

SOCIAL WORK, BSW

Undergraduates in the Sandra Rosenbaum School of Social Work receive a liberal arts education in the social and behavioral sciences and their application to human problems that prepares them to be informed citizens involved in human services or social welfare problems and policies. Students take courses in a variety of social sciences to enable them to view social welfare in its broad social, economic, and political contexts. The Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree prepares students as beginning-level professional social workers.

Social work's special contribution rests on an established body of knowledge, values, and skills pertinent to understanding human relationships and the interaction between people as individuals, in families, groups, organizations, and communities. Social Work courses (https://guide.wisc.edu/courses/soc_work/) offer a theoretical understanding of social problems and an introduction to practice methods used by social workers. The curriculum covers such areas as aging, family and child welfare, poverty, mental health, developmental disabilities, substance use disorders, diversity, race and ethnicity, criminal justice, oppression, at-risk populations, and social, economic, and environmental justice.

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK MISSION AND GOALS

Read more about the School and its mission: socwork.wisc.edu/about (<https://socwork.wisc.edu/about/>)

Guided by the core values of the social work profession and grounded in the generalist practice framework, the Bachelor of Social Work's mission is to provide social work education that will nurture competent, ethical entry-level social work professionals committed to scientific inquiry, evidence-based practice, respect for human diversity, the promotion of human and community well-being, human rights, and social, economic and environmental justice.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Students in the Social Welfare major or the Bachelor of Social Work degree often choose from a variety of certificate programs (https://guide.wisc.edu/explore-majors/#filter=filter_45) available. Common certificates include African American Studies (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/african-american-studies/african-american-studies-certificate/>), American Indian and Indigenous Studies (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/american-indian-indigenous-studies/american-indian-indigenous-studies-certificate/>), Business (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/business/school-wide/business-certificate/>), Chicano/a and Latino/a Studies (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/chicana-chicano-latino-latino-studies/chicana-chicano-latino-latino-studies-certificate/>), Criminal Justice (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/center-law-society-justice/criminal-justice-certificate/>), Gender and Women's Studies (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/gender-womens-studies/gender-womens-studies-certificate/>), Global Health (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/agricultural-life-sciences/entomology/global-health-certificate/>), LGBTQ+ Studies (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/gender-womens-studies/lgbtq-plus-studies-certificate/>), South Asian Studies (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/institute-regional-international-studies/south-asian-studies-certificate/>), and Southeast Asian Studies (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/>

[institute-regional-international-studies/southeast-asian-studies-certificate/](https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/institute-regional-international-studies/southeast-asian-studies-certificate/)), among others.

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK ADVANCED STANDING

Bachelor of Social Work students may be considered for advanced standing if they apply and are accepted to one of the Master of Social Work programs. Advanced standing qualifies a student to exempt out of all or part of their "generalist" year. For more information, please refer to the Advanced Standing page (<https://socwork.wisc.edu/programs/advanced-standing-msw/>) on the School of Social Work website and the MSW Social Work Advanced Standing, MSW Guide page (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/social-work/social-work-advanced-standing-msw/>).