



Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
Department of Social Work

**Student Application for Admission to the BSW Program
Starting fall (enter year)**

Deadline for Receiving Admission Forms is January 31

*****Please attend a BSW Program Orientation prior to submitting your application*****

Name: _____

Date of application: _____

Contact Information

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone #: _____

Email Address for Correspondence (If you are an SIUE student, include SIUE email)

*Please know that the Department of Social Work will use your email address to correspond about your admission status.

Secondary Email Address for Correspondence

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Current SIUE Students Complete the following:

Student 800 Number: 800_____

Dates of Attendance: _____

Current Cumulative GPA from SIUE: _____

Transfer Students Complete the following:

Name of Institution: _____

Dates of Attendance: _____

Current Cumulative GPA From Other Institution(s)¹: _____

Degrees Completed: _____

¹ SIUE GPA if currently enrolled; otherwise current transfer GPA. This assumes a 4.0 max. GPA system; please note if system is different (e.g., 5.0 max.)

Additional Questions

Have you attended one of the scheduled BSW Orientation Sessions? Yes: No:

Have you submitted a 400-word personal statement? Yes: No:

Note: The personal statement criteria are described below.

Have you requested that prior Universities and Colleges send official transcripts to the SIUE Department of Social Work? Yes: No: Only attended SIUE:

The BSW Admissions FAQ, Behavior policy and the BSW Handbook are available on the SIUE Department of Social Work website at <https://www.siu.edu/artsandsciences/social-work/degrees-and-programs/index.s>

Have you reviewed the BSW Admissions FAQ? Yes: No:

Have you reviewed the Student Handbook? Yes: No:

Have you read and signed the Behavior Policy? Yes: No:

I understand that I should complete SOCW 202 from SIUE or an introduction to social work course from another institution before starting as a BSW major. Yes: No:

Note: The Department of Social Work requires students enrolled in the BSW Program to complete service-learning requirements off-campus in the surrounding region. To complete these requirements, students need to have access to reliable transportation, alternative caregivers, flexible work schedules, and be open to exploring the diverse settings of social work practice.

I understand that I will need to complete an off-campus 400-hour internship at a social work agency as part of the BSW requirements. Yes: No:

Note: Students and graduates of the BSW Program at SIUE are expected to practice and uphold the values and ethics expressed in the NASW Code of Ethics. Any student who does not uphold these values and ethics in their professional capacities as a student and emerging social worker may be dismissed from the program.

I have read the NASW Code of Ethics. Yes: No:
<https://www.socialworkers.org/About/Ethics/Code-of-Ethics/Code-of-Ethics-English>

I understand that I will be required to uphold the NASW Code of Ethics as part of my responsibilities as a student and emerging social work professional. Yes: No:

Personal Statement Guidelines

All applicants for admission to the BSW Program are to submit a Personal Statement of interest in the major. This statement should be approximately 400 words and discuss **what social work is and why you want to major in social work.**

This Personal Statement, the signed behavior form and application form should be emailed as attachments in the same email to BSWprogram@siue.edu.

Non-Social Work Course Requirements

The following courses are required for Social Work majors at SIUE. Course numbers are SIUE numbers, and may be different at other institutions. This is why a description of the course is provided. These courses are in addition to Lincoln Plan (SIUE General Education) requirements.

- **Biology 111 or Biology 140:** Contemporary biology or Human Biology
- **Anthropology 111b:** This is a general cultural anthropology course. Equivalent anthropology courses must have a strong cultural anthropology element.
- **Psychology 111:** This is an introductory psychology class. More specific psych. classes (e.g., abnormal psych.) will generally not be accepted as equivalencies.
- **Psychology 206:** Social psychology
- **English 201:** This is a writing in the profession course. Any possible equivalency would have to have a strong APA formatting component.
- **History 201:** American History since the Civil War. American history prior to the Civil War is not accepted as an equivalency, since the primary historical periods for Social Workers to know about include events since the beginning of the twentieth century.
- **Political Science 112:** This is an introductory political science course.
- **Sociology 111 or 300:** Introduction to Sociology or Introduction to Social Problems.