

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 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.

An application must be filed with the College of Social Work in order for a student to be considered for admission as a full 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. Submission of essay based on criteria established by the College of Social Work;
6. A passing grade in PSY 100, SOC 101, and BIO 103.

Applications for admission are available online at: <https://socialwork.uky.edu/basw/basw-application-information/>; deadlines are **August 1** for the fall semester, and **December 1** for the spring semester.

Individuals who do not meet the admissions criteria may submit a petition for consideration of exception to the College's Admissions Committee. Admission may be granted if there is persuasive evidence of both the capability and motivation to successfully undertake 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 *2017-2018 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 The Art of Thinking: An Introduction to 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

PS 101 American Government 3

X. Global Dynamics

Recommended:
ANT 160 Cultural Diversity in the Modern World
or
other ANT Global Dynamics Course 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

Hours

PSY 100 Introduction to Psychology 4

ECO 101 Contemporary Economic Issues

or
ECO 201 Principles of Economics I 3

ANT course 3

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one of the following PS courses:

PS 101 American Government	
PS 240 Introduction to Political Theory	
PS 372 Introduction to Political Analysis	
PS 458 American State and Local Government	3
MA 109 College Algebra	
or	
MA 111 Introduction to Contemporary Mathematics	3
PHI 120 The Art of Thinking: An Introduction to 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	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
<i>*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.</i>	
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 Science Electives

Students will select 12 hours of social science electives at the 300-level or above.

Subtotal: Social Science Electives 12

Electives

Free electives may be at any level and must be sufficient to bring the total number of credits to 120 or above.

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 2017-2018 *UK Bulletin*.