



## Undergraduate Degree Map for Completion in Four Years

<b>College:</b>	College of Social & Behavioral Sciences <input type="button" value="v"/>
<b>Department:</b>	Social Work <input type="button" value="v"/>
<b>Name of Program:</b>	SOCIAL WORK <input type="button" value="v"/>
<b>Degree Designation:</b>	BSSW <input type="button" value="v"/>
<b>Emphasis/Concentration:</b>	<input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="v"/>
<b>Option:</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Version:</b>	1 <input type="button" value="v"/>
<b>Version Explanation:</b>	Revised BSSW Map 1/12/15
<b>Type of Program:</b>	Broad Major <input type="button" value="v"/>
<b>Minor Required:</b>	No <input type="button" value="v"/>
<b>Specific Minor (if required):</b>	<input type="text"/>

### Program Description:

The Bachelor of Science in Social Work (BSSW) builds a professional curriculum on a liberal arts, general education base. Students integrate their academic classroom education with field education throughout the curriculum. The BSSW Program uses introductory and integrative courses to build a strong foundation and then structures student progress through the sequential upper-division curriculum. The curriculum requirements include general education, content on social work values and ethics, human diversity, social and economic justice, populations-at-risk, human behavior and the social environment, social welfare policy and services, social work practice, and applied research. The majority of social work courses are taken at the upper-division (300 and 400 level), after completing General Education coursework. Students must complete a field experience/internship of 120 hours in their junior year and a field education practicum of 440 hours in their final semester. Social workers practice with children, youth, families, the elderly, people with disabilities, and those experiencing poverty, among others. There are many possible fields of practice including child welfare, mental health, schools, hospitals, chemical dependency, and public and private social service programs. The BSSW is a professional degree, accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), for preparation of baccalaureate-level generalist social workers, which is a qualification to gain the Licensed Social Work (LSW) credential in Minnesota, and many other states. Students enter the curriculum by declaring their major in their first year of study at the University, and then apply to be admitted to the major in their junior year. Students do not need to have a minor, but may choose to complete a minor or a second major with this course of study.

### Admission Requirements:

Students may declare social work as their major when they come to the University. In their junior year, usually as they are completing their General Education courses and are enrolled in SOWK 310 and 315, students need to complete an Application to the Major. Admission to the program requires students have:

- a 2.8 GPA or higher,
- have earned a C- or better in all required foundational and introductory courses both within and outside the Department,
- will have completed General Education requirements,
- will have completed SOWK 180W, 212, 310 & 315,
- will have at least 60 credits completed,
- and have turned in a completed and signed Application to the Major, with all required components including essays.

The BSSW Program reserves the right to limit admission to 34 students each semester.

### Advising:


You are expected to meet with your advisor on a regular basis to ensure courses are taken in an order that will lead to successful completion of the degree.

The BSSW Program requires that students meet with their advisor and/or attend a required group advising meeting each semester to make sure they are on track of graduation. At those meetings students will be given a registration access code; social work students will NOT be able to register without this code.

A complete listing of program faculty, policies, and course descriptions is available in the undergraduate bulletin.

### TERM 1 - FALL

<i>Designator:</i>	<i>Course:</i>	<i>Course Name:</i>	<i>Credits:</i>	<i>Milestones:</i>
				Overall GPA $\geq$ 2.0 Course Completion Rate $\geq$ 67% Completion of $\geq$ 15 credit hours
ENG	101	English Composition	4	Meet with Academic Advisor
BIO	100	Our Natural World	4	Earn 2.8 GPA or higher
		SOWK Required Gen Ed: Social, Economic, & Political Perspectives, Discipline 1	3	Earn C- or better in all courses required for major
		SOWK Required Gen Ed: Values, Ethics, & Critical Thinking	3	
		General Education Course	3	

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#### Term 1 Notes:

It is suggested that you take a General Education Course this not covered by those courses which are required in the Social Work (BSSW) Program. Goal Areas: 1b, 3, 6, 8, 10 & 11 are not covered by other required courses in this major.

