

## Mission Statement

The mission of the BSW Program is to prepare competent and effective professionals for leadership as social work

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master's in social work degree, MSW.

## Curriculum

A student majoring in Social Work will receive the

## Admission Requirements to the Social Work Program

A student may declare a major in Social Work upon admission to the university. Prior to the junior year, the student makes an application for entry into the program. The following are requirements for admission to the program in the sophomore year:

- Complete an application form
- One faculty reference, one personal reference.
- Have at least 2.25 CUM GPA.
- Complete SW 200 and 310 with at least a grade of "C." These may be taken in the first semester after admission to the program, though it is advisable to complete them prior to program admission.
- Complete the General and B.S.W. Specific Core preferably prior to program admission.
- Complete an interview with the Social Work Program Admissions Committee. Knowingly making a false oral or written statement during the admission process can result in denial of admission to the program. The Social Work Program Admissions Committee may require outside evaluations, assessments, and/or opinions of professionals as is deemed necessary.
- Possess these personal qualities: Self-awareness, empathy, objectivity, appreciation of diversity, professional commitment, and a liberal arts base of knowledge.
- Sign a statement indicating that he/she has read and will follow the Code of Ethics of the National Association of Social Workers.

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. A fee of \$50 is charged to the student the semester they are enrolled in SW 423, Senior Seminar.

A student who is completing agency field experiences as part of the requirements in social work practice courses will be required to purchase Professional Liability Insurance.

## Assessment of Majors

Students must complete SW 490 with a minimum of 424 clock hours in an approved social service agency during their senior year. Students must have a minimum 2.5 SW GPA to enroll in SW 490 and 423. For graduation, SW 490 must be completed with a passing grade and 423 with a B or higher. SW 423 helps the student integrate and evaluate all the knowledge, values and skills covered in previous coursework.

Senior SW majors must complete a senior capstone integrative project that demonstrates the student's competency of the program learning objectives.

## General Information

The Social Work Program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, 1725 Duke Street, Suite 500, Alexandria, VA 22314-3457.

The Director of the BSW Program is responsible for overall administration of the Program. The director is available during office hours to answer questions regarding the program, employment opportunities, professional associations and licensures, and other questions related to the social work profession.

The BSW Field Director has primary responsibility for the field education component of the Program including implementation of field processes and procedures and maintaining effective working relationships with sites, field instructors, and students.

## Student Awards

**Outstanding Senior Award**. This award is given to the graduating senior with high academic achievement, outstanding performances in Field Practicum, and faculty and peer recommendation.

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**Pearlman Award**. This award is given to the student who has demonstrated excellence in scholarship, skill in practice, and strength in adversity. Oter; Spr;

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Prerequisite: SW 338

# ADULT STUDIES/BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

## COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN STUDIES

The Union University School of Social Work offers its program leading to the Bachelor of Social Work to qualified adult students on both the Jackson and Germantown Campuses.

An applicant must meet university admission requirements, must have at least 60 hours earned toward a bachelor's degree, and must be at least 24 years of age to