

**BS IN SOCIAL WORK (BSSW) ACADEMIC MAP:  
DEGREE BS (120 CREDIT HOURS)**

This degree map is a semester-by-semester course schedule for students majoring in [Social Work](#). The milestones listed to the right of each semester are designed to keep students on track to graduate in four years. All Social Work major courses (SOWK) require a “C” grade or better in order to count toward degree completion.

Undergraduate students can declare Social Work as a major upon admission to the University, but they are not formally admitted to the major by the Department at that time. Students are assigned a social work faculty advisor during the first semester of the freshman year. The student desiring a Social work degree must complete the formal program admission process. Advisement during the freshman and sophomore years is guided and steers the student toward the requisite liberal arts courses. During this period, the Department also assesses the student’s potential for success in the discipline prior to admission to the Social Work Program.

Formal admission to the program should occur at the end of the sophomore year. The criteria and processes for admission are designed and implemented to accept the applicant who is best qualified to become generalist professional social worker. According to policy, a Social Work major must have: (a) removed all high school deficiencies, (b) be a student in good standing with the University, and (c) completed all General Education Courses. The Social Work Program applies the general admissions policies stated in the University catalog and the criteria also appears on the departmental website.

To provide students with exposure to social welfare agencies, students are required to have participatory experiences throughout their matriculation through the program. During the sophomore year, majors observe and participate in the operation of two social services agencies for a minimum of 30 clock hours. In the junior year, students complete two written agency profiles. Students must complete both requirements prior to being admitted to field instruction. In order to provide students with the opportunity to apply theory to actual practice, a field placement within a social service agency/organization caps off the senior year.

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Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 1	Hrs.	Semester 1
UNIV 1000*	1	
ENGL 1010	3	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before ENGL 1020, and HIST 2010, HIST 2020, HIST 2030, HIST 2050 or HIST 2700; Minimum grade “C” Required
POLI 2010	3	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before POLI 4200
MATH 1110	3	
SOCI 2010	3	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be completed before taking Upper division SOCI courses.
BIOL 1010/1011**	4	
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>17</b>	

\*An Orientation course taken at another University does NOT meet this requirement. Students with less than 60 credit hours must take UNIV 1000 at TSU.

\*\*Natural Science- BIOL 1010/1011 is recommended; however, CHEM 1030/1031 is also acceptable.

Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 2	Hrs.	Semester 2
ENGL 1020	3	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before HIST 2010, HIST 2020, HIST 2030, HIST 2050 or HIST 2700; Minimum grade "C" Required
BIOL 1020/1021*	4	
Humanities**	3	
ECON 2010	3	
PHIL 1030	3	
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>16</b>	

\*Natural Science- BIOL 1020/1021 is recommended; however, CHEM 1040/1041 is also acceptable

\*\*Students must take a 3 credit hour course from the following list of approved general education Humanities courses: AREN 2310, ART, 1010, THTR 1020, MUSC 1010, HIST 1000 or RELS 2010.

Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 3	Hrs.	Semester 3
SOWK 2010	2	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before all <b>Upper Division</b> SOWK courses. Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
HIST 2010*	3	
COMM 2200	3	
ENGL 2013	3	
PSYC 2010	3	
Elective***	3	
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>17</b>	Complete Student Cover Sheet and Connect with Social Work advisor.

\*This requirement can be met with the following courses: HIST 2010; however, HIST 2030, HIST 2050, HIST 2060 or HIST 2700 satisfy this requirement

\*\*The Department recommends ENGL 2023, however, student may take courses within the range of ENGL 2012-2322 will meet this requirement.

\*\*\*Elective is any course that is not already accounted for in the curriculum. Great options include PSYC, SOCI, EDSE, SPAN or other courses that expand your understanding of human behavior, language and ethnicity, research, work with vulnerable populations, or work with social change.

Spring Schedule		Milestones
<b>Semester 4</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>	<b>Semester 4</b>
SOWK 2100	3	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before all Upper Division SOWK courses; Minimum Grade of "C" Required
HIST 2020*	3	
ENGL 2023	3	
Humanities***	3	
Elective****	3	
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Complete Formal Application into the Social Work Program</b>

\*This requirement can be met with the following courses: HIST 2020; however, HIST 2030, HIST 2050, HIST 2060 or HIST 2700 satisfy this requirement

\*\*The Department recommends ENGL 2023, however, student may take courses within the range of ENGL 2012-2322 to meet this requirement.

\*\*\*Students must take a 3 credit hour course from the following list of approved general education Humanities courses: AREN 2310, ART, 1010, THTR 1020, MUSC 1010, PHIL 1030, HIST 1000 or RELS 2010. Students must remember not to duplicate a Humanities course option from a previous semester.