### TERM 2 - SPRING

<i>Designator:</i>	<i>Course:</i>	<i>Course Name:</i>	<i>Credits:</i>	<i>Milestones:</i>
				Overall GPA $\geq$ 2.0 Course Completion Rate $\geq$ 67% Completion of $\geq$ 30 credit hours Advance to Sophomore status
SOWK	212	Introduction to Social Work	4	Attend Group Academic Advising meeting
		SOWK Required Gen Ed: Human Diversity A	3	Earn 2.8 GPA or higher
		Gen Ed Goal 1b: Speech and Oral Reasoning	3	Earn C- or better in all courses required for major
		Gen Ed Goal 11: Performance and Participation	1-3	
		Other Gen Ed Goal Area or Elective Course	3	

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#### Term 2 Notes:

It is suggested that you take at least two General Education Course this not covered by those courses which are required in the Social Work (BSSW) Program. Goal Areas: 1b, 3, 6, 8, 10 & 11 are not covered by other required courses in this major. Also, it is best to select a Human Diversity A class that also counts in the Diverse Cultures graduation requirements.

### TERM 3 - FALL

<i>Designator:</i>	<i>Course:</i>	<i>Course Name:</i>	<i>Credits:</i>	<i>Milestones:</i>
				Overall GPA $\geq$ 2.0 Course Completion Rate $\geq$ 67%
SOWK	180W	Social Welfare Services	4	Meet with Academic Advisor
		SOWK Required Gen Ed: Social, Economic, & Political Perspectives - Discipline 2	3	Earn 2.8 GPA or higher
		General Education Course	3	Earn C- or better in all courses required for major
		General Education Course	3-4	
		General Education Course or Minor Course	3-4	

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### Term 3 Notes:

It is suggested that you take General Education Courses that are not covered by those courses which are required in the Social Work (BSSW) Program. Goal Areas: 1b, 3, 6, 8, 10 & 11 are not covered by other required courses in this major.

## TERM 4 - SPRING

<i>Designator:</i>	<i>Course:</i>	<i>Course Name:</i>	<i>Credits:</i>	<i>Milestones:</i>
				Overall GPA $\geq$ 2.0 Course Completion Rate $\geq$ 67% Completion of $\geq$ 60 credit hours Advance to Junior status
KSP	235	Human Development	3	Attend Group Academic Advising meeting
		SOWK Required Gen Ed & Goal 4: STAT 154 or SOC 202	3-4	Attend Meeting on planning for SOWK 315 Junior Field Experience
		SOWK Required Gen Ed: Human Diversity B	3	Complete and Submit Application for SOWK 315 Junior Field Experience
		General Education Course	3	Earn 2.8 GPA or higher
		General Education Course	3	Earn C- or better in all courses required for major

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### Term 4 Notes:

It is suggested that you take General Education Courses that are not covered by those courses which are required in the Social Work (BSSW) Program. Goal Areas: 1b, 3, 6, 8, 10 & 11 are not covered by other required courses in this major. Make sure you have taken courses in these areas to complete your General Education Courses. Also, try to take a Human Diversity B course that will also meet the Diverse Cultures Requirement.

## TERM 5 - FALL

<i>Designator:</i>	<i>Course:</i>	<i>Course Name:</i>	<i>Credits:</i>	<i>Milestones:</i>
				Overall GPA $\geq$ 2.0 Course Completion Rate $\geq$ 67% Apply for Graduation
SOWK	310	Human Behavior in the Social Environment	4	Attend Group Admission to the Major Meeting
SOWK	315	Junior Field Experience	4	Meet with Academic Advisor
		Writing Intensive Requirement Course (if not completed)	3-4	Complete and Submit Application to the Major
		Other Elective or Minor Course	3-4	Earn 2.8 GPA or higher

<i>Designator:</i>	<i>Course:</i>	<i>Course Name:</i>	<i>Credits:</i>	<i>Milestones:</i>
		Other Elective or Minor Course	3-4	Overall GPA $\geq$ 2.0 Course Completion Rate $\geq$ 67% Apply for Graduation
				Earn C- or better in all courses required for major

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**Term 5 Notes:**

To apply to the BSSW Major in this term, you need to meet the admission requirements, will have your SOWK 100, 200, & 300 level courses and will have your General Education, Writing Intensive, and Diverse Cultures courses completed by the end of this semester.

