

Social Work

The BSW in Social Work, accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, prepares students to enter beginning professional social work practice.

Program Requirements

In addition to the University's general requirements, students seeking the BSW in Social Work must meet the requirements listed below. Consult with your academic advisor for courses which may satisfy both the General Education requirements and common prerequisites.

The program requires 51 sh in social work courses including a field experience. A field placement is part of the senior Field Instruction course. Please contact the department for information on prerequisites and additional requirements.

All Social Work courses must be completed with at least a "C" to be counted toward completion of the degree requirements. No prior work or volunteer experience can be accepted for academic credit.

Because this is a professional preparation program, the department has an application for the Field Instruction courses SOW 4510 Social Work Field Instruction and SOW 4522 Senior Seminar. After declaring the Social Work major with the University, students must complete the following courses with a grade of "C" or better in both academic and practice components and complete and submit the Field Instruction application packet.

SOW 3103	Human Behavior in Social Environment	3
SOW 3113	Human Behavior in Organizations and Communities	3
SOW 3203	Introduction to the Field of Social Work	3
SOW 3313	Work With Individuals	3
SOW 3314	Case Management	3
SOW 3322	Work With Groups	3
SOW 3350	Interviewing and Recording	3
SOW 4232	Introductory Analysis of Social Service Policy	3
SOW 4233	Human Diversity and Social Justice	3
SOW 4242	Families and Family Treatment	3
SOW 4403	Social Work Research Foundations	3
SOW 4613	The Social Work Perspective in Behavioral Health	3

Students must have a University minimum GPA of 2.0, and a minimum GPA of 2.5 in the major as a prerequisite to SOW 4510 Social Work Field Instruction and SOW 4522 Senior Seminar.

Social work majors who have been inactive for three years prior to field placement will be subject to faculty review and may be subject to repeating their practice courses. Students must complete courses required for graduation within five years of entry in the major (usually the junior year) with no less than nine credits completed in any one year.

General Education

In addition to the General Education requirements listed on this page, students must satisfy all additional University requirements, including the Gordon Rule, multicultural, and foreign language requirements. With appropriate planning and coordination with an academic advisor, students may satisfy some of the general

University requirements through the General Education curriculum. For a complete listing of general degree requirements, refer to the "University Requirements" section of this catalog.

General Education Curriculum:

Communication

ENC 1101	English Composition I	3
ENC 1102	English Composition II	3

Mathematics

Choose one course from Group A and one Additional course from either Group A or Group B 6

Group A

MAC 1105	College Algebra
MAC 1105C	College Algebra with Lab
MAC 2311	Analytic Geometry and Calculus I
MGF 1106	Mathematics for Liberal Arts I
MGF 1107	Mathematics for Liberal Arts II
STA 2023	Elements of Statistics

Group B

MAC 1114	Trigonometry
MAC 1140	Precalculus Algebra
MAC 1147	Precalculus with Trigonometry
MAC 2233	Calculus with Business Applications
MAC 2312	Analytic Geometry and Calculus II
STA 2360	Introduction to Data Science

Social Sciences

Choose one course from Group A and one additional course from either Group A or Group B 6

Group A

AMH 2020	United States since 1877
ANT 2000	Introduction to Anthropology
ECO 2013	Principles of Economics Macro
POS 2041	American Politics
PSY 2012	General Psychology
SYG 2000	Introduction to Sociology

Group B

AMH 2010	United States to 1877
ANT 2100	Introduction to Archaeology
ANT 2400	Current Cultural Issues
CCJ 2002	Survey of Crime and Justice
COM 2023	Death and Communication
CPO 2002	Comparative Politics
DEP 2004	Human Development Across the Lifespan
EUH 1000	Western Perspectives I
EUH 1001	Western Perspectives II
FIN 2104	Personal Financial Planning
GEA 2000	Nations and Regions of the World
GEB 1011	Introduction to Business
HIS 2050	Explore Gender and Diversity
IDH 1041	Honors Core: Social Sciences
INR 2002	International Politics
MMC 2000	Principles of Mass Communication

PLA 2013	Survey of American Law
SOW 2192	Understanding Relationships in the 21st Century
SPM 2010	Sport in Global Society
SYG 2010	Current Social Problems

Humanities

Choose one course from Group A and one additional course from either Group A or Group B 6

Group A	
ARH 1000	Art Appreciation
LIT 2000	Introduction to Literature
MUL 2010	Music Appreciation
PHI 2010	Introduction to Philosophy
THE 2000	Theatre Appreciation
Group B	
AML 2010	American Literature I
AML 2020	American Literature II
AML 2072	Sex, Money, and Power in American Literature
ARH 2050	Western Survey I: Prehistory to the Medieval Period
ARH 2051	Western Survey II: Renaissance to Contemporary
ART 1015C	Exploring Artistic Vision
ART 2821	The Self, Creativity, Your Career and Visual Culture
CRW 2001	Introduction to Creative Writing
ENL 2010	History of English Literature I
ENL 2020	History of English Literature II
IDH 1040	Honors Core: Humanities
LIT 2030	Introduction to Poetry
MUH 2930	The Music Experience: Special Topics
PHI 2103	Critical Thinking
PHI 2603	Ethics in Contemporary Society
REL 1300	World Religions
SPC 2608	Public Speaking
THE 2300	Survey of Dramatic Literature

