SOCIAL WORK, B.S.W.

The purpose of the Social Work major is to prepare students for entry level generalist practice in social work. This is a professional program of study which is strongly grounded for the first two years in liberal arts; the second two years focus on the professional curriculum. The program prepares students for work with individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities.

Accreditation

The program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education for an eight-year period ending in June 2029.

Admission to the Social Work Major

The student who wishes to formally declare Social Work as a major should consult with the Undergraduate Program Director. Admission is competitive and limited. Decisions concerning admission are announced by January 1 and are effective with the beginning of the spring semester. Admission to the major is based upon the criteria listed below.

1. Required courses
   Satisfactory completion of the courses listed below with a grade of C or higher.

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2. GPA
   A minimum university GPA of 2.50

3. Credit hours
   Completion of a minimum of 51 credit hours

4. Application packet
   Completion and submission of the B.S.W. Application Packet by December 7 of the year in which the student is seeking admission

Requirements for Admission to Field Instruction

1. Social Work major
   Prior admission to the Social Work Major

2. Required courses
   Completion of the courses below (or their equivalent) and completion of the department’s culture and diversity requirement.

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3. Credit hours
   Completion of 84 credits with a 2.50 grade point average

4. Early field experience
   Satisfactory completion of all early field experience requirements

5. SWK Courses
   Satisfactory completion of the courses listed below with a minimum grade of C. No Social Work course may be taken more than twice.

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6. Application process
   An application process and approval of the Director of Field Instruction

General Information

Admission to the university does not constitute acceptance to the department. Academic credit is not awarded for life or work experience. Community social work agencies cooperate with the Department of Social Work in providing field work experiences for the students. The number of students placed for field instruction is determined by the availability of these resources. At times, there may not be an approved site for student placement and there may be delay in meeting that part of the graduation requirements.

Students enrolled in the practice sequence are individually responsible for their own transportation to and from community agencies. Students are required to provide proof of liability and malpractice insurance. Malpractice insurance information is available in the departmental office.

Students who fail to enter senior year field instruction within two years of completion of all Bachelor of Social Work foundation courses* must reapply for admission to the social work program. The Director of the Bachelor of Social Work program in consultation with the student and faculty will decide what social work courses, if any, must be repeated prior to reapplying for admission to field instruction.

Students who enter field instruction and fail to successfully complete it must reapply for admission to field instruction within two years of completion of all Bachelor of Social Work foundation courses*. If more than two years elapse, the student must reapply for admission to the social work program. Students who have previously entered field instruction and have not successfully completed it may only reapply once for readmission.

* BSW Foundation Courses
  - SWK 215
  - SWK 310
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- SWK 311
- SWK 315
- SWK 325
- SWK 351
- SWK 352

**Overall Requirements**
- 120 credit hours, to include at least 36 credits at or above the 300 course level.
- A minimum university GPA of 2.50.

**Degree Program Requirements**

**University Requirements** ([https://catalog.uncg.edu/academic-regulations-policies/undergraduate-requirements/undergraduate-degrees-and-degree-requirements/](https://catalog.uncg.edu/academic-regulations-policies/undergraduate-requirements/undergraduate-degrees-and-degree-requirements/))

**General Education Requirements - Minerva’s Academic Curriculum (MAC)** ([https://catalog.uncg.edu/academic-regulations-policies/undergraduate-requirements/general-education-program/](https://catalog.uncg.edu/academic-regulations-policies/undergraduate-requirements/general-education-program/))

**Major Requirements**

**Admission to Field Instruction**

- SWK 215 Introduction to Social Work
- SWK 310 Social Work Policy and Restorative Justice
- SWK 311 Human Behavior and Social Environment
- SWK 315 Social Work, Diversity, and Vulnerable Populations
- SWK 325 Research in Social Work Practice
- SWK 351 Professional Practice With Individuals and Families
- SWK 352 Professional Practice With Groups

**Practice Sequence**

- SWK 411 Social Work Methods With Individuals and Families
- SWK 412 Social Work Methods With Communities and Organizations
- SWK 413 Field Instruction I
- SWK 414 Field Instruction II
- SWK 415 Field Instruction Seminar I
- SWK 416 Field Instruction Seminar II

