

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK (B.S.W.)

The Social Work Program prepares students for beginning generalist social work practice. The primary purpose of the Social Work profession is to enhance human well being. Social workers help meet the basic human needs of all people and empower those who are vulnerable, oppressed, or living in poverty. Social workers help identify and manage the environmental forces that create, contribute to, and address problems in living. Social workers are an integral part of most non-profit agencies and also offer their services and knowledge in private practice. The Social Work Program has been continuously accredited by the Council on Social Work Education since 1977.

Mission and Goals

The Eastern Kentucky University Social Work Program provides a student-centered collaborative and dynamic environment that prepares students for competent and ethical social work practice in a diverse world. This is accomplished through self-reflection, rigorous academics, knowledge based on scientific inquiry and experiential learning in a safe and nurturing environment. We strive to graduate students who understand the complexities of the relationship between people and their environments, value human rights, and believe in the dignity and worth of all human beings. Completion of EKU's generalist Social Work degree will provide the knowledge, values and skills to become practitioners who can think critically and creatively. Our mission is to graduate ethical leaders who advocate for social and economic justice in rural, urban and global communities, with an emphasis on EKU's identified service region. Program goals are to

1. provide a fluid curriculum, grounded in a liberal arts perspective that prepares students for competent and effective entry-level generalist professional social work practice with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities through mastery of the knowledge, values, and skills that inform the ten core competencies;
2. integrate into the program the values, knowledge, and skills of the social work profession and to socialize students into the profession through self-assessment and self-awareness;
3. prepare students to deliver ethical social work practice through the development of critical thinking to guide professional judgments and practice; and
4. prepare students for advocacy and service to diverse populations-at-risk and to advance economic and social justice.

Admission and Progression

Any student who is accepted by the University Admissions Office and declares his/her major as Social Work will be classified as a pre-Social Work major. Admission to pre-Social Work does not guarantee admission to the Professional Social Work Program. Admission to the program is required for progression in the major beginning with SWK 350 Social Work Practice I and SWK 354 Social Work Practice Methods. To be admitted students must have earned at least 32 hours of college credit, meet the minimum program GPA requirement of 2.50, complete SWK 210 Introduction to Social Work and other supporting course work with a minimum grade of "C," and successfully complete application procedures. Students choosing to double-major must declare Social Work as the first major. For admission requirements and procedures contact the Social Work Program office, (859) 622-1645.

Program Requirements

CIP Code: 44.0701

Summary Checklist for General Education

Code	Title	Hours
Element 1		
A:	Written Communication (http://catalogs.eku.edu/undergraduate/general-academic-information/general-education-requirements/element-1/)	3
B:	Written Communication (http://catalogs.eku.edu/undergraduate/general-academic-information/general-education-requirements/element-1/)	3
C:	Oral Communication (http://catalogs.eku.edu/undergraduate/general-academic-information/general-education-requirements/element-1/)	3
Element 2		
	Quantitative Reasoning (http://catalogs.eku.edu/undergraduate/general-academic-information/general-education-requirements/element-2/)	3
Element 3		
A:	Arts (http://catalogs.eku.edu/undergraduate/general-academic-information/general-education-requirements/element-3/)	3
B:	Humanities (http://catalogs.eku.edu/undergraduate/general-academic-information/general-education-requirements/element-3/)	3
Element 4		
	Natural Sciences (http://catalogs.eku.edu/undergraduate/general-academic-information/general-education-requirements/element-4/)	6
Element 5		
A:	Historical Science (http://catalogs.eku.edu/undergraduate/general-academic-information/general-education-requirements/element-5/)	3
B:	Social Behavioral Science (http://catalogs.eku.edu/undergraduate/general-academic-information/general-education-requirements/element-5/)	3
Element 6		
	Diversity of Perspectives Experiences (http://catalogs.eku.edu/undergraduate/general-academic-information/general-education-requirements/element-6/)	6
Total Hours		36

Students are expected to complete Elements 1 and 2 within their first 60 hours of college credit.

Major

Code	Title	Hours
University Graduation Requirements		
General Education		36
<i>Student Success Seminar</i>		
ASO 100	Student Success Seminar (waived for transfers with 30+ hours)	1
Writing Intensive Course (hours incorporated into Major/Supporting/Gen Ed/Free Electives category)		
Upper division courses (42 hrs. distributed throughout Major/Supporting/Gen Ed/Free Electives categories)		

ACCT - Social work majors will fulfill ACCT with the following. (Credit hours may be incorporated into major requirements below.)

SWK 390	Field Experience in a Social Agency or SWK 490 Social Work Practicum	
Major Requirements		
<i>Core Courses</i>		
SWK 210	Introduction to Social Work	3
SWK 225	Human Behavior/Social Environment	3
SWK 310	Social Welfare Policy History	3
SWK 335	Human Behavior/ Social Environment II	3
SWK 340	Social Work Research Methods	3
SWK 350	Social Work Practice I	3
SWK 354	Social Work Practice Methods	3
SWK 355	Social Work Practice II	3
SWK 360	Social Work Practice III	3
SWK 390	Field Experience in a Social Agency	3
SWK 410	Social Welfare Policy Practice	3
SWK 490	Social Work Practicum	12
Choose from six hours of the following:		6
SWK 344	Stress Management & Self Care	
SWK 365	Crisis Intervention	
SWK 440	Addictions	
SWK 455	Selected Topics in Social Work	
SWK 457	Assessing Needs of Older Adults	
<i>Supporting Course Requirements</i>		
PSY 200	Introduction to Psychology (Element 5B) ^G or PSY 200W Introduction to Psychology: Writing Intensive	
SOC 131	Introductory Sociology	3
SOC 232	Social Statistics	3
Choose from one of the following:		
SOC 400	Race and Ethnicity	
SOC 399	Gender and Society (Element 6) ^G	
<i>Free Electives</i>		
Choose from 26 hours of free electives		26
To broaden their experience and knowledge, students are encouraged to complete their programs with electives selected from: anthropology (ANT), child development (CSD), economics (ECO), health (EHS, CHS, HEA, NFA), foreign language (FLH), law enforcement (CRJ, PLS), political science (POL), psychology (PSY), recreation (REC), sociology (SOC), special education (SED), communications (CMS, COM), and Social Work (SWK)		
Total Hours		120

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Course also satisfies a General Education element. Hours are included within the 36 hr. General Education requirement above.