

Social Work

	For Major
Hours Required in Social Work	48
Hours Required in Other Departments	19
Total Hours	67

Major

Professor:

Connelly

Associate Professor:

Powell (Chair)

Assistant Professors:

Dolphin, Russell

- Since the Social Work curriculum is highly sequential in design, students who begin their course of study after the first semester of their sophomore year will often need more than four years to complete the program
- Only courses in which a grade of C or better is earned will count toward satisfaction of major requirements.
- Academic credit is not given for life or work experiences.
- The Social Work program has a competitive admissions process. Department faculty reserve the right to select those candidates who demonstrate the greatest potential for developing as professional social workers.

The major in Social Work is designed to prepare students for generalist practice. It is built upon a liberal arts foundation and provides students with the knowledge, values, and skills needed to help individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.

Content in the major forms the foundation for professional practice. The curriculum covers values and ethics, diversity, social and economic justice, populations-at-risk, human behavior and the social environment, social welfare policy and services, social work practice, research, and field practicum. All students are required to complete a full-time internship which constitutes the last semester of the senior year.

Graduates with a major in Social Work may begin professional practice in a variety of fields including mental health, aging, family and children's services, health care, addictions, juvenile and adult corrections, developmental disabilities, and community planning and development.

The Social Work program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). Graduates of the program are eligible to apply to take state social work licensure exams at the baccalaureate level and to compete for employment positions where such a license is required. In addition, qualified graduates may also apply for advanced standing in graduate schools of social work which allows for completion of a Master's degree in less time than it would otherwise take. Contact the Department Chair for further information.

Requirements for Admission to the Social Work Program

Applicants must meet the following phased admissions requirements in order to be accepted into and complete the Social Work program. At each phase, student portfolio materials will be evaluated by a panel of faculty and rated according to a standardized competencies checklist. Developmental feedback is provided to the student via the academic advisor. A complete list of evaluative criteria is published in the Social Work Student Handbook available through the department.

Enrollment in the program is controlled by the number of slots available in the program at the time of admission. Admissions decisions are based on a competitive process. Application deadlines for all students, including transfer students, are established each semester by the program and publicly announced by the department.

Phase I (Pre-Admission)

1. Completion of at least 30 credit hours
2. Cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 (including transfer courses)
3. Completion of a declaration of major form
4. Completion of an application to the Social Work program which includes a self statement and three letters of reference (Application packets are available from the department.)
5. Completion of SOWK 370 with a grade of C or better and submission of a writing sample from this course along with the application for admission
6. Approval of the Social Work Department Admissions Committee (which may require a personal interview with the Social Work faculty) to pass into Phase II

Phase II (Foundation Phase)

1. Completion of SOWK 371, 375, 377, and 379 with a grade of C or better in each course
2. Completion of student portfolio materials from each of the above courses at a level which meets or exceeds program performance standards. Materials to be included in the portfolio are identified in each course syllabus.
3. Cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 both overall and in courses required for the major
4. Approval of Social Work faculty to pass into Phase III

Phase III (Upper Division Phase)

1. Completion of SOWK 310, 311, 470, and 471 with a grade of C or better in each course
2. Completion of student portfolio materials from each of the above courses at a level which meets or exceeds program performance standards. Materials to be included in the portfolio are identified in each course syllabus.
3. Cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 both overall and in courses required for the major
4. Approval of Social Work faculty to pass into Phase IV

Phase IV (Graduation)

1. Completion of SOWK 492 with a grade of C or better and SOWK 495 with a grade of P
2. Completion of student portfolio materials from each of the above courses at a level which meets or exceeds program performance standards. Materials to be included in the portfolio are identified in each course syllabus.
3. Cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 both overall and in courses required for the major
4. Meet program performance standards set by the department as measured by a standardized exit exam. Students who do not successfully meet these standards will be given additional opportunities to repeat the exam but only at their own expense.
5. Completion of an exit interview with the Social Work faculty

Dismissal Policy

The following constitute grounds for dismissal from the Social Work program:

1. Inability to meet the academic requirements of the program
2. Failure to address and correct deficiencies in competencies cited at last assessment review
3. Violations of the National Association of Social Workers' Code of Ethics (Copies of the Code are available from the Department of Social Work.)
4. Violations of FSU's Student Code of Conduct as outlined in the *Pathfinder* which would result in a referral to the University's Judicial System

A grievance procedure for protecting students' rights to due process is outlined in the Social Work Student Handbook available from the Department of Social Work.

Summary of Requirements for Major in Social Work**Major****1. Social Work Courses**

(48 hours)

- SOWK 220 Racial and Cultural Minorities
- SOWK 310 Statistics for Social Science
- SOWK 311 Basic Research Methods
- SOWK 364 Marriage and Family Relationships
- SOWK 370 Introduction to Social Welfare
- SOWK 371 Social Policy
- SOWK 375 Human Behavior and the Social Environment I
- SOWK 377 Human Behavior and the Social Environment II
- SOWK 379 Foundations for Social Work Practice
- SOWK 470 Generalist Practice I
- SOWK 471 Generalist Practice II
- SOWK 492 Social Work Seminar
- SOWK 495 Internship in Social Work

2. Courses in Other Departments

(19 hours)

- SOCI 100 or 111 Introduction to Sociology (GEP LAC Group D)
- SOCI 200 Social Problems
- COSC 100 Introduction to Computer Science
- PSYC 150 or 151 General Psychology (GEP LAC Group D)
- POSC 110 or 112 Introduction to American Politics (GEP LAC Group D)
- BIOL 109 Human Biology and the Environment (GEP LAC Group C)