

Social Work (SWk)

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The Department of Social Work offers a Bachelor of Science in Social Work (BSSW) and a Master of Social Work (MSW) degree. Both degrees offer Campus and Distance options. Each option requires a separate admission application. BSSW Campus program admissions are each semester, and BSSW Distance program admissions are Fall only with a June 15 deadline.

The mission of the Department of Social Work is to advance knowledge and learning and to prepare competent, responsive and ethical social workers who empower vulnerable populations, promote social justice, and are committed to serving diverse populations.

The mission of the University of North Dakota Bachelor of Science in Social Work Program provides students with knowledge, values and skills for generalist social work, with an emphasis on culturally responsive practice in rural communities. The program was first accredited by the Council on Social Work Education in 1974. The goals of the program are to:

1. Build upon students' liberal arts foundation to provide the knowledge, values and skills necessary for competent social work generalist practice.
2. Prepare students for culturally responsive practice in rural communities.
3. Prepare students for service and leadership within the community and the social work profession.
4. Prepare students for continued professional development opportunities.

Social work courses were first offered at the University of North Dakota in 1905; the social work program was formally established in 1939. The Commission on Accreditation (2012) states, "The purpose of the social work profession is to promote human and community wellbeing. Guided by a person and environment construct, a global perspective, respect for human diversity, and knowledge based on scientific inquiry, social work's purpose is actualized through its quest for social and economic justice, the prevention of conditions that limit human rights, the elimination of poverty, and the enhancement of the quality of life for all persons.

Students interested in declaring social work as a major notify the BSSW Program Director who will assign an advisor. Students will meet with their assigned advisor, who will work with the student throughout the remainder of their career at UND.

Accreditation

The Bachelor of Science in Social Work is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

Admission Requirements and Process

Criteria for Admission:

1. Completion of SWK 255 Introduction to Social Work and SWK 257 Human Behavior and the Social Environment I
2. Overall GPA of 2.75
3. Grade of C or higher in SWK 255 Introduction to Social Work and SWK 257 Human Behavior and the Social Environment I
4. Willingness to adhere to the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Code of Ethics and the Code of Student Life.
5. Completion of 45 semester hours of coursework at the end of the term in which the application is submitted.
6. Students may apply during any term including fall, spring, or summer. Deadlines will be published each term on the Department of Social Work web page. To apply for admission to the program, students complete the application, available on the Department's website, in consultation with their advisor.

7. Distance BSSW students are admitted only in the Fall, and must apply by the Summer deadline posted on the Department of Social Work website.

The application process is competitive. All factors including grade point average, strength of written materials, and volunteer experience will be given consideration in admissions decisions. The BSSW Program Director will notify the student of the decision regarding admission. Following admission, students are required to complete an assessment process.

Provisional admission may be considered when a student:

1. requests such admission;
2. is making steady progress towards meeting the admissions criteria;
3. has a workable plan for success, including a timeline for achievement; and
4. has met with the advisor. The plan must be approved by the student, the advisor and the BSSW Program Director.

Progression Through the Program and Graduation Requirements

After admission to the social work program, a student must maintain an overall GPA of 2.75, and a GPA of 2.75 in all social work courses. Students must attain a C or better in social work courses. Transfer credit for courses follows university and Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) requirements. All transfer social work courses must be from an accredited BSSW program.*

No credit is given for life experience. Students must complete the required social work courses (39 credit hours).

Field Education comprises 12 credits of BSSW students' requirements. The Field Education placement in a human service organization is the capstone experience for BSSW students. It integrates knowledge, values and skills from completed social work courses. These courses fulfill the capstone requirement for essential studies at UND. Application dates will be published on the Social Work website each term.

Students are required to complete a background check.

* See articulation agreements for exceptions.

Licensing and Professional Organizations

All students are encouraged to participate in the Student Social Work Club. Students who qualify for Phi Alpha, the National Social Work Honor Society, will be invited to join. Students are eligible for membership in the National Association of Social Workers. Graduates are eligible to apply for licensing at the bachelors level in states that require credentialing.

