

Social Work Program

School of Education and Human Studies

Mission Statement

The Social Work Program seeks to prepare students for entry level generalist social work practice with individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities. The program emphasizes the importance of a solid liberal arts foundation and of Christian and social work values that promote social and economic justice and an understanding and appreciation for human diversity.

Program Leadership

Mary Anne Poe (1996). Assistant Professor of Social Work and Social Work Program Director. B.A., Vanderbilt University; M.S.S.W., University of Louisville; M.Div., Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, A.C.S.W. Certification.

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Profile of the Social Work Program

A student majoring in Social Work will receive the Bachelor of Social Work degree. The student must take the General Core requirements and B.S.W. specific requirements as outlined below:

General Core Requirements: (44 hours)

CLU 111, 112; ENG 111, 112, 201, 202; ART 210; HIS 101, 102; Science Group A; BIO 121; MAT 114; PEWS 100, PEWS Activity; CHR 111, 112; PSY 213.

B.S.W. Specific Requirements: (21 hours)

CSC 105, SOC 211, PSC 211, PSY 317, SW 421 or SOC 422, and 6 hours Modern Foreign Language

Social Work Major—45 hours

- A. SW 200, 201, 310—do not require admission to the program
- B. SW 300, 301, 315, 335
- C. SW 400, 401, 402, 423, 490
- D. SW Elective—3 hours

Admission Requirements to the Social Work Program

A student may make application for entry into the Social Work program during the Spring semester of his/her sophomore year. The following are requirements for admission:

- Complete an application form.
- Two faculty references, one personal reference.
- Have at least 2.25 minimum GPA in all college courses, with at least a “C” in the following courses: ENG 111, 112; BIO 121; PSC 211; SOC 211; PSY 213; CSC 105; MAT 114; SW 310.
- Complete SW 200 and SW 201 with at least a grade of “C.” These two courses may be taken in the first semester after admission to the program, though it is advisable to complete these two courses prior to admission to the program.
- Pass all courses listed as General Core and B.S.W. specific core. It is advisable that students complete all core requirements prior to admission to the program.
- Complete an interview with the Social Work Program Admissions Committee. Knowingly making a false oral or written statement during the admission process can

Agency Field Instructor. Agency Field Instructors supplement the educational program in social work by providing supervision to senior students who are completing 424 hours of field work in an approved agency. These instructors provide on-the-job instruction and supervision, hold weekly conferences with the student, and assist in the evaluation of student performance and learning.

Insurance. A student who is completing his or her Community Social Service Expe-

ences will be processed and material addressed on how to become a helper, is required. An evaluation will be completed by the agency supervisor at the end of the semester. Students are required to purchase professional liability insurance when taking this course.

300. Human Behavior and the Social Environment I (3) F

400. Populations-at-Risk (3) F

Prerequisites: SW Program Admission and SW 301, 310, 335 and 401.

Patterns, dynamics, and consequences of discrimination, economic deprivation, and oppression will be presented. The curriculum includes content on people of color, gay and lesbian persons, those distinguished by age, ethnicity, culture, class, and physical and mental ability. Course content includes strategies for micro, mezzo, and macro interventions designed to empower these groups and individuals.

401. Social Work Practice II (3) S

agency. These hours will be documented on a weekly time sheet. A weekly journal is also required. The application for field placement must be submitted for approval of the Social Work Field Director no later than mid-term of the Fall semester preceding the Spring semester that this course will be taken. Pass/Fail. Students taking this course must purchase Professional Liability Insurance.

Available in each departmental prefix:

180-280-380-480. Study Abroad Programs (1-4) As Needed

All courses and their application must be defined and approved prior to travel.

195-6-7. Special Studies (1-4) On Demand

Lower-level group studies which do not appear in the regular departmental offerings.

395-6-7. Special Studies (1-4) On Demand

Upper-level group studies which do not appear in the regular departmental offerings.