

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

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Mission Statement

The mission of the BSW Program is to prepare competent and effective professionals for leadership as social work practitioners. In a context of Christian higher education, the program fosters compassionate service, promotes social and economic justice, and equips students for excellence in social work practice in entry level professional positions.

Graduates work in a diversity of public and private settings, including child advocacy and welfare,

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or higher. SW 423 helps the student integrate and evaluate all the knowledge, values and skills covered in previous coursework. Handbook details, in full, the circumstances under which the student may be placed on probation or terminated from the program, if, in the professional judgment of the Social Work faculty, violations of professional or ethical codes have occurred or in the event of unacceptable academic achievement.

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

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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.

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 \$100 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. The annual fee, approximately \$25.00, will be charged to the student's account during the semester in which he/she is registered for these practice courses.

The available in the office of the Director and on the School of Social Work website (), describes all aspects of the program including an introduction to the profession, Union's program objectives and goals, curriculum, admission and termination/probation policies, transfer policies specific to CSWE accredited and non-accredited schools, grievance procedures, student organizations, and student rights and responsibilities. The

Social Work Agency Agreements

All social work majors are required to obtain professional social work field experience in a local community agency. Numerous local social service agencies provide the setting for this practicum. The clarifies expectations regarding this experience. It may be obtained from the Social Work faculty or on the website of the School of Social Work at .

Student Organizations

The student organization, Social Work Reaches Out, is for majors in social work and those interested in social work. The organization assists in developing professional social work identity and provides an opportunity to be involved in volunteer community social service. Service opportunities include child mentoring and advocacy, nursing home activities, community organizing, and resource development. The organization gives students regular opportunity to interact with others having similar interests.

Phi Alpha, National Honor Society for Social Work Students, Eta Phi Chapter, fosters high standards of education for social workers and invites into membership those who have attained excellence in scholarship and achievement in social work. Social Work majors with an overall GPA of 3.4 and a GPA of 3.7 in social work courses may be considered for membership. Students become eligible to be invited for membership at the end of their Junior year in the Social Work Program.

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.

Course Offerings in Social Work (SW)

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

201. Community Social Service Experience (3)

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.



409. Field Seminar I (1)
Prerequisites: SW 315 and 401
Field Seminar I prepares students for entry into their field placement. It provides students with the opportunity to further integrate knowledge and insights developed in the classroom by exploring the field experience through the group process. Through facilitated discussion, students learn about social work practice in various settings and assist each other in seeing the similarities and differences in applying generalist social work practice, knowledge, and skills across service delivery systems and practice methods. The process-oriented seminar is designed to afford students the opportunity to prepare for and discuss, analyze, and integrate their field placement. The course is completed in the fall semester of the senior year for Field Practicum preparation and processing.
410. Field Seminar II (2)
Prerequisites: SW 315, 401, 409
Field Seminar II provides a continuing forum for students to integrate knowledge and insights developed in the classroom by exploring the field experience through the group process. Through facilitated discussion, students learn about social work practice in various settings and assist each other in seeing the similarities and differences in applying generalist social work practice, knowledge, and skills across service delivery systems and practice methods. The process-oriented seminar is designed to afford students the opportunity to discuss, analyze, and integrate their field placement. This course is completed in the spring semester of the senior year, for continued processing and documentation for Field Practicum. All students in Field Seminar II are concurrently enrolled in SW 490 – Social Work Field Practicum. Social Work Field Practicum is designed to provide students with a generalist perspective of social work practice. Through involvement with individuals, families, groups, and communities, students apply theory to practice in a professionally supervised setting, which is educationally designed to meet the needs of the learner and the professional requirements of the Union University School of Social Work.
419. Social Diversity and Inequality (3)
Prerequisite: SOC 211. Reciprocal credit: SOC 419, ICS 419.
See SOC 419 for course description.
420. Death and Dying (3)
Prerequisite: SOC 211. Reciprocal credit: SOC 420. See SOC 420 for description.
421. Research and Statistical Methods in Social Work (3) F
An introduction to the processes of quantitative and qualitative methods to build knowledge for practice; the use of statistics in social work research and evaluation of service delivery; and the development, use and communication of empirically based knowledge.
423. Senior Seminar in Social Work Practice (3) S
Prerequisites: Admission to SW Field Practicum. Corequisite: SW 490.
Students review various social work processes, including ecological systems theory, contact and contract phases of social work intervention, social work values and ethics, and interventive roles and methods. Class presentations and a capstone project that integrates social work with field experience are required.
490. Social Work Field Practicum (1-6)
Prerequisites: Admission; SW GPA 2.5 or higher. Corequisite: SW 423; Professional Liability Insurance.
Professional field experience in a faculty-approved community agency; public or private, with supervision by an on-site approved field instructor. Students must meet with the field instructor for one hour/week in a face-to-face supervisory conference to discuss cases and student progress. The student will complete a minimum of 424 clock hours in the agency, documented on a weekly log and a journal. The application for field placement must be submitted for approval of the BSW Field Director no later than mid-term of the preceding Fall semester. Pass/Fail.

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- Available in each departmental prefix:
- 179-279-379-479. External Domestic Study Programs (1-3) As Needed
All courses and their applications must be defined and approved prior to registering.
- 179PF-279PF-379PF-479PF. External Domestic Study Programs (Pass/Fail) As Needed
All courses and their applications must be defined and approved prior to registering.
- 180-280-380-480. Study Abroad Programs (1-4) As Needed
All courses and their application must be defined and approved prior to travel.
- 180PF-280PF-380PF-480PF. Study Abroad Programs (Pass/Fail) As Needed
All courses and their applications must be defined and approved prior to travel.
- 195-6-7. Special Studies (1-4) On Demand
295-6-7. 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.
- 495-6-7. Independent Study (1-4) On Demand
Individual research under the guidance of a faculty member(s).
- 498-9. Seminar (1-3) F On Demand
To be used at the discretion of the department for majors only.

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

- A. Complete the Adult Studies General Core—49 hours
 - B. Complete the B.S. Specific core: SW 200, 300, 301, 310, 335, 421
 - C. Select 30 Social Org Electives from the following: Choose from SW, PSY, ICS, SOC, ECO, SE
 - D. Select 31 hours of General Electives
 - E. No minor is required
 - V. The Bachelor of Social Work and the Bachelor of Science in Social Organization are also available as a traditional/day course offerings program
- See the School of Social Work for details.

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 409, 410, 490, and 423—Field Practicum, Field Seminar I and II, 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. Bachelor of Science in Social Organization

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 cumulative GPA to enroll in SW 490 and 423. For graduation, SW 490 must be completed with a passing grade and 409, 410, 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.

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Financial Information

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| Tuition | \$480/hour |
| General Student Fee. | 20/hour |

General Information and Course Offerings

Other general information about the BSW Program for Adults and descriptions of course offerings parallel that in the traditional program as detailed above.