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**

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Subtotal: College Required Hours .............................................. 4-6

**University Studies Requirements**

See “University Studies Program” on pages 80-84 of the 2008-2009 UK Bulletin for the complete University Studies requirements.

**Inference-Logic**

STA 200 Statistics: A Force in Human Judgment ................................ 3

**Oral Communication**

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

**Natural Sciences**

BIO 102 Human Ecology .............................................................. 3

**Graduation Writing Requirement**

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

Graduation Writing Requirement Hours: ........................................ 3

**Premajor Requirements**

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 .............................................................. 6
*BIO 103 Basic Ideas of Biology ....................................................... 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

Statistics
Three hours:
STA 292 Descriptive Statistics and
STA 293 Probability and
STA 294 Sampling and Inference ........................................................ 3
*STA 200 Statistics: A Force in Human Judgment .................................... 3
or
STA 291 Statistical Method ................................................................ 3
*These courses may also be used to fulfill University Studies requirements.

Subtotal: Premajor Hours ................................................................. 21-25

Major Requirements
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

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

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

TOTAL HOURS: ............................................................................ 120

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.