

Social Work

Contact Information

Website: www.uis.edu/social-work/

Email: swk@uis.edu

Office Phone: (217) 206-6687

Office Location: BRK 332

The B.S.W. is nationally accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). The generalist B.S.W. gives students the education and skills necessary to provide direct services to clients in a wide variety of human service settings. Generalist practice social work encompasses all client groups and all levels of service, from individuals to international social policy. This is a professional program involving time and commitment. In addition, professional preparation requires each student to look at his/her values, attitudes, knowledge, and skills. The program at UIS is based on an empowerment model dedicated to the achievement of social justice and human rights for all.

The Bachelor's Degree

Advising

Students will be assigned a faculty advisor at the time of admission. A student may elect to change that advisor, but the new advisor must be a faculty member in the Social Work Department. Students should consult their advisor each semester before registration, and refer to the Social Work Advising web page for resources to help succeed in achieving academic goals.

Students should consult with their advisor for specific guidance regarding completion of general education requirements.

Core courses must be taken in the proper sequential order after the prerequisites are completed.

Field work

An essential aspect of professional preparation is the integration of knowledge and skills with experience. This is accomplished primarily through the field work course. Field work is an intensive 400-hour experience in a social service agency, where a student, under supervision, learns to assess and improve his or her own social work skills. The field work supervisor should be a person holding a degree in social work and must be approved by the program's field work director. Field work may be taken concurrently with SWK 430, SWK 433, and SWK 434. All other B.S.W. core courses must be completed and graded before starting field work. Students on academic probation are ineligible for field work.

Grading Policy

A student must earn a grade of C or better in every Social Work core course to continue in the curriculum and to graduate. If a lower grade is earned (C- or lower), a student may repeat a course or courses, but only once. CR/NC is not available in core courses except field work. Students will be encouraged to complete their degrees within five years. A student should apply through a Student Petition for a leave of absence if he or she will be out more than one semester.

Program Learning Outcomes

1. Demonstrate Ethical and Professional Behavior
2. Engage Diversity and Difference in Practice
3. Advance Human Rights and Social, Economic, and Environmental Justice
4. Engage in Practice-informed Research and Research-informed Practice
5. Engage in Policy Practice
6. Engage with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities
7. Assess individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities
8. Intervene with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities
9. Evaluate individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities

Requirements

Required Courses

SWK 322	Introduction to Social Work	3
SWK 323	Intro to Social Work - Lab (lab)	1
SWK 333	Human Behavior in the Social Environment	4
SWK 344	Social Work Practice I	4
SWK 355	Social Welfare Policies and Services	4
SWK 366	ECCE: Beyond Bias: Racism, Sexism and Heterosexism	4
SWK 377	Social Work Practice II	4
SWK 430	Social Work Research Methods	4
SWK 433	Social Work Practice III	4
SWK 434	Senior Seminar	4
SWK 450	ECCE: Field Work ¹	4-8
Total Hours		44

¹ Please refer to the suggested course sequence (third and fourth semesters) for the recommended enrollment pattern for SWK 450. Students may register for four - eight credit hours per semester. A total of eight credit hours are required.

Closure procedures

All students must consult with their advisor before registering for their last semester to ensure that both the UIS and department requirements have been met. Every B.S.W. student will complete 44 credit hours of core social work courses. This includes eight hours of field work.