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 2021.

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
   - SWK 311
   - SWK 315
   - SWK 325
   - SWK 351
### Overall Requirements
- 120 credit hours, to include at least 36 credits at or above the 300 course level

### Degree Program Requirements

#### Code  Title  Credit Hours

**University Requirements**
- General Education Core Requirements (GEC)
- [University Requirements](https://catalog.uncg.edu/academic-regulations-policies/undergraduate-policies)
- [GEC](https://catalog.uncg.edu/academic-regulations-policies/undergraduate-policies/general-education-program/#generaleducationcorerequirementstext)

**Major Requirements**

#### Code  Title  Credit Hours

**Admission to Field Instruction**
- SWK 215  Introduction to Social Work  19
- SWK 310  Social Policy and Services
- 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 Skills

**Practice Sequence**
- SWK 411  Social Work Methods I  24
- SWK 412  Social Work Methods II
- 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 social work at the 400 level

**Related Area Requirements**
- BIO 105  Major Concepts of Biology ††
- BIO 111  Principles of Biology I
  or ATY 253  Introduction to Biological Anthropology
- ECO 101  Introduction to Economics †
- HDF 212  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 250  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  Contemporary Non-Western Cultures
  - ATY 213  Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
  - ATY 330  Cultures of North American Indians
  - ENG 331  Women in Literature

**Total Credit Hours**
- 73

* Social work majors who take the SWK course instead of STA course will need to also take a general math course to meet the GEC 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.

† Counts toward GEC GSB requirement.

‡‡ Counts toward GEC GNS requirement.

‡‡‡ Counts toward GEC GMT requirement.

### Optional Concentration

The optional concentration as detailed following the major requirements may be added, but is not required.

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

### Electives

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