b>5</b>
<b>SOCW 300</b>	<b>Human Behavior in the Social Environment</b> .....	<b>3</b>
<b>SOCW 301</b>	<b>Human Development and Social Work</b> .....	<b>3</b>
<b>SOCW 304</b>	<b>Contemporary Social Policy and Services</b> .....	<b>5</b>
<b>SOCW 317</b>	<b>Race and Ethnicity</b> .....	<b>5</b>

Choose two from the following five courses: .....

<b>SOCW 303</b>	<b>History of U.S. Social Welfare Policy</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>SOCW 370</b>	<b>International Social Welfare</b>	
<b>SOCW 400</b>	<b>Social Work with Children and Youth</b>	
<b>SOCW 401</b>	<b>Working with Troubled Families</b>	
<b>SOCW 402</b>	<b>Mental Illness</b>	

**NOTE:** Transfer students must take at least 15 upper-division SOCW credits at Seattle University for the minor. See policy for minors (84-1) for more information.

## Social Work Courses

<b>SOCW 250</b>	<b>Introduction to Social Work</b> .....	<b>5</b>
Historical development of the social welfare practices and institutions. Theoretical bases underlying the structure and function of social welfare systems and services. Philosophy and methods used by professional social workers in meeting human need.		
<b>SOCW 296</b>	<b>Directed Study</b> .....	<b>1 to 5</b>
<b>SOCW 300</b>	<b>Human Behavior in the Social Environment</b> .....	<b>3</b>
The theoretical perspectives for studying human behavior. The importance of organizations, communities, society and global influence in understanding human behavior in the social environment.		
<b>SOCW 301</b>	<b>Human Development and Social Work</b> .....	<b>3</b>
Psychological, physiological and social approaches to human development across the life span. Examines the effects of culture, social systems and institutions on individual development from an ecological perspective.		
<b>SOCW 303</b>	<b>History of U.S. Social Welfare Policy</b> .....	<b>5</b>
An examination of the history of attitudes and policies concerning poverty and related social problems in the United States. Covers historic roots of social policy focusing most intently on the late nineteenth century through mid-1980's. History of the development of the social work field and the role social work plays in advancing social policy concerns.		
<b>SOCW 304</b>	<b>Contemporary Social Policy and Services</b> .....	<b>5</b>
Covers development of social policy from mid-1980's through current policy with a focus on an examination of the array of state and federal programs for poverty, disability, and social security. Addresses contemporary social problems and analysis of the range of policy alternatives with emphasis on the role of social workers as policy advocates.		

- SOCW 310 Practice I: Social Work with Individuals and Families** ..... 5  
 First course in a three-course sequence of generalist practice methods. Focuses on the knowledge, values and ethics, and methods for working with individuals and families. Skills in assessment, planning, interviewing, intervening, evaluating and terminating. BSW degree candidates only. Prerequisite: SOCW 300.
- SOCW 317 Race and Ethnicity** ..... 5  
 Investigation of the social construction of race and ethnicity in comparative perspective, including the political and socio-historical factors affecting individual and group identities. Special attention paid to the economic and social-psychological dimensions of racism and domination. Cross-listed with SOCL 317.
- SOCW 370 International Social Welfare** ..... 5  
 Examination of issues related to social welfare in a global context, including the role of international agencies such as the IMF, World Bank and humanitarian aid organizations. Critical comparison of social welfare in the USA and another country, with a focus on the role of culture in social welfare policy and practice. Study/service abroad for credit is an optional component of this course. Strongly recommended: SOCW 301, SOCW 304, SOCW 317.
- SOCW 375 Health and Human Services in Belize** ..... 5  
 An exploration of the history, culture, and health and human service infrastructure of Belize in the context of thinking critically about global issues in health and social welfare. Students will meet weekly during spring quarter and spend 10 days working with agencies in Belize according to their interests and skill set. Cross-listed with NURS 375.
- SOCW 391-393 Special Topics** ..... 1 to 5
- SOCW 396 Directed Study** ..... 1 to 5
- SOCW 400 Social Work with Children and Youth** ..... 5  
 An examination of current ecological influences and their impact on culturally diverse children and youth in America including poverty and homelessness, exposure to community violence, child abuse and neglect, teenage parenting, and substance abuse in families. Exploration of child welfare policy and services, emphasizing the continuum of child welfare interventions.
- SOCW 401 Working with Troubled Families** ..... 5  
 Behavioral dynamics in family systems, the reciprocal nature of relationships, and conceptual framework for working with families. Examination of: child abuse, oppressed families, family violence, chronic illness, death and dying, and addictions.
- SOCW 402 Mental Illness** ..... 5  
 The nature, dynamics, and treatment of madness and insanity from a socio-cultural perspective. Theoretical perspectives on the cause of mental illness, including social causes such as class gender and cultural differences. Therapeutic approaches in cross-cultural and historic perspectives. Contemporary definitions and treatment.
- SOCW 403 Social Work Research I: Methods** ..... 3  
 Methods of scientific investigation with application to the social welfare field. Values and ethics for social work research. Stages of the research process including design, data collection, qualitative and quantitative methods. Co-requisite: SOCW 470 or 471. BSW degree candidates only.
- SOCW 404 Social Work Research II: Data Analysis** ..... 3  
 An introduction to data analysis strategies for quantitative and qualitative data. Introduction to the application of computers and computer software in descriptive and inferential statistics. Prerequisite: Majors only.