Natural Sciences

Choose one course from Group A and one additional course from either Group A or Group B 6

Group A	
AST 1002	Descriptive Astronomy
BSC 1005	General Biology for Non-Majors *
BSC 1085	Anatomy and Physiology I *
BSC 2010	Biology I
CHM 1020	Concepts in Chemistry *
CHM 2045	General Chemistry I *
ESC 2000	Introduction to Earth Science *
EVR 2001	Introduction to Environmental Science
PHY 1020	Conceptual Physics
PHY 2048	Calculus-Based Physics I ' **
PHY 2048C	Calculus-Based Physics I Studio ***

PHY 2053	Algebra-Based Physics I ' **
Group B	
ANT 2511	Biological Anthropology *
AST 2037	Life in the Universe
BOT 2010	General Botany
BSC 1050	Fundamentals of Ecology
BSC 1086	Anatomy and Physiology II *
BSC 2011	Biology II
BSC 2311	Introduction to Oceanography and Marine Biology *
CGS 2020	Introduction to Machine Learning
CHM 2046	General Chemistry II *
CIS 2530	Introduction to Cybersecurity
GLY 2010	Physical Geology *
MCB 1000	Fundamentals of Microbiology *
PHC 2082	Informatics and Your Health
PHY 2049	Calculus-Based Physics II ' **
PHY 2054	Algebra-Based Physics II ' **

* May be taken with or without lab.

** Algebra-Based Physics is usually recommended for non-science majors, while Calculus-Based Physics is recommended for science majors

*** Although students receive 5 semester hours credit for PHY 2048C, an additional 3 semester science course will be needed to meet General Education requirements.

General Education Electives

Choose an additional course from two of the three areas of Humanities, Social Sciences, and Natural Sciences

Multicultural Requirement

Multicultural Courses

An important component of a liberal education is the study of cultures other than one's own. As such, multiculturalism encompasses the appreciation of the values, expressions, and modes of organization of diverse cultural communities. To further such study, the University of West Florida requires all students pursuing a bachelor's degree to complete at least one course that explores one or more of the dimensions of another culture (language, religion, socio-economic structures, etc.). Students are exempt from this requirement if they have completed an A.A. degree, the general education program at a Florida public institution, or a baccalaureate degree.

The requirement is satisfied by the successful completion of a multicultural course designated on the following list. Several of the selections are General Education courses, and students may enroll in these to meet both the General Education and the multicultural requirements.

**Passed by UWF Faculty Senate on 11/08/2002

This list is continually updated and students are encouraged to check with their advisors for alternative options.

AML 2010	American Literature I	3
AML 2020	American Literature II	3
AML 3604	African American Literature	3
AML 3624	Black Women Writers	3

