

# Social Work

## Major

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Hours Required in Social Work:	48
Hours Required in Other Departments:	19
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>67</b>

### Professors:

Connelly, Russell (Chair)

### Associate Professors:

Hartsock, Powell

- Since the Social Work curriculum is highly sequential in design, you are encouraged to meet with the department chair as early as possible to discuss declaring your major in social work.
- 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.
- Students with a degree in social work are eligible to earn Maryland State certification as addiction counselors. Several social work courses count towards the requirements. See the Addictions Counselor Preparation section of this catalog.

The major in Social Work is designed to prepare you for generalist practice. It is built upon a liberal arts foundation and provides you 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 admissions requirements in order to be accepted into and complete the Social Work program. 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.

## Admission Requirements

1. Completion of at least 30 credit hours.
2. Cumulative GPA of at least 2.3 (or recommendation of faculty member).
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.
6. Approval of the Social Work Department Admissions Committee (which may require a personal interview with the Social Work faculty). The Admissions Committee may award special provisional admission.

## Graduation Requirements

1. Completion of SOWK 492 (Capstone) with a grade of C or better and SOWK 495 with a grade of P.
2. Cumulative GPA of at least 2.3 both overall and in courses required for the major.
3. 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.
4. 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.

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## Summary of Requirements for Major in Social Work

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#### 1. Social Work Courses: (48 hours)

- SOWK 305 Racial and Cultural Minorities (*GEP Group F*)  
 SOWK 310 Statistics for Social Science  
 SOWK 311 Basic Research Methods  
 SOWK 370 Introduction to Social Welfare and Social Work  
 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 Generalist Practice  
 SOWK 470 Generalist Practice with Individuals and Families  
 SOWK 471 Generalist Practice with Communities and Organizations  
 SOWK 473 Generalist Practice with Groups  
 SOWK 492 Social Work Seminar (Capstone)  
 SOWK 495 Internship in Social Work

*\*A seminar course (491) may be applicable to the Distribution Requirements with the prior approval of the department; only 1 seminar may be used in this manner.*

#### 2. Courses in Other Departments: (19 hours)

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