### TERM 6 - SPRING

<i>Designator:</i>	<i>Course:</i>	<i>Course Name:</i>	<i>Credits:</i>	<i>Milestones:</i>
				Overall GPA $\geq$ 2.0 Course Completion Rate $\geq$ 67% Completion of $\geq$ 90 credit hours Advance to Senior status
SOWK	410	Social Welfare Policy	4	Attend Group Advising Meeting
SOWK	441	Social Work Practice I	4	Earn 2.8 GPA or higher
SOWK	4XX	Social Work Elective	3	Earn C- or better in all courses required for degree
		Other Elective or Minor Course	3-4	
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**Term 6 Notes:**

### TERM 7 - FALL

<i>Designator:</i>	<i>Course:</i>	<i>Course Name:</i>	<i>Credits:</i>	<i>Milestones:</i>
				Overall GPA $\geq$ 2.0 Course Completion Rate $\geq$ 67%
SOWK	435	Applied Social Work Research	4	Attend Group Advising Meeting on Application to Senior Social Work Practicum
SOWK	443	Social Work Practice II	4	Complete and Submit Application to Senior Practicum
SOWK	446	Organizational & Community Practice	4	Meet with Field Education Coordinators to plan for Practicum Interviews
		Other Elective or Minor Course	3-4	Earn C- or better in all courses required for degree

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**Term 7 Notes:**

### TERM 8 - SPRING

<b>Designator:</b>	<b>Course:</b>	<b>Course Name:</b>	<b>Credits:</b>	<b>Milestones:</b>
				Overall GPA ≥ 2.0 Course Completion Rate ≥ 67%
SOWK	450	Integrative Seminar	2	Apply to take the ASWB Baccalaureate Social Work Exam
SOWK	455	Social Work Practicum	10	Apply to become LSW with the Board of Social Work
		Other Elective or Minor Course (if needed)	3	Complete and Pass 440 hour Field Education Practicum

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**Term 8 Notes:**

### PROGRAM NOTES

There are many paths BSSW graduates may pursue with this flexible, professional major. The first step soon after graduation is to take the ASWB Licensure Exam and apply for to be a Licensed Social Work (LSW), which is required in Minnesota to use the title of social worker and to practice as a social worker.

To learn about licensure in Minnesota go to the Board of Social Work website <http://mn.gov/health-licensing-boards/social-work/>  
To learn more about various fields by visiting our website <http://sbs.mnsu.edu/socialwork/> and clicking on Careers & Specialties or by looking at the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics website <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/community-and-social-service/social-workers.htm> or by visiting the website for the National Association of Social Workers (<http://www.naswdc.org/>).

Many students pursue graduate school to earn a Master in Social Work (MSW). If you earn your undergraduate degree in social work (BSSW), you can apply to MSW programs as an Advanced Standing student, which allows for an accelerated graduate degree. To find out about CSWE accredited social work programs you can go to <http://www.cswa.org/>

### DEGREE MAP CHECKLIST: GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1. Minimum of 15 credits per semester
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2. General Education = 44 credits
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3. Diverse Cultures = 2 course (6 credits minimum) from two disciplines
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4. Writing Intensive = 2 courses (6 credits minimum)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5. Major = <input type="text" value="52"/> credits
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6. Upper-Division Requirements = 40 credits minimum
<input type="checkbox"/>	7. Professional Education (if required) = 30 credits
<input type="checkbox"/>	8. Language Requirements (if BA) = 8 credits minimum
<input type="checkbox"/>	9. Minor = <input type="text" value="0"/> credits
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10. Total credits required for degree <input type="text" value="120"/>

### DEGREE MAP COMPLETE

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Map is complete and ready for review <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Faculty please send an email to your Department Chair when map is ready to review.</li> <li>2. Department Chair please send an email to your Dean when map is ready to review.</li> <li>3. Dean please send an email to the Assistant Vice President for Undergraduate Studies when map is ready to review.</li> </ol>
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DEAN APPROVAL



Map reviewed and approved by Dean

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