AML 4015	Topics in Nineteenth-Century American Literature	3	IDH 1041	Honors Core: Social Sciences	3
AML 4640	Topics in Native American Literature	3	INR 2002	International Politics	3
ANT 1001	Anthropology as a Profession	1	LAH 4135	Spanish Conquest of the Americas	3
ANT 2000	Introduction to Anthropology	3	LAH 4131	'Atlantic Indians': How Indigenous and African Peoples Shaped Europe & the Americas	3
ANT 2301	Human Sexuality and Culture	3	LAH 4451	Greater Mexico: Central America from Conquest to the 20th Century	3
ANT 3212	Peoples and Cultures of the World	3	LAH 4728	Gender and Sexuality in Latin America from Colonization to Today	3
ANT 3312	North American Indians	3	LIT 2000	Introduction to Literature	3
ANT 3363	Japanese Culture	3	LIT 2030	Introduction to Poetry	3
ANT 3403	Cultural Ecology	3	LIT 3233	Postcolonial Literature	3
ANT 4006	Anthropology of Human Rights	3	LIT 4036	Topics in Poetry and Poetics	3
ANT 4025	Ritual Use of Human Remains	3	LIT 4385	Feminist Theory	3
ANT 4516	Modern Human Physical Variation	3	MAN 4102	Management of Diversity	3
ARH 1000	Art Appreciation	3	MAR 4156	Seminar in International Marketing	3
ARH 2050	Western Survey I: Prehistory to the Medieval Period	3	MMC 3743	Communicating Fear: Horror Films and Popular Culture	3
ARH 3201	Art and Culture in The Global Middle Ages	3	MMC 3745	Communicating Fear Abroad: International Horror Films & Popular Culture	3
ARH 2051	Western Survey II: Renaissance to Contemporary	3	MMC 4601	Minorities and the Mass Media	3
ARH 3590	Non-Western Art	3	MUH 2930	The Music Experience: Special Topics	3
ARH 3607	Native American Art	3	MUL 2010	Music Appreciation	3
ARH 4302	Late Renaissance Art in Italy	3	NUR 4615	Community and Public Health Nursing	3
ARH 4412	The Age of Revolution to Romanticism in Europe: 1750-1850	3	NUR 4636	Population-based Public Health Nursing	3
ARH 4450	Modern Art: 1850-1980	3	PHI 3790	African Philosophy	3
ARH 4470	Contemporary Art	3	PUR 3404	International Public Relations	3
ARH 4563	Art of Japan	3	PSY 3860	Positive Psychology	3
CCJ 3678	Race, Gender, Ethnicity, and Crime	3	SOP 3730	Psychology, Culture, and Society	3
COM 3014	Gender Communication	3	SOW 4233	Human Diversity and Social Justice	3
COM 3461	Intercultural Communication	3	SPN 3400	Advanced Stylistics	3
COM 4242	Communication and Christianity	3	SPN 4520	Latin American Culture and Civilization	3
CPO 2002	Comparative Politics	3	SYO 4421	Sociology of Health, Illness and Health Care	3
CRW 2001	Introduction to Creative Writing	3	SYO 4530	Inequality in America	3
EDF 2085	Teaching Diverse Populations	3			
ENG 4013	Introduction to Literary Theory	3			
ENL 2020	History of English Literature II	3			
EUH 1000	Western Perspectives I	3			
EUH 1001	Western Perspectives II	3			
EUH 3203	Modern Europe	3			
EUH 3334	Emperors, Sultans, Dictators, and Democrats: The Balkans	3			
EUH 3411	Rome and the Mediterranean World	3			
EUH 3576	Soviet Union since 1917	3			
FRE 4955	Supervised Foreign Language Field Experience Abroad	1-3			
GEA 2000	Nations and Regions of the World	3			
GEB 4361	International Business	3			
GEO 3421	Cultural Geography	3			
GEO 3471	Geography of World Affairs	3			
HSC 2622	Introduction to Global Health Sciences	3			
HIS 2050	Explore Gender and Diversity	3			
HIS 4262	Rise and Fall of the Portuguese Empire	3			
IDH 1040	Honors Core: Humanities	3			

Civic Literacy Requirement

The 2017 Florida Legislature amended [Section 1007.25, Florida Statutes](#), to require students **initially entering a State University System (SUS) and/or Florida College System (FCS) institution in 2018-2019** and thereafter to demonstrate competency in civic literacy. The 2021 Legislature further amended Florida Statutes, requiring students to complete both a civic literacy course and an exam. As a result, there are three cohorts of students currently matriculating at Florida public institutions subject to varying requirements. As demonstrated in the table below, the exact civic literacy requirements are based on the academic term in which a student first enrolled in a Florida public institution.

Students Included in Cohort	Civic Literacy Competency Requirement
Cohort 1: Students first entering the SUS or FCS prior to fall 2018	None
Cohort 2: Students first entering the SUS or FCS in fall 2018 – summer A 2021	Complete a course or exam

Cohort 3: Students first entering the SUS or FCS in summer B 2021 (on or after July 1, 2021) and thereafter	Complete both a course and exam
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Additionally, the 2021 Legislature made two additional exceptions: approving the use of accelerated mechanisms for meeting the course competency requirement and exempting high school students who pass the Florida Civic Literacy Exam in high school from the postsecondary exam requirement. These two changes are in effect for Cohort 3.

There are multiple ways to satisfy this requirement. Students should work with their academic advisor to determine which option is best for their degree requirements/degree plan.

Additional information can be found on our [Civic Literacy](#) website.

*BOG 8.006; s.1007.25(4,a-b)

Common Prerequisites

State-mandated common prerequisites must be completed prior to graduation, but are not required for admission to the program. See the [Common Prerequisite Manual](#) for course substitutions from Florida colleges and universities.

POS 2041	American Politics *	3
PSY 2012	General Psychology *	3
SYG 2000	Introduction to Sociology *	3
Choose one of the following:		3
ECO 2013	Principles of Economics Macro *	
ECO 2023	Principles of Economics Micro	
Choose one of the following:		3
BSC 1005	General Biology for Non-Majors *	
BSC 1085	Anatomy and Physiology I *	

* Indicates common prerequisites which can be used to satisfy General Education requirements.

Lower Division Electives

Students must complete sufficient 1000/2000 level electives to satisfy at least 60 sh in the lower division. Current UWF students may use elective courses at any level (1000-4000) to meet this elective requirement.

