

SOCIAL WORK (BSW)



This program was approved for students entering the university in the Summer 2022–Spring 2023 catalog year. For more information about catalog year, go to Catalog Year Information (<http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/university-wide-unit-specific-policies/catalog-year/>).

Bachelor of Social Work

Unit: Kent School of Social Work (KE) (<http://louisville.edu/kent/>)
Academic Plan Code(s): SW_ _BSW, SW_ _BSWO, SW_ _BSWADO

Program Information

This program can be completed in a traditional classroom format or entirely online (<https://louisville.edu/online/programs/bachelors/bachelor-of-social-work/>).

The Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) Program at the Kent School of Social Work and Family Science is a full-time, campus-based and online program that prepares students for entry level professional social work practice. The Program also provides the foundation for graduate study in social work. Students may qualify for entry as Advanced Level students in graduate social work programs. The program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE).

The BSW Program curriculum builds on a liberal arts base. The curriculum is designed to prepare students for generalist social work practice with diverse, vulnerable and marginalized individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities. We take an anti-oppressive stance in educating students to intervene at the micro, mezzo and macro levels through the application of critical thinking and the incorporation of available evidence to inform practice that responds to complex social problems. Students gain experience through service learning and social work practicum.

BSW Program Goals:

- Prepare graduates for generalist social work practice with vulnerable and marginalized individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities through the acquisition and demonstration of social work practice behaviors consistent with CSWE educational standards and policies and the NASW Code of Ethics.
- Prepare graduates to understand bio-psycho-social, spiritual, and cultural functioning and apply it to all client systems.
- Prepare graduates to promote social and economic justice through their practice with diverse client systems.
- Prepare graduates who continue to develop professionally throughout their careers to meet new challenges and opportunities.

Degree Summary

Code	Title	Hours
	General Education Requirements (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) ¹	31
	College/School Requirements ¹	29
	Program/Major Requirements ¹	60
Minimum Total Hours		120

¹ Some credit hours from the General Education Requirements may be satisfied by courses defined by the program, in which case additional electives will be required to complete the minimum hours for the degree. See the Degree Requirements tab for specific coursework.

Specific coursework information can be found on the Degree Requirements tab.

Departmental Admission Requirements

Entering First-Year Students to Lower Division BSW

1. Either of the following:
 - a. Graduation from accredited high school
 - b. Successful completion of General Education Development (GED) tests
2. High school GPA of 2.5 or higher
3. Pre-College Curriculum (PCC) GPA of 2.5 or higher
4. ACT/SAT score of 20/1020 or higher
5. Students with admission criteria below the above standards are admitted to Pre-Social Work in the Exploratory Division

Transfer Students to Lower Division

Transfer students with fewer than 24 credit hours

1. College GPA of 2.5 or higher
2. Either of the following:
 - a. Graduation from accredited high school
 - b. Successful completion of General Education Development (GED) tests
3. High school GPA of 2.5 or higher
4. Pre-College Curriculum (PCC) GPA of 2.5 or higher
5. ACT/SAT score of 20/1020 or higher

Transfer student with 24 credit hours or more

College GPA of 2.5 or higher

UofL Student Switching Major

University GPA of 2.5 or higher, please use major change form on ULink at [Louisville.edu](http://louisville.edu)

Post-baccalaureate Student

- College cumulative GPA of 2.5
- Applicants with higher GPAs are encouraged to apply to the MSSW program

Upper Division BSW Students

Requires internal application from Kent School. Must have 45 hours of college credit, a minimum of 2.5 GPA. The packet consists of a

personal statement, secondary application, resume, and 2 letters of recommendation directly to Kent School BSW Program. Transfer student must submit undergraduate application, all college transcripts to UL Admissions. This is a competitive program approved by the department.

Must meet application deadline: Priority deadline, February 1; Final deadline, May 1 for following Fall acceptance to Upper Division. Late applications will be accepted on a case-by-case basis, please contact the BSW Department for approval to apply late (BSWKent@louisville.edu). Applicants need to apply directly to Kent School BSW Program before the application deadline.

Admissions to the Lower Division does not guarantee admission to the Upper Division

General Education Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
General Education Requirements (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) ¹		31
The following courses are required by the program and should be taken to fulfill the respective General Education requirement:		
SOC 202	Social Problems - SB, D1 (SOC 202 satisfies 3 hours of SB and D1 General Education Requirement)	
or SOC 201	Introduction to Sociology - SB	
or SOC 203	Self and Society - SB	
MATH 105	Quantitative Reasoning - QR	
or MATH 111	College Algebra - QR	

All degrees require the completion of the University-wide General Education Program (link provided above). Some General Education requirements may be met in the requirements for the major or supporting coursework, in which case additional electives may be required to complete the minimum hours for the degree.

