

Major Requirements for a Bachelor of Social Work

- The Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) is designed to prepare students for beginning generalist social work practice. It is a very structured major that requires an application prior enrolling in the Professional Social Work Core.
- Pre-Social Work (PSCWK) identifies that a student has declared Social Work as a major but has not yet been accepted into the Professional Social Work core.

The courses in this column are what keep you on track for the BSW and should be the first priority, while completing your semester with other requirements.

The courses listed in this column are graduation requirements, but should be used to fill in each semester after the left column courses have been selected.

Pre-Professional Foundation (8 course – 25 hours)

Grades for these courses must be "C" or better with a GPA of 2.5.

- COMM 1313 Public Speaking
- ENGL 1013 English Composition I
- PLSC 2003 American National Government
- PSYC 2003 General Psychology
- SOCI 2013 General Sociology
- SCWK 2133 Introduction to Social Work
- SCWK 3193 Human Diversity & Social Work

Work on these courses first! Several courses can cross-over with your University Core requirements!

Choose one of the following natural science courses w/lab:

Grade must be "D" or better

- ANTH 1013/1011L Biological Anthropology
- BIOL 1543/1541L Principles of Biology

Application Courses (2 courses – 6 hours)

Students must complete or be currently enrolled in the following two courses to be eligible to apply. Application materials can be found at socialwork.uark.edu. Courses require a grade of "C" or higher. The Pre-Professional Foundations courses will be pre-requisites for these two courses.

- SCWK 4093 Human Behavior & the Social Environment I (HBSE I)
- SCWK 4153 Social Welfare Policy

Statistics (1 course – 3 hours)

Substitutions may be granted for other statistics courses with department approval. Grade must be "D" or higher.

- STAT 2303 Principles of Statistics

World Language (6 hours minimum of a single world language)

Beginning at the 1013 (Elementary II) level or higher. Without prior foundation, students should start at the 1003 (Elementary I) level.

- _____ 1013 (Elementary II)
- _____ 2003 (Intermediate I)

Do not delay this requirement. Try out one of our 13 language options!

English (1 course – 3 hours)

Choose one of the courses below. (no exemptions granted)

- ENGL 2003 Advanced Composition
- ENGL 2013 Essay Writing

History (2 courses – 6 hours)

- HIST 1113 Institutions & Ideas of World Civilizations I
- HIST 1123 Institutions & Ideas of World Civilizations II

Philosophy (1 course – 3 hours)

Choose one of the courses below.

- PHIL 2003 Intro to Philosophy
- PHIL 2103 Intro to Ethics

Advanced Electives (2 courses – 6 hours)

Any AAST, ANTH, COMM, GEOS, HDFS, PLSC, PSYC or SOCI course numbered 3000 or higher.

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This is a great way to work on a minor!

Social Work Electives (2 courses – 6 hours)

- SCWK _____
- SCWK _____

Professional Social Work Core (9 courses – 27 hours)

Students must apply and be accepted into the Professional Social Work Core to enroll. These courses must be completed in the level order listed. Courses require a grade of "C" or higher.

Level 1:

- SCWK 4073 Social Work Research & Technology I
The Fulbright Writing Requirement is met through SCWK 4073.
- SCWK 4103 Human Behavior & Social Environment II
- SCWK 4333 Social Work Practice I

Level 2:

- SCWK 4343 Social Work Practice II
- SCWK 4733 Social Work Practice III
- SCWK 4434 Social Work Internship I
- SCWK 4412 Field Seminar I

Level 3:

- SCWK 4444 Social Work Internship II
- SCWK 4422 Field Seminar II

Pro-Tips:

- Service is a big tenant of the Social Work profession, and volunteer hours are required for the application. Start looking for volunteer opportunities early. Check out the Volunteer Action Center at volunteer.uark.edu.
- Look for ways to get involved in your department. There are three great student organizations in Social Work. Check them out at socialwork.uark.edu!
- Meet your professors! Since they are all Social Workers, they have so much great career advice!

Check out other important degree information on the next page!

Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) Flow Chart

These courses are required to be completed in the order below.

COMM 1313 Public Speaking
 ENGL 1013 English Comp I
 PLSC 2003 American Nat'l Gov't
 PSYC 2003 General Psychology
 SOCI 2013 General Sociology
 SCWK 2133 Intro to SCWK
 SCWK 3193 Human Diversity & SCWK
 ANTH 1013/1011L **OR** BIOL 1543/1541L

This flow chart is designed for a typical four-year plan. However, major changes and transfers are very common. Work with your advisor to create your own plan.

The order below is strongly recommended.

Complete University Core Requirements
 • Make sure to use cross-over courses where possible, like HIST 1113, HIST 1123, and PHIL 2003 or 2103
 Start/Finish World Language Requirements
 ENGL 2003 or 2013
 Find Volunteer Opportunities
 Join a student organization
 Meet BSW Director

SCWK 4093 HBSE I
 SCWK 4153 Policy Statistics
Apply to Professional BSW Core!!

First four semesters
1st Semester Jr. Year

Anything not completed above
 Start Advanced & SCWK Electives

SCWK 4073 Research & Tech I
 SCWK 4103 HBSE II
 SWK 4333 Practice I

2nd Semester Jr. Year

Anything not completed above
 Advanced & SCWK Electives
 Start researching Grad Schools/Careers
 • Check out career.uark.edu

SCWK 4343 Practice II
 SCWK 4733 Practice III
 SCWK 4434 Internship I
 SCWK 4412 Field Seminar I

1st Semester Sr. Year

Anything not completed above
 Advanced & SCWK Electives
 General Electives

SCWK 4444 Internship II
 SCWK 4422 Field Seminar II

2nd Semester Sr. Year

Any remaining course requirements
 Apply to Grad Schools/Careers