

**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 professionals 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.

**Social Work students will...**

- Have close interaction with dedicated faculty who care about and believe in what they are teaching.
- Study in a small class environment that nurtures learning, stimulates self-respect, and is characterized by honesty, integrity, trust and respect.
- Complete 448 hours of practical field education under the expert guidance of professional social work practitioners.

**Career Planning**

Career preparation is part of the mission of Southeast. 100% of programs offer our students an internship, study-abroad program, clinical opportunity, student teaching or research internship.

The Office of Career Services in Academic Hall 057 can provide students with professional career counseling and coaching, resume critiques, practice interviews, job search strategies, career events, networking opportunities, and more.

**Transfer and Dual Credit Students**

If you have dual credit or transfer credit, please visit our transfer course equivalencies guide at [semo.edu/transfercredit](http://semo.edu/transfercredit).

**Internship and Employment Opportunities of Recent Graduates**

- Missouri Children's Division
- Southeast Health
- Community Counseling Center
- SADI
- Community Caring Council
- St. Francis Hospital
- Four Oaks Hospice
- Lutheran Family and Children's Services
- Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services
- Gibson Recovery Center
- Jackson R-2 Schools
- Landmark Hospital
- Perry County Board for the Developmentally Disabled
- Lutheran Home
- Safe House for Women

**Graduate Schools and Programs of Recent Graduates**

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

**Admission Requirements**

1. Completion of 45 semester hours with a minimum cumulative 2.25 GPA.
2. Completion of the following course work with a minimum grade of 'C': PY101, SW110\*, SW201\*, SW207\*, SW221\*, SW222\*, SW242\*.
3. Completion of Economic Systems, Living Systems, Political Systems, Written Expression, CL001 and CL002.
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, 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 Social Work.

**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 faculty advisor and the 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 and 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 2018-2019 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)
- \_\_\_ SW351 Child Welfare Services (3)
- \_\_\_ SW352 Social Welfare Services to the Aged (3)
- \_\_\_ SW353 Child Development (3)
- \_\_\_ SW354 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 Psychological Perspectives on Human Behavior (3)

**University Studies Requirements** – some requirements may be fulfilled by coursework in major program

- Social and Behavioral Sciences – 3 hours
- Constitution requirement – 3 hours
- US History 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)

**SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN**

	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	Course #	Hrs	Course #	Hrs
<b>FIRST YEAR</b>	UI100	3	SW205	3
	EN100	3	SW207	3
	SW110	3	University Studies	3
	University Studies	3	University Studies	3
	University Studies	3	University Studies	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>SECOND YEAR</b>	PY101	3	SW221	3
	SW201	3	SW222	3
	University Studies	3	SW242	3
	University Studies	3	University Studies	3
	University Studies	3	University Studies	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>THIRD YEAR</b>	SW307	3	SW308	3
	SW321	3	SW322	3
	SW342	3	Major Elective	3
	Major Elective	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>FOURTH YEAR</b>	SW310	3	SW449	3
	SW323	3	SW450	12
	Elective	3		
	Elective	3		
	Elective	3		
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>

**Degree requirements for all students:** a minimum of 120 credit hours, completion of University Studies program, completion of 39 senior division hours (300-599), Writing Proficiency Exam (WP003), and completion of the Measure of Academic Proficiency and Progress (MAPP) at the senior level. Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin or Degree Works for additional graduation requirements for your program.