Select 6 remaining credits in SWK at the 400 level

**Related Area Requirements**

- BIO 105 Major Concepts of Biology
- or BIO 111 Principles of Biology I
- or ATY 153 The Human Species
- HDF 112 Families and Close Relationships
- PSC 200 American Politics
- PSY 121 General Psychology
- SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology
- STA 108 Elementary Introduction to Probability and Statistics

or SWK 350 Introduction to Social Work Data Analysis

**Culture and Diversity Requirement**

Select 6 credits of the following:

- ADS 201 Introduction to African American Studies
- ADS 210 Blacks in American Society: Social, Economic, and Political Perspectives
- ATY 100 Modern Cultural Diversity
- ATY 113 Engaging Culture
- ATY 230 Cultures of Native North America
- ENG 331 Women in Literature
- ENG 374 Early African American Writers
- ENG 376 African American Writers after the 1920s
- HDF 407 Issues Affecting Women and Families
- HEA 433 Gender and Health
- HEA 447 Income, Social Status, and Health
- HEA 471 Immigrant and Refugee Health
- HIS 301 Race and Slavery
- HIS 302 Race and Segregation
- HIS 328 U.S. Women's History to 1865
- HIS 329 U.S. Women's History Since 1865
- PCS 309 Conflict and Culture
- PCS 415 Global Peacebuilding
- PSC 336 Women and the Law
- REL 111 Introduction to Asian Religion
- REL 215 Judaism
- REL 221 Buddhism
- REL 223 Hinduism
- REL 225 Islam
- REL 229 Introduction to African American Religions
- REL 231 Religion in America
- SES 101 American Sign Language I
- or ASL 101 Elementary American Sign Language I
- SES 102 American Sign Language II
- or ASL 102 Elementary American Sign Language II
- SES 200 People with Disabilities in American Society
- SOC 327 Race and Ethnic Relations
- SOC 329 Sociological Perspectives on Gender
- WGS 250 An Introduction to Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies
- WGS 270 Introduction to LGBTQI Studies
- WGS 311 Gender and Violence
- WGS 333 Postcolonial and Transnational Feminisms

* Social work majors who take the SWK course instead of STA course will need to also take a general math course to meet the MAC requirement. MAT 112 is recommended.

**All students must establish elementary competence in culture and human diversity. To do so, a student may establish foreign language proficiency (through 102) at the elementary level (0-6 credits) or complete 6 credits in course work chosen from the courses listed.**
Optional Concentration

Any of the optional concentrations as detailed following the major requirements may be added, but a concentration is not required.

- Addiction Studies
- Social Work with Special Subject-Area Licensure in School Social Work

Electives

Electives sufficient to complete the 120 credit hours required for the degree.

Addiction Studies Concentration Requirements

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Select 1 course from the following:

SOC 393  Drugs and Society
or HEA 331  Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs

* Must be completed in an addictions setting.

Social Work with Special Subject-Area Licensure in School Social Work Concentration Requirements

Students intending to become licensed for school social work by the Department of Public Instruction need to complete the licensure program which has been developed with the School of Education (see School of Education Licensure Programs).

In addition to completing the requirements for the social work major, the student must be admitted to the Teacher Education Program, have a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA, and successfully complete the courses listed below.

Field Instruction courses must be taken in a school social work setting.

Licensure for school social work is granted by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. Students interested in School Social Work Licensure should contact the advisor for School Social Work Licensure in the Department of Social Work.

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Disciplinary Honors in Social Work

Requirements

- A minimum of 12 credit hours as defined below.
- UNC Greensboro cumulative GPA of 3.30 or better or, for transfer students, cumulative GPA of 3.30 or better from all prior institutions.

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Recognition

Receive a Certificate of Disciplinary Honors in Social Work; have that accomplishment, along with the title of the Senior Honors Project, noted on the official transcript; and be recognized at a banquet held at the end of the spring semester.

Honors Advisor

Contact Daniel Rhodes at dtrhodes@uncg.edu for further information and guidance about Honors in Social Work. To apply: http://honorscollege.uncg.edu/forms/disc-application.pdf