Addiction Counselor Training Program

The Department of Social Work is designated as an Addiction Counselor Training Program by the North Dakota Board of Addiction Counseling Examiners. Students who successfully complete the course of study, the clinical training requirements and the licensure examination are eligible for licensing as addiction counselors in the State of North Dakota.

Students must apply for admittance into a board approved Clinical Training Program. Applications are accepted once per year on February 1, and if admitted to this competitive program, the 1,400-hour practicum begins the following Fall semester.

Students are admitted to the addiction counselor training on two levels. The first level includes social work majors (students from related disciplines may also apply) who also complete the minor in Chemical Dependency (required courses for licensing in addiction counseling, or their equivalent) and the nine-month/1,400 hour practicum in a certified addiction facility. Students must meet all requirements for a social work major in addition to the minor requirements and the addiction practicum requirement. This generally involves a five-year program of study.

The second level relates to graduate students in Counseling who must meet the required graduate program of study, the required addiction courses, and the nine-month practicum. For more complete details, please contact the

Department of Social Work or the Department of Counseling Psychology and Community Services.

Second Degree Program (p. 2)

College of Nursing and Professional Disciplines

B.S. in Social Work

Required 125 credits (36 of which must be numbered 300 or above, 60 of which must be from a 4-year institution, and the last 30 credits at UND) including:

I. Essential Studies Requirements (see University ES listing).

II. The following curriculum.

Social Work

SWK 255	Introduction to Social Work	4
SWK 257	Human Behavior and the Social Environment I	3
SWK 317	Social Work Research	3
SWK 357	Human Behavior and the Social Environment II	3
SWK 424	Generalist Social Work Practice with Individuals and Families	3
SWK 434	Generalist Social Work Practice with Task and Treatment Groups	3
SWK 442	Social Policy	3
SWK 454	Generalist Social Work Practice with Communities and Organizations	3
SWK 481	Field Education I	5
SWK 482	Field Education Seminar I	1
SWK 483	Field Education II	5
SWK 484	Field Education Seminar II	1
Social Work Elective		2
Liberal Arts Requirements for Social Work majors		
PSYC 111	Introduction to Psychology	3
SOC 110	Introduction to Sociology	3
POLS 115	American Government I	3
Advanced Social Sciences Courses (200-level or above)		15
Global Diversity or United States Diversity courses (cannot double count for essential studies)		6
Total Credits		69

Courses used to fulfill the approved minor requirements may also be used to meet the above requirements whenever appropriate and applicable.

Second Degree Program

The student who has secured a bachelor's degree in a related field and wishes to secure a bachelor's degree in social work can complete the "Second Degree Program." The Second Degree Program allows a student to secure a BSSW in one year. Satisfactory completion of a bachelor's degree in a related field and prerequisites or corequisite of statistics and human biology from an accredited institution are required. Second Degree students must fulfill essential studies requirements or have the equivalent to graduate with a BSSW degree from UND.

If accepted into the Second Degree Program, the schedule to complete the undergraduate degree in one year* is as follows:

Full-Time Second Degree Schedule for BSSW (40 hours)

Summer		Credits
SWK 481	Field Education I	5
SWK 482	Field Education Seminar I	1
SWK 483	Field Education II	5

SWK 484	Field Education Seminar II	1
	Credits	12

Fall

SWK 255	Introduction to Social Work	4
SWK 257	Human Behavior and the Social Environment I	3
SWK 317	Social Work Research	3
SWK 424	Generalist Social Work Practice with Individuals and Families	3

Social Work Elective		2
	Credits	15

Spring

SWK 357	Human Behavior and the Social Environment II	3
SWK 434	Generalist Social Work Practice with Task and Treatment Groups	3

SWK 442	Social Policy	3
SWK 454	Generalist Social Work Practice with Communities and Organizations	3

	Credits	12
	Total Credits	39

* Students needing to fulfill essential studies requirements may require a longer period to complete the Fast Track.