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**Students must remember not to duplicate courses taken in a previous semester.**

Fall Schedule		Milestones
<b>Semester 5</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>	<b>Semester 5</b>
SOWK 3300	3	SOWK majors only; Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before SOWK 3350; Minimum Grade of "C" Required
SOWK 3400	3	SOWK majors only; Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before SOWK 3450; Minimum Grade of "C" Required
SOCI 3600	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
PSYC 3510	3	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before SOWK 3500
POLI 4200	3	
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>15</b>	Meet with departmental advisor

Spring Schedule		Milestones
<b>Semester 6</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>	<b>Semester 6</b>
SOWK 3350	3	SOWK majors only; Co-Requisite SOWK 3450 and 3500; Minimum Grade of "C" Required
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SOWK 3500	3	SOWK majors only; Co-Requisite SOWK 3350 and 3450 Pre-Requisite Must be taken before 4601 ; Minimum Grade of "C" Required
ENGL 3107	3	
SOWK ELECTIVE (3000/4000)*	2	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>14</b>	

\*Elective SOWK course may be one of the following: SOWK 3601, SOWK 4461, SOWK 4401, SOWK 4700, and SOWK 4950.

Fall Schedule		Milestones
<b>Semester 7</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>	<b>Semester 7</b>
		Complete Application for Field Education one semester prior to field placement.
SOCI 3000	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
SOWK 4601	3	SOWK majors only; Minimum Grade of "C" Required;
SOWK 4800	3	SOWK majors only; Minimum Grade of "C" Required
SOWK ELECTIVE (3000/4000)*	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>12</b>	Review Senior Standing Form with departmental advisor.

\*Elective course may be one of the following: SOWK 3601, SOWK 4461, SOWK 4401, SOWK 4700, and SOWK 4950. Students must remember not to duplicate an elective course option from a previous semester

Spring Schedule		Milestones
<b>Semester 8</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>	<b>Semester 8</b>
		Take Senior Exit Exam and Apply for Graduation
		Field Experience: The following courses must be completed field education, and they are: SOWK 4100, SOWK 4200, SOWK 4850 and SOWK 4900
SOWK 4900	1	Co-Requisite SOWK 4100, SOWK 4200, SOWK 4850, SOWK majors only; Minimum Grade of "C" Required
SOWK 4850	2	Co-Requisite, SOWK majors only; Minimum Grade of "C" Required
SOWK 4100	8	Co-Requisite, SOWK majors only; Minimum Grade of "C" Required
SOWK 4200	3	Co-Requisite, SOWK majors only; Minimum Grade of "C" Required
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>14</b>	Complete ACAT Exam. Complete Portfolio process.

#### **Employment Information:**

Social workers work with the range between children and elderly, upper class and underclass, local and international, corporate and individual. Social workers see practice populations as **IFGOC**—individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities. The Bureau of Labor statistics divides social work practice areas into four categories: Child, Family, and School social workers; Medical and Public Health social workers; Mental Health and Substance Abuse social workers, and Other.

#### **Representative Job Titles Related to this Major:**

Adolescent Specialist, Adoption Specialist, Budget Analyst, Case Management Aide, Case Manager, Child Advocate, Children's Service Worker, Child Support Officer, Client Advocate, Communications Director, Community Coordinator, Community Outreach Worker, Community Planner, Community Support Specialist, Community Support Worker, Correctional Probation Officer, Correctional Treatment Specialist, Corrections Unit Supervisor, Delinquency Prevention Officer, Director of Events, Director of External Affairs, Director of Government Relations, Director of Professional Services, Employee Assistance Counselor, Family Advocacy Representative, Family Preservation Services Coordinator, Family Services Worker, Forensic Case Monitor, Gerontology Aide, HIV Mental Health Coordinator, Human Service Worker, Information and Referral Specialist, Job Coach, Life Skills Counselor, Membership Coordinator, Mental Health Aide, Mental Health Counselor, Nursing Home Administrator, Outpatient Health Specialist, Parole Officer, Policy Planning Specialist, Probation Officer, Program Coordinator/Manager, Psychological Aide, Public Health Manager, Research Analyst, Senior Negotiator, Social and Human Service Assistant, Social Services Aide, Social Work Assistant, Social Worker, Youth Worker.

**Representative Employers:** Federal/State/Local Government Agencies, Nonprofit Organizations, State Legislature, Research Centers, Community Development Organizations, Housing Development Firms, Community Centers, Social Services Agencies, Health Care Services Agencies, Social Enterprises, Child Welfare Agencies, Community Mental Health Agencies.

**Representative Practice Settings:** Child Care & Welfare, Medical Facilities, Community Mental Health Agencies, Schools, Crisis Centers, Justice/Corrections Facilities, Private Practice, Churches, Federal and State Government, Not-For-Profit Agencies, For-Profit Corporations, Rural Services Providers, Nursing Homes, and more.

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