SOCIAL WORK MAJOR (B.S.)

https://chhs.unh.edu/social-work/program/bs/social-work-major

**Description**

The Department of Social Work's undergraduate program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) and must meet rigorous academic standards to retain this accreditation.

The Department of Social Work's undergraduate program offers both a major and a minor in social work. It is a specialized degree that prepares graduates for generalist social work practice with a solid foundation in the liberal arts and in the knowledge, skills, and value base of social work. Through the mastery of core competencies, social work graduates apply their education working with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities. In addition, the program prepares qualified students to pursue graduate education in schools of social work and related fields.

To connect the theoretical and conceptual content of the classroom with the practice world, students must complete:

- 40 hours of volunteer service in an approved agency/program setting by the end of the semester prior to applying to the field. Twenty of the forty hours must be in the same agency/program. The remaining hours may be across multiple sites/programs. This experience may be paid or volunteer and must be pre-approved by the student's faculty adviser. The service hours must be completed post high school and by the end of the semester prior to field application.

- Students complete a 450-hour internship over two semesters during the senior year. This is the senior capstone experience. The field placement in the final year of the baccalaureate program is arranged between the student and the field education coordinator. Students are required to pay a liability insurance fee for their off-campus field education experience. In compliance with CSWE accreditation standards, the B.S. in social work program does not grant social work course credit for life or work experience.

Social work majors earn a B.S. degree in social work. Graduates are eligible for practice in a variety of social work settings throughout the United States. In addition, qualified graduates are eligible to apply for advanced standing in M.S.W. programs that offer advanced standing. Depending upon the program, this can mean earning the M.S.W. in one calendar year versus two academic years.

**Requirements**

**Academic Program**

Candidates for a degree must satisfy all of the University Discovery Program requirements in addition to satisfying the requirements of the social work major. Social work majors are required to take:

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<td>SW 550</td>
<td>Human Behavior and Social Environment I</td>
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**Category I: Anthropology & Sociology**

Select one course from the following: 4

- ANTH 411 Global Perspectives on the Human Condition: An Introduction to Anthropology
- ANTH 500 Peoples and Cultures of the World
- ANTH #515 Anthropology and Contemporary Issues
- SOC 400 Introductory Sociology
- SOC 515 Introductory Criminology
- SOC 520 Family
- SOC 525 Juvenile Crime and Delinquency
- SOC 535 Homicide

**Category II: Human Biology Requirement**

Select one course from the following: 4

- ZOOL 401 Human Biology
- BMS 507 Human Anatomy and Physiology I
- BMS 508 Human Anatomy and Physiology II

**Category III: Diversity Requirement**

Select two courses from the following: 8

- ANTH 450 Introduction to Race, Culture, and Power
- ANTH 625 Sexuality in Cross-Cultural Perspectives
- CMN 567 Gender, Race, and Class in the Media
- ENGL 549 In the Groove: African American Music as Literature
- ENGL 550 Introduction to the Literature and Culture of Race
- GERO 500 I’m Old, So What! An Introduction to Aging in the United States
- HIST 425 Foreign Cultures
- HIST 505 African American History
- HIST 506 African American History
- HIST 532 Modern Latin America
- NURS #595 Women's Health
- PHIL 510 Philosophy and Feminism
- SOC 630 Sociology of Gender
- SOC 645 Class, Status and Power
- SOC 745 Race, Ethnicity, and Inequality
- SW 650 Exploring Social Justice and Cultural Competency Using an Experimental Learning Approach
- SW 660 Exploring Issues in Housing and Homelessness
- SW 697 Special Topics in Social Welfare
- SW #701 Women and Aging
- WS 715 Practice with Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender People
- WS 401 Introduction to Women's Studies
- WS 405 Gender, Power and Privilege
- WS 444A Race Matters
- WS #444B Score!: Gender and Diversity in Sports
- WS 444C On the Roads to Equality
WS 632  Feminist Thought

**Senior Capstone Course Sequence**

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Students must maintain a 2.0 and earn a C or better in the 12 social work major courses. In addition, students are expected to successfully complete four additional courses as part of a liberal arts foundation for the major. Students choose one course from an approved list of courses in two different categories: anthropology/sociology and zoology and then must choose two additional courses from an approved list of diversity courses. These four courses may also satisfy University Discovery requirements. Lastly, students are required to complete 40 hours of advisor approved volunteer community service hours by junior year.