Elective Social Work Courses

SWK 311	Child Welfare	3
SWK 312	Social Work and the Legal Process	2
SWK 313	Orientation to Gerontology	3
SWK 315	Substance Use and Abuse	2
SWK 316	Interprofessional Health Care	1
SWK 318	Mental Health	2
SWK 397	Cooperative Education	1-4
SWK 489	Senior Honors Thesis (repeatable to a maximum 6 credits)	1-3
SWK 493A	Special Topics (repeatable to a maximum 9 credits)	1-3

Minors

Students may also choose a minor outside the College of Nursing and Professional Disciplines and the Department of Social Work. The student should consult with the respective College and Department for course requirements for their chosen minor.

Gerontology Minor

The interdisciplinary minor in gerontology enhances professionals' capacity to work with older persons. It requires four courses in four disciplines. Students select another 9 credits to earn 20 credits in coursework related to gerontology.

Required:

SWK 313	Orientation to Gerontology	3
NURS 284	Functional Changes in Aging	2
PSYC 355	Adulthood and Aging	3
SOC 352	Aging and Society	3

Select three of the following: 9

PHIL 120	Introduction to Ethics	
IS 121	Introduction to American Indian Studies	
N&D 240	Fundamentals of Nutrition	
PSYC 331	Behavior Modification and Therapy	
PSYC 421	Diversity Psychology	
RELS 245	Death and Dying	
SOC 354	Medical Sociology	
SWK 257	Human Behavior and the Social Environment I	

RHS 350	Overview of Disabilities	
Total Credits		20

With current approval of the student adviser and the minor coordinator up to three credit hours of departmental tutorial readings, special topics and/or research studies may be included.

Chemical Dependency Minor

Required (20 credits) including:

PPT 410	Drugs Subject to Abuse *	2
SOC 355	Drugs and Society *	3
SWK 315	Substance Use and Abuse *	2
Select four of the following:		12
COUN 250	Dialogue on U.S. Diversity *	
COUN 529	Dynamics of Addiction **	
IS 311	Health and American Indian Cultures	
PSYC 360	Introduction to Personality *	
PSYC 270	Abnormal Psychology *	
SOC 115	Social Problems	
SOC 335	Families in a Changing Society *	
T&L 350	Development and Education of the Adolescent *	
CJ 430	Developmental Perspectives on Adolescent Problem Behavior	
PPT 499	Readings in Pharmacology, Physiology and Therapeutics	1-4
Total Credits		20-23

* Course required for licensing in addiction counseling in North Dakota and Minnesota.

† Student must be senior status or graduate level to enroll in this course.

Courses

SWK 255. Introduction to Social Work. 4 Credits.

An introduction to the social work profession including: the development of the profession, generalist practice, the problem solving process, the strengths perspective, social work values and ethics, levels of practice (individual, family, group, community and organization), and fields of practice; 40 hours of volunteer experience. F,S.

SWK 257. Human Behavior and the Social Environment I. 3 Credits.

Application of theories and knowledge from the liberal arts. Application of social work theory across the life span. An emphasis on social systems theory as the conceptual framework. Biopscho-socio-cultural aspects of human development. Prerequisites or Corequisites: PSYC 111 and SOC 110. F,S.

SWK 311. Child Welfare. 3 Credits.

Preparation for child welfare work. Child protection services, juvenile court procedures, day care services, the rights of children, foster homes and adoption. S.

SWK 312. Social Work and the Legal Process. 2 Credits.

Introduction to the legal system's interaction with the human service delivery system. F.

SWK 313. Orientation to Gerontology. 3 Credits.

Introduction to gerontology including an overview of the field of gerontology, theories of aging, interdisciplinary teaming, demographics, and programs. F.

SWK 315. Substance Use and Abuse. 2 Credits.

Introduction to the dynamics of drug addiction and related issues, with special emphasis on alcohol. S.

SWK 316. Interprofessional Health Care. 1 Credit.

The focus of this course is on developing skills needed to work effectively with an interprofessional health and mental health care team using a patient-centered approach. Case studies are the primary teaching strategy. Students enrolled include : social work, physical therapy, nursing, occupational therapy, medicine, communication science disorders, clinical lab science, physician assistant, and dietetics. Prerequisite: Admission in the BSSW Program. S/U grading. F,S.