Total Hours **9-21**

Major

SOW 3103	Human Behavior in Social Environment +	3
SOW 3113	Human Behavior in Organizations and Communities +	3
SOW 3203	Introduction to the Field of Social Work +	3
SOW 3313	Work With Individuals +	3
SOW 3314	Case Management +	3
SOW 3322	Work With Groups +	3
SOW 3350	Interviewing and Recording +	3
SOW 4232	Introductory Analysis of Social Service Policy +	3
SOW 4233	Human Diversity and Social Justice +	3
SOW 4242	Families and Family Treatment +	3

SOW 4403	Social Work Research Foundations +	3
SOW 4510	Social Work Field Instruction +	9
SOW 4522	Senior Seminar +	3
SOW 4613	The Social Work Perspective in Behavioral Health +	3
Choose one social work elective:		3
SOW 3650	Introduction to Child Welfare +	
SOW 4111	Adolescents At Risk +	
SOW 4674	Social Issues and Intervention Strategies in Social Work Practice with Older Adults +	
SOW 4700	Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment: Special Issues +	
SOW 4740	Dimensions of Death and Dying: Special Issues +	
Total Hours		51

+ Courses included in the major GPA.

Upper Division Electives

Student must complete sufficient 3000/4000 level electives to meet UWF's requirement of 48 semester hours in the upper division or complete all departmental requirements at the 3000/4000 level, whichever is greater.

Total Hours **9**

Electronic Portfolio Requirement

The University of West Florida Department of Social Work requires students to purchase an electronic portfolio. Key assessments, projects, work samples, applications for field experience, and other essential documents will be collected, processed, or archived through the electronic portfolio.

It is the responsibility of each student pursuing a BSW or MSW to purchase an account to access and use the required electronic portfolio. The account activation fee is considered a professional expense incurred as part of participation in a professional program that uses data to meet accreditation requirements and make data-driven decisions on curricula.

A grade of "C" or higher is required in all courses in the minor.

Aging Studies Interdisciplinary

The minor in Aging Studies provides a broad orientation to the field of gerontology and service to the elderly. This minor is available to all students.

APK 4600C	Aging and Physical Performance	3
SOW 3314	Case Management	3
SOW 4740	Dimensions of Death and Dying: Special Issues	3
Choose one of the following:		3
DEP 4404	Adulthood and Aging	
PLA 4607	Wills, Estates, and Trusts	
A practicum or other elective may be approved by department Chairperson		
Total Hours		12

A grade of "C" or higher is required in all courses in the minor.

Child Welfare

The purpose of this minor is to introduce and provide information to any interested person regarding the social problems of children and families and the availability of services to families in need. This minor is available to all students. Other electives may be approved by department chairperson.

SOW 3650	Introduction to Child Welfare	3
Choose one of the following:		3
DEP 3103	Child Development	
DEP 4305	Psychology of Adolescence	
Choose one of the following:		3
SOW 4111	Adolescents At Risk	
SOW 4242	Families and Family Treatment	
Choose one of the following:		3
DEP 3103	Child Development *	
DEP 4305	Psychology of Adolescence *	
HSC 4633	Current Issues in Health Promotion	
SOW 3314	Case Management	
SOW 4111	Adolescents At Risk *	
SOW 4141	Social Aspects of Family Violence	
SOW 4242	Families and Family Treatment *	
SYO 3100	The Family	
Total Hours		12

* May be used if not taken as a required course.

A grade of "C" or higher is required in all courses in the minor.

Social Welfare

The Minor in Social Welfare includes the two beginning courses designed to orient students to social work philosophy, ethics, and practice areas and two social work electives. All courses must be taken at UWF. This minor is not available to Social Work Majors. Other electives may be approved by department chairperson.

BSC 1005	General Biology for Non-Majors	3
SOW 3103	Human Behavior in Social Environment	3
SOW 3203	Introduction to the Field of Social Work	3
Choose two of the following:		6
SOW 3314	Case Management	
SOW 3650	Introduction to Child Welfare	
SOW 4111	Adolescents At Risk	
SOW 4141	Social Aspects of Family Violence	
SOW 4242	Families and Family Treatment	
SOW 4700	Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment: Special Issues	
SOW 4740	Dimensions of Death and Dying: Special Issues	
Total Hours		15

A grade of "C" or higher is required in all courses in the minor.

Substance Abuse

The Minor in Substance Abuse fulfills some of the requirements for certification from the Certification Board for Addiction Professionals of

Florida. This minor is available to all students. A substitute course may be approved by department chairperson.

PCO 4310	Intervention in Addictions	3
SOW 4700	Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment: Special Issues	3
Choose one of the following:		3
CLP 4314	Health Psychology	
SOW 3314	Case Management	
3000-4000 level advisor approved elective		3
Total Hours		12