



Social Work

College of
Social Work

Social work is one of the major social professions concerned with human well-being. Social workers help communities provide maximum equality of opportunity for all; help vulnerable individuals learn to cope more effectively with their problems and needs; and seek continually to strengthen and improve the institutional systems responsible for education, justice, health, business, labor, and welfare, so that people are better served.

The Bachelor of Arts degree program in Social Work is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

Undergraduate Admission Policy

Admission to the University of Kentucky is sufficient for admission to the College of Social Work as a premajor. Social work students receive academic advising from the College of Social Work faculty and must successfully complete the premajor course requirements before applying to the BASW degree program. The premajor course requirements are: (SW 124 and SW 222) or SW 322; an introductory psychology course; an introductory sociology course; and BIO 102 and BIO 103 or BIO 110.

An application must be filed with the College of Social Work in order for a student to be considered for admission as a major. In general, admission as a major depends upon the qualifications and preparation of the applicant, as well as the availability of resources for maintaining quality instruction.

Admission Criteria to the Bachelor of Arts in Social Work Degree Program

In order to be admitted to the BASW degree program as a major, applicants must fulfill the following requirements:

1. Admission to the University of Kentucky (students are considered for acceptance by the College only after acceptance by the University);
2. A grade of **B** or better in **both** SW 124 and SW 222, or equivalent (or a grade of **B** or better in SW 322);
3. Submission of an application form;
4. Minimum of a 2.5 cumulative grade-point average on all college work attempted as computed by the Registrar's Office;
5. Ability to articulate reasons for choosing social work as a career, as evidenced in an essay;
6. A passing grade in the introductory psychology course, sociology course, and in the required biology courses.

Applications for admission to the College of Social Work must be received by the Records Office of the College of Social Work no later than May 1 for summer sessions, August 1 for the fall semester, and December 1 for the spring semester.

Individuals who do not meet the admissions criteria may submit additional materials to the College's Admissions Committee. Admission may be granted if there is persuasive evidence of both the capability and motivation to undertake successfully the BASW degree program.

Degree Requirements

The College of Social Work requires students to earn a minimum of 120 hours for the B.A. in Social Work with a minimum grade-point average of 2.5. In addition, students must earn a grade of **C** or better in all professional social work core classes. Students may take additional hours in accordance with stated University policy.

In addition to fulfilling University Studies requirements, students must complete the program requirements below.

College Required Courses	Hours
SW 124 Introduction to Social Services and	
SW 222 Development of Social Welfare	6
or	
*SW 322 Social Work and Social Welfare	4
<i>*For junior transfers only; substitutes for SW 124, SW 222.</i>	
Subtotal: College Required Hours	4-6

University Studies Requirements	Hours
See "University Studies Program" on pages 80-84 of the 2008-2009 UK Bulletin for the complete University Studies requirements.	
The courses listed below are (a) recommended by the college, or (b) required courses that also fulfill University Studies areas. Students should work closely with their advisor to complete the University Studies Program requirements.	

Inference-Logic	
STA 200 Statistics: A Force in Human Judgment	3
plus	
PHI 120 Introductory Logic	
or	
PHI 320 Symbolic Logic I	3

Oral Communication	
Social work majors fulfill this requirement using courses in the Major Requirement.	

Natural Sciences	
BIO 102 Human Ecology	3
BIO 103 Basic Ideas of Biology	3

Graduation Writing Requirement	
SW 470, required in the Major Requirements, fulfills the Graduation Writing Requirement.	
Graduation Writing Requirement Hours:	3

Premajor Requirements	Hours
Anthropology	
Three hours, normally chosen from the following:	
ANT 220 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	3
ANT 333 Contemporary Human Variation	3

Biology	
Three or six hours:	
*BIO 102 Human Ecology and	
*BIO 103 Basic Ideas of Biology	6
or	
BIO 110 Introduction to Human Biology and Health	3

Economics	
Three hours, normally:	
*ECO 101 Contemporary Economic Issues	3

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Political Science

Three hours, normally chosen from the following:

*PS 101 American Government	3
PS 240 Introduction to Political Theory	3
PS 245 Introduction to Political Analysis	3
PS 458 State Government	3

Psychology

Three or four hours, normally chosen from the following:

*PSY 100 Introduction to Psychology	4
PSY 223 Developmental Psychology	3

Sociology

Three hours:

*SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology	3
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Statistics

Three hours:

STA 292 Descriptive Statistics and	
STA 293 Probability and	
STA 294 Sampling and Inference	3

or

*STA 200 Statistics: A Force in Human Judgment	3
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STA 291 Statistical Method	3
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**These courses may also be used to fulfill University Studies requirements.*

Subtotal: Premajor Hours	21-25
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Major Requirements

Hours

SW 300 Social Work Practice I	4
SW 400 Social Work Practice II	4
SW 420 Human Behavior and the Social Environment	3
SW 430 Social Welfare Policy: Theory and Implementation	3
SW 435 Foundations of Professional Ethics in Social Work	2
SW 444 Educational Practicum I	5
SW 445 Educational Practicum II	8
SW 450 Social Work Research	4
SW 470 Senior Seminar	3

NOTE: Students must earn a grade of **C** or better in all Major Requirements courses.

Subtotal: Major Hours	36
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Social and Behavioral Sciences and Social Work Electives

Students must complete 15 hours of upper-division courses from any of the following: anthropology, economics, family studies, political science, psychology, social work, sociology.

Subtotal: Related Electives	15
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Electives

Students must complete at least six hours of upper-division free elective courses and enough lower-division elective hours to lead to the minimum total of 120 hours required for graduation.

Subtotal: Free Electives	minimum of 6
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TOTAL HOURS:	120
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Probation, Dismissal and Reinstatement Policy

The College of Social Work has implemented a new Probation, Dismissal and Reinstatement Policy, along with standards for academic performance. This information is presented in detail on pages 241-242 of the *2008-2009 UK Bulletin*.