<b>SOCW 410</b>	<b>Practice II: Social Work with Groups .....</b>	<b>3</b>
Second course in the three-course sequence of generalist practice methods. Focuses on the values and ethics, knowledge base and intervention methods foundational to practice with groups. Skills In group participation and leadership. . BSW degree candidates only. Prerequisite: SOCW 310.		
<b>SOCW 411</b>	<b>Practice III: Social Work with Organizations and Communities.....</b>	<b>5</b>
Third course in a three-course sequence of generalist practice methods. Focuses on the values and ethics, knowledge base and intervention methods foundational to practice with organizations and communities. Working with organizations and communities to solve problems through assessment, planning, intervening, and evaluating. BSW degree candidates only. Prerequisites: SOCW 310 and SOCW 410.		
<b>SOCW 460</b>	<b>Field Seminar I.....</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>SOCW 461</b>	<b>Field Seminar II.....</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>SOCW 462</b>	<b>Field Seminar III.....</b>	<b>1</b>
The field seminar is offered concurrent with the Field Practicum experience. Integration and application of social work foundation content areas with generalist practice. Professional development and growth, including peer consultation. Prerequisite: SOCW 310, BSW degree candidates only. Co-requisite: SOCW 470-2.		
<b>SOCW 470</b>	<b>Field Practicum I .....</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>SOCW 471</b>	<b>Field Practicum II .....</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>SOCW 472</b>	<b>Field Practicum III.....</b>	<b>3</b>
The 450-hour field practicum allows the student to critically apply knowledge to actual practice and to develop as a professional while placed in a social service agency under the supervision of a social work professional. BSW degree candidates only. Mandatory credit/no credit. Prerequisite: SOCW 300,301,310. Co-requisite SOCW 460-462.		
<b>SOCW 475</b>	<b>Politics of Homelessness.....</b>	<b>3</b>
This course examines homelessness in Seattle and King County from social, economic, political, and ethical perspectives. Consideration will be given to the causes, characteristics, and potential cures of/for homelessness. Presentations from homeless and formerly homeless people, service providers, and local public officials responsible for policy responses to homelessness, are a key feature of this course.		
<b>SOCW 477</b>	<b>Honors Directed Reading.....</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>SOCW 478</b>	<b>Honors Directed Study.....</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>SOCW 479</b>	<b>Honors Thesis Supervision .....</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>SOCW 490</b>	<b>Social Work Research III: Capstone .....</b>	<b>3</b>
Serves as the final capstone experience in the BSW Program as well as the final requirement of the university's Core Curriculum. The senior synthesis allows students to demonstrate their mastery of program curricular content and ability to integrate and apply knowledge from across the curriculum through evaluating a component of their field practicum. Co-requisites: SOCW 462, SOCW 472. BSW degree candidates only. Meets senior synthesis requirement.		
<b>SOCW 491-493</b>	<b>Special Topics.....</b>	<b>1 to 5</b>
<b>SOCW 496</b>	<b>Independent Study .....</b>	<b>1 to 5</b>
<b>SOCW 497</b>	<b>Directed Reading .....</b>	<b>1 to 5</b>
<b>SOCW 498</b>	<b>Directed Research.....</b>	<b>1 to 5</b>