College/School Requirements

Social Work Lower Division Requirements⁴

Code	Title	Hours
SW 101	Social Work Orientation	1
SW 201	Introduction to Social Work - D1, SB	3
PSYC 201	Introduction to Psychology - SB	3
MATH 105	Quantitative Reasoning - QR	3
or MATH 111	College Algebra - QR	
Select one of the following:		3
SW 203	Human Biology for Social Sciences (suggested)	
HSS 202	Human Anatomy & Physiology - S ²	
PSYC 344	Physiological Psychology	
Select one of the following Sociology courses:		3
SOC 201	Introduction to Sociology - SB	
SOC 202	Social Problems - SB, D1	
SOC 203	Self and Society - SB	
Select one of the following Statistics courses:		3
SW 204	Introduction to Social Statistics (suggested)	
MATH 109	Elementary Statistics - QR ²	
PSYC 301	Statistics for Psychology ²	
SOC 301	Introduction to Social Statistics ²	

CJ 326	Quantitative Analysis - QR	
General electives ³		22
Minimum Total Hours		41

Program/Major Requirements

Social Work Upper Division Requirements

Course	Title	Hours
Year 3		
Fall		
SW 302	Social Welfare Policy I	3
SW 303	Generalist Practice I	3
SW 301	Human Behavior and the Social Environment I	3
Intro to SW (SW201) if not taken in Lower Division or Upper Division Social Work Elective ⁵		3
Upper Division Social Work Elective ⁵		3
Hours		15
Spring		
SW 322	Issues in Policy and Service Delivery	3
SW 304	Generalist Practice II	3
SW 319	Human Behavior and the Social Environment II	3
SW 307	Diversity, Oppression and Social Justice Practice ⁶	3
Upper Division Social Work Elective ⁵		3
Hours		15
Year 4		
Fall		
SW 405	Generalist Practice III	3
SW 470	Practicum I ⁶	3
SW 472	Practicum Seminar and Lab I - CUE	3
SW 426	Introduction to Social Work Research	3
Upper Division Social Work Elective ⁵		3
Hours		15
Spring		
SW 406	Generalist Practice IV	3
SW 471	Practicum II ⁶	3
SW 473	Practicum Seminar and Lab II	3
Upper Division Social Work Elective ⁵		3
Upper Division Social Work Elective ⁵		3
Hours		15
Minimum Total Hours		60

Culminating Undergraduate Experience (Graduation requirement)

Requirement fulfilled by completing:		
SW 472	Practicum Seminar and Lab I - CUE	

¹ Six (6) hours of Diversity (D1/D2) coursework is required. If these competency areas are not covered as part of the program requirements and/or general elective coursework, 6 additional hours will be needed to fulfill the University of Louisville competency-area requirements.

² Or equivalent as approved/decided by the unit

³ Students who satisfy General Education Requirements by courses defined by the program will require additional electives to complete the minimum hours for the degree.

⁴ Students must have a minimum total of 60 credit hours to complete the Lower Division requirements.

- ⁵ Three of the five Upper Division Social Work Elective courses may be from the College of Arts and Sciences, Division of Social Sciences (minimum 300 level). Please contact the BSW Advising Team should you have questions.
- ⁶ The Upper Division BSW Program curriculum has changed for students entering for Summer/Fall 2019. Students will be required to take SW 307 Diversity, Oppression and Social Justice Practice and five Upper Division Electives to meet the total credit hours of 120. Practicum I and II are now 3 credit hours each.

Track Requirements

Students completing the BSW in Social Work may pursue the standard BSW track or a specialized track in Alcohol and Drug Counseling. Once accepted into the BSW Upper Division Alcohol and Drug Counseling Track, the following courses will be completed:

1. SW 361 Special Issues in Alcohol and Drug Counseling (mandatory)
2. SW 362 Introduction to Substance Use and Substance Use Disorders (mandatory)
3. SW 460 Intro Motivation and Change (mandatory)
4. SW 415 Mental Health (mandatory)

Practicum: Students are required to complete their practicum in a substance abuse setting. This placement will be within a setting where a substantial portion of the focus is identification, intervention, or case management of clients who are alcohol and or drug dependent. Wherever possible, students in practicum settings will receive supervision by a CADC with two years' experience.

