

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK (B.S.W.)

Curriculum

Code	Title	Credits
GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (https://catalog.wcupa.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)		
Academic Foundations		
	First Year Experience requirement	4
	English Composition requirement	6-7
	Mathematics requirement	3-4
	Interdisciplinary requirement	3
	Diverse Communities requirement	3
	Ethics requirement	3
Distributed Disciplinary Foundations		
	Science requirement	6-8
	Behavioral & Social Science requirement	6
	Humanities requirement	6
	Arts requirement	3
ADDITIONAL BACCALAUREATE REQUIREMENTS (https://catalog.wcupa.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)		
University Requirements		
	Writing Emphasis requirement	9
SWO 300	Family Systems	
SWO 351	Human Behavior and the Social Environment II	
SWO 495	Social Work Senior Seminar I	
	Speaking Emphasis requirement	9
SWO 320	Generalist Social Work Practice I	
Degree Requirements		
	Language/Culture requirement	6
	Six semester hours of language (students may request to take culture cluster courses to meet some or all of this requirement; advisor permission is required).	
	Capstone requirement	1-15
MAJOR REQUIREMENTS		
Additional Liberal Arts Foundation Courses		
	To support the liberal arts foundation and biopsychosocial perspective in social work, these courses are also required of social work majors: HIS, PHI, PSC, PSY, SOC	15
Social Work Pre-Candidacy Courses		
	Must earn a minimum of 2.50 GPA in these courses to be accepted into candidacy:	
SWO 200	Introduction to Social Welfare	3
SWO 220	Introduction to Generalist Practice	3
SWO 225	Race Relations (also meets interdisciplinary requirement)	3
SWO 300	Family Systems	3
Social Work Professional Foundation		
	Students must maintain a 2.50 GPA in these courses:	
SWO 320	Generalist Social Work Practice I	3
SWO 321	Generalist Social Work Practice II	3
SWO 332	Social Welfare Policies and Services	3
SWO 350	Human Behavior in Social Environment I	3

SWO 351	Human Behavior and the Social Environment II	3
SWO 375	Social Work Practicum I	6
SWO 395	Junior Seminar	3
SWO 431	Methods Of Social Inquiry	3
SWO 432	Advanced Policy Practice	3
SWO 450	Social Work Practicum II	6
SWO 451	Social Work Practicum III	6
SWO 495	Social Work Senior Seminar I	3
Capstone Requirement		
SWO 496	Social Work Senior Seminar II ¹	3
Total Minimum Credits Required		120

¹ This course fulfills the Capstone requirement.

In addition, continued matriculation at the professional level of the B.S.W. program requires that all students:

- Maintain an overall GPA of 2.00 or better in the general education requirements
- Maintain an average 2.50 GPA in the required liberal arts foundation courses
- Obtain a 2.50 GPA to graduate from the social work program
- Adhere to field practice requirements in accordance with the *Undergraduate Social Work Field Manual*
- Comply with NASW Code of Ethics and the professional behaviors established by the social work program

Sample Course Plan

To track their individual degree progress, students are advised to access their Degree Audit via RamPortal regularly. For more information, visit the Degree Audit FAQ webpage (<https://www.wcupa.edu/academicEnterpriseSystems/student-system-modernization/degree-audit-faqs.aspx>).

The following is a sample suggested course sequence for this program; course offerings and availability are not guaranteed. Students should consult their academic advisor with any questions.

Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
Semester One		
	Pre-Candidacy	
SWO 200	Introduction to Social Welfare	3
SWO 225	Race Relations (I and J)	3
WRT 120	Effective Writing I ¹	3
FYE 100X	First Year Experience	4
	Transfer students with 24+ credits do not have to complete this requirement.	
	Foreign Language #1 or Language Culture Cluster #1 (Spanish recommended) ²	3
Credits		16
Semester Two		
	Pre-Candidacy	
SWO 220	Introduction to Generalist Practice	3
SWO 300	Family Systems (W)	3
PSY XXX	Approved Psychology course (PSY 100 recommended) ¹	3
	Select one of the following: ¹	3
	WRT 200 Critical Writing and Research	

WRT 204	Critical Writing: Approaches to Popular Culture	
WRT 205	Critical Writing: Investigating Experience	
WRT 206	Critical Writing: Multidisciplinary Imagination	
WRT 208	Critical Writing: Entering Public Sphere	
WRT 220	Critical Writing: Special Topics	
Foreign Language #2 or Language Culture Cluster #2		3
(same language as Foreign Language/Culture Cluster #1) ₂		
Credits		15

Year Two		
Semester Three		
Pre-Candidacy		
SWO 332	Social Welfare Policies and Services	3
SWO 350	Human Behavior in Social Environment I	3
PSC XXX	Approved Political Science course (PSC 100 recommended) ²	3
HIS XXX	Approved History course (HIS 150 recommended) ¹	3
Science #1 chosen from the following:		3
CHE 100	Concepts of Chemistry	
CHE 160	The Chemistry of Beer	
CSC 110	Fundamentals in Computer Science	
CSC 115	Introduction to Computer Programming	
CSC 141	Computer Science I	
ESS 101	Introduction to Geology	
ESS 111	Other Worlds, Other Stars	
ESS 170	Introduction to Our Atmosphere	
PHY 100	Elements of Physical Science	
PHY 105	Structure of the Universe	
PHY 130	General Physics I	
PHY 140	General Physics II	
PHY 170	Physics I	
PHY 180	Physics II	
Credits		15

Semester Four		
SWO 320	Generalist Social Work Practice I	3
SWO 351	Human Behavior and the Social Environment II (W and J)	3
SOC XXX	Approved Sociology course (SOC 100 or SOC 240 recommended) ¹	3
Science #2 chosen from the following:		3
CHE 100	Concepts of Chemistry	
CHE 160	The Chemistry of Beer	
CSC 110	Fundamentals in Computer Science	
CSC 115	Introduction to Computer Programming	
CSC 141	Computer Science I	
ESS 101	Introduction to Geology	
ESS 111	Other Worlds, Other Stars	
ESS 170	Introduction to Our Atmosphere	
PHY 100	Elements of Physical Science	
PHY 105	Structure of the Universe	
PHY 130	General Physics I	
PHY 140	General Physics II	
PHY 170	Physics I	
PHY 180	Physics II	

Advised Elective #1	3
Credits	15

Year Three		
Semester Five		
Pre-Candidacy and Professional Social Work Courses		
Candidacy application due Sept 15 - Consult with academic advisor or chairperson ³		
SWO 321	Generalist Social Work Practice II	3
SWO 431	Methods Of Social Inquiry	3
MAT XXX	Any Math Course MAT 103 or above (MAT 104 or MAT 121 recommended)	3
PHI XXX	Approved Philosophy course (PHI 180 recommended)	3
Advised Elective #2 (SWO 423 if interested in CWEB)		3
Credits		15

Semester Six		
Professional Social Work Core Courses		
SWO 375	Field Experience I	6
SWO 395	Junior Seminar	3
SWO 432	Advanced Policy Practice	3
Advised Elective #3		3
Credits		15

Year Four		
Semester Seven		
Professional Social Work Core Courses		
SWO 450	Field Experience II	6
SWO 495	Social Work Senior Seminar I	3
Approved course in Art, Cinematography, Dance, Music, Photography, or Theatre		3
Advised Elective #4		3
Credits		15

Semester Eight		
Professional Social Work Core Courses		
SWO 451	Field Experience III	6
SWO 496	Social Work Senior Seminar II	3
Advised Elective #5		3
Advised Elective #6		3
Credits		15

Total Credits	121
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¹ General Education Requirements
² Required Liberal Arts
³ May take social work courses concurrently while applying for candidacy