



**KENTUCKY STATE
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SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

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Whitney M. Young Jr. School of Social Work

The Bachelor of Arts in Social Work (BSW) Program advances the ideals of economic and social justice, through an enriched curriculum, innovative research and transformative learning. The School produces dynamic leaders in the field, who are committed to enhancing the well-being and equitable treatment of diverse individuals and communities.

The School is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education and named in honor of civil rights leader and Kentucky State University alum, Whitney M. Young Jr.

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 if they are currently enrolled in and in good standing at the University. When declaring social work as a major, the student must make formal application for admission into the program. Students are required to submit a formal application to the program accompanied by two pages of autobiographical information. The application and guidelines for the autobiographical sketch are available in the Division of Social Work.

Applicants for admission are required to meet the following standards:

- Completion SOW 201 Career Choice Human Serv Prof
- Grade Point Average (GPA) 2.5 or better
- 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, which you believe have helped prepare you to pursue a career in social work.
 - What strengths do you bring to professional social work practice?
 - Discuss your commitment to abide by the values and ethics of the social work profession. Identify and describe any areas in

which your personal values conflict with professional social work values. If value conflicts do exist, please describe your plans to resolve the conflicts.

- Describe your immediate and long-range career goals and list your fields of practice preferences (client populations/social problems/agency settings).

Gerontology

Gerontology is the study of the biological, psychological and sociological aspects of human development and the intricacies of aging across the lifespan. The program is approved by the Association of Gerontology in Higher Education.

CW PREP

CW PREP (<https://www.childwelfareprep.com/inquire/>) is an innovative career preparation program. In return for your commitment to child welfare work, we provide tuition coverage and stipends to help you succeed. Students who successfully complete the program will receive Kentucky's Public Child Welfare certificate and be qualified for a preferred job placement with the Kentucky Department for Community Based Services. Learn what it takes to succeed in the field of child welfare. Receive generous tuition assistance and stipends. Get help finding the right job when it's time.

AM I ELIGIBLE?

- Full-time enrollment in an undergraduate social work program (or eligibility for admittance to a program by the of the semester)
- 2.5 overall GPA and a 3.0 in social work courses at application
- No less than three and no more than four regular semesters before graduation (after current semester)
- No criminal record which includes felony convictions
- Valid driver's license

WHAT DO I GET?

- Tuition (in state) paid in full for up to four semesters
- \$1300 stipend, per semester
- Priority consideration for employment with DCBS
- Specialized training in public child welfare and family well-being
- Access to a supportive network of peers and professionals dedicated to your personal and professional success.

WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO?

- Maintaining entry-level or better GPAs
- Maintaining full-time enrollment each semester in the program
- Be willing to start a rewarding position with Kentucky Department of Community Based Services (DCBS) within two months of graduation AND remain employed for two years

Bachelor's

- Social Work (BSW) (<https://kysu-public.courseleaf.com/undergraduate/humanities-business-society/social-work/social-work-bsw/>)

Minors

- Gerontology Minor (<https://kysu-public.courseleaf.com/undergraduate/humanities-business-society/social-work/gerontology-minor/>)