Flight Plan

Course	Title	Hours
Year 1		
Fall		
SW 101	Social Work Orientation	1
ENGL 101	Introduction to College Writing - WC	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences - S		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences Lab - SL		1
General Education: Cardinal Core Arts & Humanities - AH		3
General Elective		1
MATH 105	Quantitative Reasoning - QR (Cardinal Core Quantitative Reasoning - QR must be MATH 105 or MATH 111. MATH 109 Elementary Statistics will count towards the BSW supporting requirement of Statistics, not Cardinal Core QR - you must have MATH QR and a course in Statistics for the BSW Program)	3
Hours		15
Spring		
ENGL 102	Intermediate College Writing - WC	3
HIST 101 or HIST 102	History of Civilizations I - SBH, D2 or History of Civilizations II - SBH, D2	3
SW 201	Introduction to Social Work - D1, SB	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Oral Communication - OC		3
General Elective		3
Hours		15
Year 2		
Fall		
PSYC 201	Introduction to Psychology - SB	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences - S		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Arts & Humanities - AH		3
General Elective		3

General Elective: SOC 210, PAS 200 or WGST 364 suggested		3
Hours		15
Spring		
SOC 202	Social Problems - SB, D1	3
General Elective: ANTH 201, GEOG 200, or PAS 206 suggested		3
Select one of the following:		3
HSS 202	Human Anatomy & Physiology - S	
PSYC 344	Physiological Psychology	
SW 203	Human Biology for Social Sciences (suggested)	
Select one of the following:		3
SW 204	Introduction to Social Statistics (suggested)	
SOC 301	Introduction to Social Statistics	
PSYC 301	Statistics for Psychology	
MATH 109	Elementary Statistics - QR	
CJ 326	Quantitative Analysis - QR	
General Elective		3
Hours		15
Year 3		
Fall		
SW 301	Human Behavior and the Social Environment I	3
SW 302	Social Welfare Policy I	3
SW 303	Generalist Practice I	3
Intro to SW (SW201) if not taken in Lower Division or Social Work Upper Division elective		3
Upper Division Social Work Elective		3
Hours		15
Spring		
SW 304	Generalist Practice II	3
SW 319	Human Behavior and the Social Environment II	3
SW 322	Issues in Policy and Service Delivery	3
SW 307	Diversity, Oppression and Social Justice Practice	3
Upper Division Social Work Elective		3
Hours		15
Year 4		
Fall		
SW 405	Generalist Practice III	3
SW 470	Practicum I	3
SW 472	Practicum Seminar and Lab I - CUE	3
SW 426	Introduction to Social Work Research	3
Social Work Upper Division elective		3
Hours		15
Spring		
SW 406	Generalist Practice IV	3
SW 471	Practicum II	3
SW 473	Practicum Seminar and Lab II	3
Upper Division Social Work Elective		3
Upper Division Social Work Elective		3
Hours		15
Minimum Total Hours		120

Degree Audit Report

Degree Audit reports illustrate how your completed courses fulfill the requirements of your academic plan. What-if reports allow you to compare the courses you have completed in your current academic plan to the courses required in another academic plan. Should you have questions about either report, please consult with your academic advisor.

To create either report:

1. Log into your ULink account.
2. Click on the Academic Progress tile.

3. Next, click on "View my Degree Audit" to run a Degree Audit report in the Undergraduate Advising area.
4. To create a What-if report, click on "Create a What-if Advisement Report."

Click here to run a Degree Audit report, or create a What-if report. (<https://ulink.louisville.edu>)

Flight Planner

Based on your major, the Flight Planner tool may be available for you to create a personalized Flight Plan. The Flight Planner can be found in the ULink Student Center. Consult with your advisor for assistance with the Flight Planner.

The Bachelor of Social Work (SW BSW) program prepares students to meet the requirements for certification and/or licensure. If you plan to pursue professional licensure or certification you should first determine your state's criteria for examination and licensure to see how/if our program meets those requirements prior to enrollment. We recommend that you also contact your state's licensing board directly to verify that the requirements have not changed recently and to answer any questions especially those regarding additional requirements beyond the degree.

More information about certification or licensure is available at the following website: <https://louisville.edu/oapa/licensure-information> (<https://louisville.edu/oapa/licensure-information/>) (you may search by school or by the name of the program then click on 'View Details' to display the information).

For programs with an online option, more information about certification or licensure is available here: <http://louisville.edu/online/About-Us> (<http://louisville.edu/online/About-Us/>) (please scroll down near the bottom of the page and click on the licensing disclosures tab).