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; PSY 100; SOC 101; 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 PSY 100, SOC 101, and BIO 103 or BIO 110.

Applications for admission to the College of Social Work must be received by the Records Office of the College of Social Work (613 Patterson Office Tower) 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 UK Core requirements, students must complete the program requirements listed below.

UK Core Requirements

See the UK Core section of the 2015-2016 Undergraduate Bulletin for the complete UK Core requirements. The courses listed below are (a) recommended by the college, or (b) required courses that also fulfill UK Core areas. Students should work closely with their advisor to complete the UK Core requirements.

I. Intellectual Inquiry in Arts and Creativity
Choose one course from approved list ................................................................. 3

II. Intellectual Inquiry in the Humanities
Choose one course from approved list ............................................................... 3

III. Intellectual Inquiry in the Social Sciences
SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology ................................................................. 3

IV. Intellectual Inquiry in the Natural, Physical, and Mathematical Sciences
BIO 103 Basic Ideas of Biology ................................................................. 3

V. Composition and Communication I
CIS/WRD 110 Composition and Communication I ......................................... 3

VI. Composition and Communication II
CIS/WRD 111 Composition and Communication II ........................................... 3

VII. Quantitative Foundations
PHI 120 Introductory Logic ........................................................................ 3

VIII. Statistical Inferential Reasoning
STA 210 Making Sense of Uncertainty: An Introduction to Statistical Reasoning ................................................................. 3

IX. Community, Culture and Citizenship in the USA
Choose one course from approved list ............................................................... 3

X. Global Dynamics
Choose one course from approved list ............................................................... 3

UK Core hours ................................................................................................... 30

Graduation Composition and Communication Requirement (GCCR)
SW 470 Senior Seminar ..................................................................................... 3

Graduation Composition and Communication Requirement hours (GCCR) ................................................................. 3

Premajor Requirements

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MA 109 College Algebra
or
MA 111 Introduction to Contemporary Mathematics .................................................. 3
PHI 120 Introductory Logic .................................................................................... 3
SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology ........................................................................ 3
STA 210 Making Sense of Uncertainty:
  An Introduction to Statistical Reasoning ............................................................ 3
BIO 103 Basic Ideas of Biology
or
BIO 110 Introduction to Human Biology and Health ............................................. 3
Subtotal: Premajor hours ....................................................................................... 28

Premajor Social Work 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
*Students who take SW 124 and SW 222 would not take SW 322; students who take SW 322
do so in lieu of SW 124 and SW 222 to meet this premajor requirement.
Subtotal: Premajor SW hours .............................................................................. 4-6

Professional Social Work Major Courses Hours
SW 300 Social Work Practice I ............................................................................... 4
SW 350 Social Work Practice II: Survey of Groups ............................................... 3
SW 400 Social Work Practice III ............................................................................. 4
SW 421 Human Behavior and Social Environment I ............................................. 3
SW 422 Human Behavior and the Social Environment II ..................................... 3
SW 430 Social Welfare Policy: Theory and Implementation .................................. 3
SW 435 Foundations of Professional Ethics in Social Work .................................. 3
SW 444 Educational Practicum I ............................................................................. 5
SW 450 Social Work Research ............................................................................... 4
SW 460 Understanding Behavior From a Socio-Cultural Perspective: Exploring Explanatory Theories ................................................................. 4
SW 445 Educational Practicum II ........................................................................... 8
SW 470 Senior Seminar ........................................................................................... 3
NOTE: Students must earn a grade of C or better in all Major Requirements courses.
Subtotal: Professional Social Work Major hours .................................................. 47

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 Probation, Dismissal and Reinstatement Policy, along with standards for academic performance. This information is presented in detail in the Social Work section of the 2015-2016 UK Bulletin.