

SOCIAL WORK

College of Arts and Sciences - Department of Social Work

Degrees Available at SIUE

- Bachelor of Social Work

Why Social Work?

Social work is about people. On the micro level it is about building relationships with a mother who finally has decided to leave her abuser or a teenage boy who has run away from home five times. On the macro level, it is about helping a neighborhood group shutter the drug houses in its community or lobbying legislators for expanded funding for subsidize housing.

Social work is a good fit for natural helpers who can think critically and compassionately about situations. An undergraduate degree in social work can lead to a variety of career choices in public, not-for-profit and private sector human service agencies. Social workers are found in child welfare, health and medical care, elderly services, schools, community development and even global organizations.

Social Work at SIUE

The Social Work Department supports a generalist practice perspective that trains social workers skilled in working with individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities to help oppressed and underserved populations.

The undergraduate program is fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, assuring the program's excellence in preparing students for future employment in the field. Also because of this accreditation, graduates are eligible for membership in the National Association of Social Workers and certification in the Academy of Certified Baccalaureate Social Workers

Students at SIUE benefit from small class sizes and a low student-teacher ratio. Students receive expert instruction from faculty members who have strong ties to social service agencies in the community. These ties benefit students in their senior year when they are required to select a field placement to put theory into practice.

The Social Work Department boasts an active Social Work Student Association that sponsors professional and social activities throughout the year.

Career Outlook

U.S. News & World Report, Money Magazine and Working Woman have listed social work as one of the 25 best jobs for the future.

The social work profession is considered by many analysts to be recession proof because social services cannot be outsourced. Due to the tremendous growth in the elderly population, child abuse and neglect cases, world hunger and other social dilemmas, the demand for social workers shows no sign of subsiding.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts social work jobs will increase by 22 percent through 2016. SIUE has an excellent job placement record with its social work graduates.

Admission Requirements

To be admitted to the B.S.W. program, students must submit through the SIUE Office of Academic Advising the following information after two semesters of full-time college or university enrollment:

- an application to SIUE certifying their admission to the University;



Faculty

Professor

Larry Kreuger, (Chair), Ph.D.

1983, St. Louis University

Gerald V. O'Brien, Ph.D.

1997, University of Illinois- Urbana
(BSW Program Director)

Associate Professors

Carl E. Bentelspacher, Ph.D.

1984, University of Southern California

Kathleen J. Tunney, Ph.D.

1999, University of Illinois-Chicago
(Program Director)

Assistant Professors

Roger E. Boyd, Ph.D.

2005, St. Louis University

Bryan C. Duckham, Ph.D.

2007, Loyola University Chicago

Hsin Hsin Huang, Ph.D.

2010 University of Missouri - St. Louis

Angela Kaiser, Ph.D.

2010, Wayne State University

Carol A. Wesley, Ph.D.

1987, Saint Louis University (Director of Practica)

Instructors

Kellene M. Hamilton, MSW

1989, Saint Louis University

Sample Four-Year Curriculum

	FALL	SPRING
YEAR 1	BIOL 111 Contemporary Biology (INSM) (3) ENG 101 English Composition I (3) PSYC 111 Introduction to Psychology (ISS) (3) SPC 103 Interpersonal Communication (IGR) (3) STAT 107 Concepts of Statistics (3) Total 15	ANTH 111B Human Cultures and Communication (II) (3) ECON 111 Principles of Macroeconomics (ISS) (3) ENG 102 English Composition II (3) PHIL 106 Critical Thinking (3) POLS 112 American National Government (3) Total 15
YEAR 2	HIST 201 U.S. History Since 1877 (3) PSYC 206 Social Psychology (DSS) (3) Introductory Fine Arts & Humanities or Natural Science & Math (3) Foreign Language 101/Elective (4) Elective (4) Total 17	PHIL course (Introductory or Distribution) (3) Introductory Fine Arts & Humanities (3) Distribution Natural Sciences & Math (3) Foreign Language 102/Elective (4) Total 13
YEAR 3	SOCW 200 Foundations of Social Work I (4) SOCW 201 Foundations of Social Work II (3) SOCW 211 Micro Skills of Counseling (3) SOCW 302 Human Behavior in Social Environments I (3) ENG 201 Intermediate Composition (DFAH) (3) Total 16	SOCW 301 Introduction to Social Welfare Policy (3) SOCW 303 Human Behavior in Social Environments II (3) SOCW 315 Social Work Practice I (3) SOCW 316 Social Work Practice II (3) SOCW 390 Diversity & Issues of Social and Economic Justice (3) Total 15
YEAR 4	SOCW 400 Social Work Practice III (3) SOCW 480 Research Methods in Social Work (4) SOCW 482 Field Instruction I (4) SOCW Elective (3) Interdisciplinary Studies (IS) (3) Total 17	SOCW 401 Social Welfare Policy Analysis (3) SOCW 481 Statistics for Social Work (3) SOCW 483 Field Instruction II (4) SOCW Elective (3) SOCW Elective (3) Total 16

TRANSFER STUDENTS Maximize your transfer experience - complete the **bolded** courses/requirements pre-transfer **AND** satisfy the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) General Ed Core or receive an AA, AS, or AAT (early childhood, special ed, or math) degree from an IAI community college. If 'Minor' requirements are shown, discuss careful course selection with the academic advising contact listed. Transfer Credit Equivalency Guides are located at siue.edu/transfer/

- an academic transcript certifying that the student has a grade point average of 2.5 or better at the time of application for admission to the BSW program;
- a referral to the BSW program by his or her advisor in the SIUE Office of Academic Advising.

Exit Requirements

All undergraduate majors in social work are required to complete a senior assignment as part of the BSW Program and the University's assessment process. The Social Work senior assignment is composed of two parts: a written case study and a final evaluation of students' achievement of learning objectives completed by their field instructors.

Application Deadline

Please refer to SIUE's undergraduate application deadlines.

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