

Bachelor of Science (BS)

Social Work

Social work is dedicated to improving society's well-being by creating a more humane and just society. Social work's distinguishing characteristics are: 1) emphasis on person-in-environment by considering various aspects of an individual's environment (social, political, familial, temporal, spiritual, economic and physical), 2) focus on strengths (as opposed to shortcomings), and 3) steadfast commitment to social justice in the service of empowering individuals, families and communities to meet their needs.



Few professions offer more diverse employment opportunities. Social workers are employed in a variety of settings including mental health, child welfare, marriage and family, community organization, employee assistance, criminal justice/corrections, developmental disabilities, gerontology, health care, hospice, school social work, substance abuse, and public welfare.

All indicators predict a sharp increase in demand for social workers over the next decade. Now is an excellent time to pursue a degree in social work.

Become Career Ready ...

/ Students learn from dedicated faculty who care about students and believe in what they are teaching.

/ Social Work graduates work in a variety of settings. Examples of job titles include social worker, case manager, community organizer, human services specialist, rehabilitation case manager, community outreach worker, probation officer, eligibility worker, victim advocate and juvenile court liaison.

/ BS in Social Work students will participate in a small class environment that nurtures learning, stimulates self-reflection, and is characterized by honesty, integrity, trust and respect.

/ The path to a successful career starts with you! You can maximize your career development by working closely with Career Services and Southeast faculty – they are here to help you connect your passions, interests and skills to jobs and opportunities in the field. Career Services provides professional career counseling and coaching, resume critiques, practice interviews, job search strategies, career events, networking opportunities and more. Southeast Social Work faculty provide ongoing academic advising and career planning.

Transfer and Dual Credit Students

If you have dual credit or transfer credit, please visit our transfer course equivalencies guide at semo.edu/transfercredit.

NOTE: This program meets the educational requirements for professional licensure and/or certification in Missouri. Please consult our State Authorization webpage, to determine information specific to your state:

<https://app.semo.edu/qenl/distancelearningcompliance/DistLearnComp.aspx>.

Internship and Employment Opportunities of Recent Graduates

- Missouri Children's Division
- Southeast Health
- Community Counseling Center
- SADI
- Community Caring Council
- Hospice Programs
- Lutheran Family and Children's Services
- Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services
- Gibson Recovery Center
- Jackson R-2 Schools
- Landmark Hospital
- Perry County Disability Resources
- Lutheran Home
- Safe House for Women

Graduate Schools and Programs of Recent Graduates

- University of Missouri – Columbia
- University of Missouri – St. Louis
- St. Louis University
- Southern Illinois University - Carbondale

Admission Requirements

1. Completion of 45 hours with a minimum cumulative 2.25 GPA.
2. Completion of the following courses with a minimum grade of 'C': PY101, SW110*, SW201*, SW205*, SW207*, SW221*, SW222*, SW242*.
3. Completion of General Education requirements for Constitution, Natural Sciences (3hrs) and Written Communication.
4. Completion of all developmental courses (if applicable).

Once students are formally admitted to the program, they are eligible to enroll in upper division (300 level or above) social work courses.

*SW110, SW201, SW205, SW207, SW221, SW222, and SW242 may NOT be repeated for admission to the social work major without written permission from the student's faculty advisor and the chair of the Department of Criminal Justice, Social Work and Sociology.

Retention Requirements

Students will be retained as social work majors providing the following retention criteria are met:

1. Completion of the following foundation courses with a minimum grade of 'C': SW307, SW308, SW310, SW321, SW322, SW323 and SW342.
2. Courses may be repeated to raise grades below 'C' with written approval from the student's advisor and the department chair.
3. Maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.25.
4. Once a student's cumulative GPA has fallen below 2.25, the student will not be allowed to enroll in any remaining social work courses until the GPA requirement is met.

Graduation Requirements:

In addition to fulfilling all University requirements for graduation, social work majors must satisfy the following criteria:

1. A cumulative GPA of 2.25
2. Completion of integrated seminar concurrent with field education, i.e., SW449 with a minimum grade of 'C'.
3. Completion of 448 hours of field education, i.e., SW450 (Credit/NoCredit)

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This is a guide based on the 2021-2022 Undergraduate Bulletin and is subject to change. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on several factors such as dual enrollment, remediation, and summer enrollment. Students will meet with an academic advisor each semester and use Degree Works to monitor their individual progress.

CURRICULUM CHECKLIST

Social Work Core – 63 Hours Required

A grade of 'C' is required in each core course

- ___ SW110 Introduction to Social Work (3)
- ___ SW201 Social and Economic Justice (3)
- ___ SW205 Introduction to Social Welfare Policy (3)
- ___ SW207 Understanding Cultural and Social Diversity (3)
- ___ SW221 Interviewing Skills for Generalist Practice (3)
- ___ SW222 Case Management (3)
- ___ SW242 Statistics for Social Scientists (3)
- ___ SW307 Human Behavior and Social Environment I (3)
- ___ SW308 Human Behavior and Social Environment II (3)
- ___ SW310 Social Welfare Policies and Services (3)
- ___ SW321 Social Work Practice I (3)
- ___ SW322 Social Work Practice II (3)
- ___ SW323 Social Work Practice III (3)
- ___ SW342 Methods of Social Research for Generalist Practice (3)
- ___ SW449 Social Work Integrative Seminar (3)
- ___ SW450 Field Education (12)

Choose 6 Hours From:

- ___ HS 301 Foundations of Child Maltreatment & Advocacy (3)
- ___ SW343 Social Work in Military Settings (3)
- ___ SW351 Child Welfare Services (3)
- ___ SW352 Social Welfare Services to the Aged (3)
- ___ SW353 Child Development (3)
- ___ SW354 Foundations of Trauma & Crisis Intervention (3)
- ___ SW355 Special Topics in Social Work (3)
- ___ SW356 Social Work in Mental Health (3)
- ___ SW387 Independent Study in Social Work (1)
- ___ SW388 Independent Study in Social Work (2)
- ___ SW389 Independent Study in Social Work (3)

Additional Requirement: 3 Hours

- ___ PY101 Introduction to Psychology (3)

General Education Requirements – some requirements may be fulfilled by coursework in major program

- Social and Behavioral Sciences – 6 hours
- Constitution Requirement – 3 hours
- Written Communication – 6 hours
- Oral Communication – 3 hours
- Natural Sciences – 7 hours (from two disciplines, one to include a lab)
- Mathematics – 3 hours
- Humanities & Fine Arts – 9 hours (from at least two disciplines)
- Additional requirements – 5 hours (to include UI100 for native students)
- Civics examination

SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN

	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	Course #	Hrs	Course #	Hrs
FIRST YEAR	UI100	1	PY101	3
	EN100	3	SW205	3
	SW110	3	SW207	3
	General Education	3	General Education	3
	General Education	3	General Education	3
	General Education	3		
Total	16		Total	15
SECOND YEAR	SW201	3	SW221	3
	General Education	3	SW222	3
	General Education	3	SW242	3
	General Education	3	General Education	3
	General Education	3	General Education	3
Total	15		Total	15
THIRD YEAR	SW307	3	SW308	3
	SW321	3	SW322	3
	SW342	3	Major Elective	3
	Major Elective	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
Total	15		Total	15
FOURTH YEAR	SW310	3	SW449	3
	SW323	3	SW450	12
	Elective	3		
	Elective	3		
	Elective	2		
Total	14		Total	15

Degree requirements for all students: a minimum of 120 credit hours, completion of the General Education program, and completion of 39 senior division hours (300-599). Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin or Degree Works for additional graduation requirements for your program.