SOCIAL WORK (BSW)

This program was approved for students entering the university in the Summer 2024–Spring 2025 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 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

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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
a. Either of the following:
   i. Graduation from accredited high school
   ii. Successful completion of General Education Development (GED) tests

b. High school GPA of 2.5 or higher
c. ACT/SAT score of 20/1030 or higher

Transfer Students to Lower Division
Transfer students with fewer than 24 credit hours
a. College GPA of 2.0 or higher
b. Either of the following:
   i. Graduation from accredited high school
   ii. Successful completion of General Education Development (GED) tests
c. High school GPA of 2.5 or higher
d. ACT/SAT score of 20/1030 or higher

Transfer student with 24 credit hours or more
College GPA of 2.0 or higher

Conditional Admission
Students who meet University minimum academic standards may be conditionally admitted (see Undergraduate Catalog, Admission to the University of Louisville (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/admission/)).

UofL Student Switching Major
University GPA of 2.0 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 & Family Science. Must have 45 hours of college credit, a minimum of 2.5 GPA to qualify. Transfer students must be admitted to UofL prior to applying for Upper Division.

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

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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 Requirements

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Select one of the following: 2

- BSW 203 Human Biology for Social Sciences (suggested)
- HSS 202 Foundations of Anatomy & Physiology - S (https://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 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) | 3     |
- SOC 202 Social Problems - SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), D1 (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) | 3     |

Select one of the following Statistics courses: 2

- 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 (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

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Total Hours 15
Track, the following courses will be completed:

**Acceptance into the BSW Upper Division Alcohol and Drug Counseling**

**Track Requirements**

- **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

- **Fall**
  - Elective 300 level or above 5

**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/)

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 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 Practicum is the Culminating Undergraduate Experience (CUE) for BSW students. As such, it is intentionally designed to provide students with an opportunity to demonstrate mastery of the core competencies that they learn throughout the program. Before beginning Practicum, students are expected to successfully complete all 300-level BSW Core requirements.

**Flight Plan**

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**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.
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Year 3  

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

Spring  
- BSW 319 Human Behavior and the Social Environment II  
- BSW 322 Social Welfare Policy II  
- BSW 304 Generalist Practice II  
- BSW 307 Diversity, Oppression and Social Justice Practice  
- Elective 300 level or above  
- **Hours** 15  

Year 4  

Fall  
- BSW 405 Generalist Practice III  
- BSW 470 Generalist Practicum I  
- BSW 472 Generalist Practicum Seminar and Lab I - CUE  
- BSW 426 Introduction to Social Work Research  
- Elective 300 level or above  
- **Hours** 15  

Spring  
- BSW 406 Generalist Practice IV  
- BSW 471 Generalist Practicum II  
- BSW 473 Generalist Practicum Seminar and Lab II  
- Social Work Elective 300 level or above  
- Elective any level  
- **Hours** 15  

**Minimum Total Hours** 120  

The Flight Plan outlined above is intended to demonstrate one possible path to completing the degree within four years. Course selection and placement within the program may vary depending on course offerings and schedule, elective preferences, and other factors (study abroad, internship availability, etc.). Please consult your advisor for additional information about building a flight plan that works for you.  

**Degree Audit Report**  
Degree Audit reports illustrate how your completed courses fulfill the requirements of your academic plan, and which requirements are still outstanding. Degree audits also take transfer credits and test credits into account. "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.  

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 (you may search by school or by the name of the program then click on 'View Details' to display the information).  

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