

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN STUDIES

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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.
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Student Awards

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

Phoenix Award. This award is given to the student who has demonstrated excellence in scholarship, skill in practice, and strength in adversity.

Course Offerings in Social Work (SW)

() Hours Credit; F-Fall; W-Winter; S-Spring; Su-Summer

200. Introduction to Social Welfare (3) F, S

A study of the history of social welfare and the constructed policies and practices that address societal problems, such as poverty and vulnerable populations.

201. Community Social Service Experience (3) F

Corequisite: Professional Liability Insurance.

An opportunity for students considering a social work major to be exposed to the principles of social work within a community social service agency. A total of 40 minimum clock hours is spent in an agency in addition to the seminar class.

225. Relationships, Marriage and Families (3) F, S, Su

Reciprocal credit: SOC 225. See SOC 225 for description.

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

An exploration of the theories and knowledge of human bio-psycho-social-spiritual-cultural development from birth through young adulthood in the context of the range of social systems in which individuals live: families, groups, organizations, and communities. The impact of social and economic forces on human development will be explored with special attention to evaluating theory and its application to issues of human diversity.

301. Human Behavior and the Social Environment II (3) S

This course continues to make use of the people-in-systems theoretical orientation and related concepts as human development and diversity are studied from adulthood to old age.

305. Psychopathology (3) F

A study of mental health in light of dynamic ethno-cultural, spiritual, and bio-psycho-social factors impacting client systems and how this knowledge is integrated into practice paradigms.

307. Faith-Based Social Services (3) F—Odd Years

An exploration of the biblical and theological basis for faith-based social services, various models, and recent related government initiatives and policies.

310. Social and Economic Justice (3) F, S

Prerequisite: CHR 111 or 112.

Reciprocal credit: SOC 310.

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348. Child Welfare Practice (3) F

Prerequisite: SW 338

Development of knowledge and skills for culturally competent practice with families at risk. Completion of this and BSW leads to a Tennessee Public Child Welfare Certification.

370. Gender and Sexuality (3) S

Prerequisite: SOC 211. Reciprocal credit: SOC 370. See SOC 370 for description.

400. Populations-at-Risk (3) F

Prerequisites: SW Program Admission.

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 with Individuals, Families and Groups (3) S

ADULT STUDIES/BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

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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 qualify for the BSW-Adult Studies Program. Admission to the Social Work Program parallels that in the traditional program as detailed in School of Social Work chapter.

For additional program information, including direct contact information to program personnel, check

The Calendar

The academic calendars for the Bachelor of Social Work—Adult Studies Program do not parallel those shown in the

Curriculum

A student receiving a Bachelor of Social Work degree in the Adult Studies Program must take the General Core requirements and B.S.W. specific requirements as outlined below:

- I. General Core and BSW Specific Core Requirements
 - A. General Core and transfer policies specific to Adult Studies programs are detailed in the "Adult Studies" section of the
 - B. Exempt from COM 112 or 235
 - C. Social Sciences must include PSY 213 and SOC 211
 - D. Six hours of foreign language/culture classes. Must include at least 3 hours of foreign language.
 - E. For the student seeking the B.S.W. as a bachelor's degree, the following are considered prerequisites and only requirements from the core: PSY 213, SOC 211, Language (3 hours), Language or Culture (3 hours).
- II. Social Work Requirements—51 hours
 - A. SW 200, 300, 301, 305, 310, 315, 335, 400, 401, 402, 421
 - B. SW elective—6 hours
 - C. SW 490 and 423—Field Practicum and Senior Seminar
- III. Tennessee Public Child Welfare Certification
 - A. Complete major and core requirements as detailed above
 - B. Complete SW 338 and 348
 - C. Complete SW 490 with the TN Department of Children's Services
- IV. Licensure as a School Social Worker
 - A. Complete major and core requirements as detailed above
 - B. SW 340 and complete SW 490 in a school setting
- V. The Bachelor of Social Work is also available as a traditional/day course offerings program
See the School of Social Work for details.