

SOCIAL WORK (BSW)



This program was approved for students entering the university in the Summer 2023–Spring 2024 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 mission of the Kent School of Social Work & Family Science BSW program is 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. The program contributes to the mission of the University as a great place to learn, by providing engaged service and outreach that improves the quality of life for local and global communities. The educational part of our mission is accomplished through theoretically and empirically driven approach to pedagogy in our on campus and on-line instruction and transformative learning experiences.

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

- Either of the following:
 - Graduation from accredited high school
 - Successful completion of General Education Development (GED) tests
- High school GPA of 2.5 or higher
- Pre-College Curriculum (PCC) GPA of 2.5 or higher
- ACT/SAT score of 20/1030 or higher
- 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

- College GPA of 2.5 or higher
- Either of the following:
 - Graduation from accredited high school
 - Successful completion of General Education Development (GED) tests
- High school GPA of 2.5 or higher
- Pre-College Curriculum (PCC) GPA of 2.5 or higher
- ACT/SAT score of 20/1030 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

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 application consists of a secondary application, statement of purpose, work experience, and 2 letters of recommendation submitted 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 deadlines for acceptance to Upper Division the following Fall as posted: Bachelor of Social Work Admissions — Raymond A. Kent School of Social Work and Family Science (louisville.edu) (<https://louisville.edu/kent/admissions-1/bsw-admissions/>). 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:		
BSW 201	Introduction to Social Work - SB (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), D1 (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
PSYC 201	Introduction to Psychology - SB (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
SOC 201	Introduction to Sociology - SB (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
or SOC 202	Social Problems - SB (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), D1 (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
Some other courses approved as options for satisfying program requirements (e.g. MATH 109) may also satisfy General Education requirements.		

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
BSW 101	Social Work Orientation	1
BSW 201	Introduction to Social Work - SB (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), D1 (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
PSYC 201	Introduction to Psychology - SB (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
Select one of the following: ²		3
BSW 203	Human Biology for Social Sciences (suggested)	
HSS 202	Foundations of Anatomy & Physiology - S (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
BIOL 260	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	
PSYC 305	Brain and Behavior	
Select one of the following Sociology courses:		3
SOC 201	Introduction to Sociology - SB (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
SOC 202	Social Problems - SB (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), D1 (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
Select one of the following Statistics courses: ²		3
BSW 204	Introduction to Social Statistics (suggested)	
MATH 109	Introduction to Social Statistics - QR (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
COMM 255	Communication and Statistics - QR (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
CJ 326	Quantitative Analysis - QR (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
HSS 377	Foundations of Quantitative Statistics-QR - QR (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
PSYC 301	Introduction to Social Statistics	
SOC 301	Introduction to Social Statistics	
General electives ³		13
Minimum Total Hours		29

Program/Major Requirements

Social Work Upper Division Requirements

Year 3		Hours
Fall		
BSW 301	Human Behavior and the Social Environment I	3
BSW 302	Social Welfare Policy I	3
BSW 303	Generalist Practice I	3
Social Work Elective 300 level or above ⁵		3
Elective 300 level or above ⁵		3
Hours		15

Spring

BSW 319	Human Behavior and the Social Environment II	3
BSW 322	Social Welfare Policy II	3
BSW 304	Generalist Practice II	3
BSW 307	Diversity, Oppression and Social Justice Practice	3
Elective 300 level or above ⁵		3

Hours 15

Year 4

Fall

BSW 405	Generalist Practice III	3
BSW 470	Generalist Practicum I	3
BSW 472	Generalist Practicum Seminar and Lab I - CUE (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
BSW 426	Introduction to Social Work Research	3
Elective 300 level or above ⁵		3

Hours 15

Spring

BSW 406	Generalist Practice IV	3
BSW 471	Generalist Practicum II	3
BSW 473	Generalist Practicum Seminar and Lab II	3
Social Work Elective 300 level or above ⁵		3
Elective any level ⁵		3

Hours 15

Minimum Total Hours 60

Code Title Hours

Culminating Undergraduate Experience (Graduation requirement)

Requirement fulfilled by completing:

BSW 472	Generalist Practicum Seminar and Lab I - CUE (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
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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 Two of the five Upper Division Social Work Elective courses must be from Social Work (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 BSW 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:

- BSW 361 Intro Special Issues in Alcohol and Drug Counseling (mandatory)

- BSW 362 Introduction to Substance Use and Substance Use Disorders (mandatory)

- BSW 415 Intro Mental Health (mandatory)

- BSW 460 Intro Motivation and Change (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

Year 1

Fall		Hours
BSW 101	Social Work Orientation	1
ENGL 101	Introduction to College Writing - WC (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
BSW 201	Introduction to Social Work - SB (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), D1 (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences - S		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences Lab - SL		1
General Elective		3
General Elective		1
Hours		15

Spring

ENGL 102	Intermediate College Writing - WC (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Quantitative Reasoning - QR		3
BSW 203	Human Biology for Social Sciences (or other approved course from list)	3
SOC 201 or SOC 202	Introduction to Sociology - SB (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) or Social Problems - SB (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), D1 (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
General Elective		3
Hours		15

Year 2

Fall

BSW 204	Introduction to Social Statistics (or other approved course from list)	3
PSYC 201	Introduction to Psychology - SB (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Arts & Humanities - AH		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Oral Communication - OC		3
General Elective		3
Hours		15

Spring

General Education: Cardinal Core Arts & Humanities Global Diversity - AHD2		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences - S		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Historical Perspective - SBH		3
General Elective		3
General Elective		3
Hours		15

Year 3**Fall**

BSW 301	Human Behavior and the Social Environment I	3
BSW 302	Social Welfare Policy I	3
BSW 303	Generalist Practice I	3
Social Work Elective 300 level or above		3
Elective 300 level or above		3

Hours	15
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Spring

BSW 319	Human Behavior and the Social Environment II	3
BSW 322	Social Welfare Policy II	3
BSW 304	Generalist Practice II	3
BSW 307	Diversity, Oppression and Social Justice Practice	3
Elective 300 level or above		3

Hours	15
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Year 4**Fall**

BSW 405	Generalist Practice III	3
BSW 470	Generalist Practicum I	3
BSW 472	Generalist Practicum Seminar and Lab I - CUE (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
BSW 426	Introduction to Social Work Research	3
Elective 300 level or above		3

Hours	15
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Spring

BSW 406	Generalist Practice IV	3
BSW 471	Generalist Practicum II	3
BSW 473	Generalist Practicum Seminar and Lab II	3
Social Work Elective 300 level or above		3
Elective any level		3

Hours	15
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Minimum Total Hours	120
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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.

Flight Planner

The Flight Planner tool is available for you to create a personalized Flight Plan to graduation. Advisors have access to review your Flight Planner and can help you adjust it to ensure you remain on track to graduate in a timely manner.

To create these reports:

- a. Log into your ULink account.
- b. Click on the Academic Progress tile.
- c. Select the appropriate report.
 - i. To run a Degree Audit report, click on "View my Degree Audit."
 - ii. To create a What-if report, click on "Create a What-if Advisement Report."
 - iii. To run a Flight Planner report, click on "Use My Flight Planner."

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

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: <https://louisville.edu/online/About-Us?tab=disclosures> (<https://louisville.edu/online/About-Us/?tab=disclosures>).