SWK 317. Social Work Research. 3 Credits.

Provides students with an understanding of basic qualitative and quantitative research methods. In SWK 317, students also gain and apply skills related to the critical evaluation of research. This course provides students with foundational knowledge and skills necessary to understand and undertake practice evaluation in practice courses, field placements, and in entry-level practice settings. Prerequisite: Admission in the BSSW Program. Prerequisite or Corequisite: Statistics. F,S.

SWK 318. Mental Health. 2 Credits.

Overview of the mental health service delivery system with a focus on case management skills and the role of social work in the provision of mental health services. F.

SWK 357. Human Behavior and the Social Environment II. 3 Credits.

Application of social work theory and research across the life span, with social systems theory as the conceptual framework. Theories regarding development of groups, communities and organizations. Prerequisite: Admission in the BSSW Program. F,S.

SWK 397. Cooperative Education. 1-6 Credits.

Individually supervised experiences in a human service agency. Integrates social work theory with practice. Contact the Cooperative Education Office. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. S/U grading. F,S,SS.

SWK 424. Generalist Social Work Practice with Individuals and Families. 3 Credits.

Generalist practice with individuals and families within the context of evidence-based interventions. Develop skills to engage, assess, intervene, and evaluate social work practice with individuals and families. Prerequisite: Admission in the BSSW Program. F,S.

SWK 434. Generalist Social Work Practice with Task and Treatment Groups. 3 Credits.

Generalist practice with task and treatment groups within the context of evidence-based interventions. Develop skills to engage, assess, plan, intervene, and evaluate social work practice with groups. Prerequisite: Admission to the BSSW program. Prerequisite or Corequisite: SWK 357. F,S.

SWK 442. Social Policy. 3 Credits.

Provides knowledge of social policy, and develops critical analysis skills to advance social and economic well-being and understanding of the interaction between research, practice and policy. Prerequisite: Admission in the BSSW Program. F,S.

SWK 454. Generalist Social Work Practice with Communities and Organizations. 3 Credits.

Generalist practice with organizations and communities within the context of evidence-based interventions. Develop skills to engage, assess, intervene, and evaluate social work practice with communities and organizations. Prerequisite: Admission to the BSSW program. Prerequisite or Corequisite: SWK 357. F,S.

SWK 481. Field Education I. 5 Credits.

Provides learning opportunities in generalist social work practice emphasizing the core competencies and demonstration of practice behaviors. Connect the theoretical and conceptual contributions of the classroom with the practical world of the internship setting. Also can be taken with SWK 483 for a one-semester block placement in an approved human service organization. Prerequisite: Admission to field program. Corequisite: SWK 482. S/U grading. F,S,SS.

SWK 482. Field Education Seminar I. 1 Credit.

Integrates classroom content with actual practice. Corequisite: SWK 481. F,S,SS.

SWK 483. Field Education II. 5 Credits.

Provides learning opportunities in generalist social work practice emphasizing the core competencies and demonstration of practice behaviors. Connect the theoretical and conceptual contributions of the classroom with the practical world of the internship setting. Corequisite: SWK 484. Prerequisite or Corequisite: SWK 481. S/U grading. F,S,SS.

SWK 484. Field Education Seminar II. 1 Credit.

Integrates classroom content with actual practice. Corequisite: SWK 483. F,S,SS.

SWK 489. Senior Honors Thesis. 1-3 Credits.

Supervised independent study culminating in a thesis. Repeatable to a maximum 6 credits. Repeatable to 6 credits. F,S.

SWK 493A. Special Topics. 1-3 Credits.

Individually or group supervised research or interdepartmental studies and seminars in social work related areas. Repeatable to a maximum 9 credits. Regular grading. Prerequisite: SWK 255 or consent of instructor. Repeatable to 9 credits. F,S,SS.

SWK 493B. Special Topics. 1-3 Credits.

Individually or group supervised research or interdepartmental studies and seminars in social work related areas. Repeatable to a maximum 9 credits. S-U grading. Repeatable to 9 credits. S/U grading. F,S,SS.