



**KENTUCKY STATE  
UNIVERSITY**

## SOCIAL WORK (BSW)

The School of Social Work Bachelor in Social Work (BSW) program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (<https://www.cswe.org/>). The program advances the ideals of economic and social justice, through an enriched curriculum, innovative research and transformative learning. The primary mission of the social work profession is to enhance human well-being and help meet the basic human needs of all people, with particular attention to the needs and empowerment of people who are vulnerable, oppressed, and living in poverty.

Social Work specializes in environmental forces that create, contribute to, and address problems in living.

Social workers promote social justice and social change with and on behalf of clients. Clients is used inclusively to refer to individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities. Social workers are sensitive to cultural and ethnic diversity and strive to end discrimination, oppression, poverty, and other forms of social injustice.

Activities may be in the form of direct practice, community organizing, supervision, consultation, administration, advocacy, social and political action, policy development and implementation, education, and research and evaluation.

### Social Work Core Values

The mission of the social work profession is rooted in the National Association of Social Workers (<https://www.socialworkers.org/>) core values. These core values, embraced by social workers throughout the profession's history, are the foundation of social work's unique purpose and perspective:

- *service*
- *social justice*
- *dignity and worth of the person*
- *importance of human relationships*
- *integrity*
- *competence*

### Careers in Social Work

Social workers play an important role in helping people manage and overcome social and economic challenges, in addition to advocating for change in their communities. Individuals who have a strong desire to improve the lives of people they encounter on the job often find social work to be a rewarding career. Careers in Social Work include: School Counselor, Case Manager, Child Welfare Social Worker, Therapist, Behavioral Analyst, Hospital Social Worker, Professor, Politician, etc.

## Bachelor in Social Work - Admission Requirements

Students may declare Social Work as a pre-major and are eligible for formal admission to the Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) Program sophomore year.

- Completion SOW 201 Career Choice Human Serv Professional
- Grade Point Average (GPA) 2.0 or higher
- Submit a personal statement or video answering the following:
  - Describe your motivation(s) for becoming a social worker.
  - Describe any employment, volunteer, or life experiences that prepared you to pursue social work.
  - What strengths do you bring to professional social work practice?
  - Describe your long-term career goals?

Course	Title	Hours
<b>Year 1</b>		
<b>Term 1 (Fall)</b>		
SOW 201	Career Choice Human Serv Prof	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Term 2 (Spring)</b>		
SOW 310	Cultural Inc. & Soc. Justice	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Year 2</b>		
<b>Term 3 (Fall)</b>		
SOW 306	Human Behavior I	3
SOW 321	Policy I	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Term 4 (Spring)</b>		
SOW 307	Human Behavior II	3
SOW 322	Policy II	3
SOW 210 or GNT 101	Alcohol and Substance Prob or Intro to Gerontology	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Year 3</b>		
<b>Term 4 (Spring)</b>		
SOW 401	Research Methods Social Work	3
SOW 210 or GNT 101	Alcohol and Substance Prob or Intro to Gerontology	3
SOW 308 or SOW 352	Dynamics Marriage/Family or Child Abuse & Neglect	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Year 4</b>		
<b>Term 5 (Fall)</b>		
SOW 422	Field Instruction I	6
SOW 423	Social Work Seminar I	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Term 6 (Spring)</b>		
SOW 424	Field Instruction II	6
SOW 425	Social Work Seminar II	3
SOW 316	Generalist Practice III	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>51</b>