

SOCIAL WORK, B.S.W.

The purpose of the Social Work major is to prepare students for entry level generalist practice in social work. This is a professional program of study which is strongly grounded for the first two years in liberal arts; the second two years focus on the professional curriculum. The program prepares students for work with individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities.

Accreditation

The program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education for an eight-year period ending in June 2029.

Admission to the Social Work Major

The student who wishes to formally declare Social Work as a major should consult with the Undergraduate Program Director. Admission is competitive and limited. Decisions concerning admission are announced by January 1 and are effective with the beginning of the spring semester. Admission to the major is based upon the criteria listed below.

1. Required courses
Satisfactory completion of the courses listed below with a grade of C or higher.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
SWK 215	Introduction to Social Work	
And be enrolled or have completed		
SWK 310	Social Work Policy and Restorative Justice	
SWK 311	Human Behavior and Social Environment	

2. GPA
A minimum university GPA of 2.50
3. Credit hours
Completion of a minimum of 51 credit hours
4. Application packet
Completion and submission of the B.S.W. Application Packet by December 7 of the year in which the student is seeking admission

Requirements for Admission to Field Instruction

1. Social Work major
Prior admission to the Social Work Major
2. Required courses
Completion of the courses below (or their equivalent) and completion of the department's culture and diversity requirement.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
BIO 105	Science of Life in our World	
or BIO 111	Principles of Biology I	
or ATY 153	The Human Species	
HDF 112	Families and Close Relationships	
PSC 110	American Politics	
PSY 121	General Psychology	
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology	

STA 108	Elementary Introduction to Probability and Statistics
or SWK 350 Introduction to Social Work Data Analysis	

3. Credit hours
Completion of 84 credits with a 2.50 grade point average
4. Early field experience
Satisfactory completion of all early field experience requirements
5. SWK Courses
Satisfactory completion of the courses listed below with a minimum grade of C. No Social Work course may be taken more than twice.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
SWK 215	Introduction to Social Work	
SWK 310	Social Work Policy and Restorative Justice	
SWK 311	Human Behavior and Social Environment	
SWK 315	Social Work, Diversity, and Vulnerable Populations	
SWK 325	Research in Social Work Practice	
SWK 351	Professional Practice With Individuals and Families	
SWK 352	Professional Practice With Groups	

6. Application process
An application process and approval of the Director of Field Instruction

General Information

Admission to the university does not constitute acceptance to the department. Academic credit is not awarded for life or work experience. Community social work agencies cooperate with the Department of Social Work in providing field work experiences for the students. The number of students placed for field instruction is determined by the availability of these resources. At times, there may not be an approved site for student placement and there may be delay in meeting that part of the graduation requirements.

Students enrolled in the practice sequence are individually responsible for their own transportation to and from community agencies. Students are required to provide proof of liability and malpractice insurance. Malpractice insurance information is available in the departmental office.

Students who fail to enter senior year field instruction within two years of completion of all Bachelor of Social Work foundation courses* must reapply for admission to the social work program. The Director of the Bachelor of Social Work program in consultation with the student and faculty will decide what social work courses, if any, must be repeated prior to reapplying for admission to field instruction.

Students who enter field instruction and fail to successfully complete it must reapply for admission to field instruction within two years of completion of all Bachelor of Social Work foundation courses*. If more than two years elapse, the student must reapply for admission to the social work program. Students who have previously entered field instruction and have not successfully completed it may only reapply once for readmission.

* BSW Foundation Courses

- SWK 215
- SWK 310

- SWK 311
- SWK 315
- SWK 325
- SWK 351
- SWK 352

Overall Requirements

- 120 credit hours, to include at least 36 credits at or above the 300 course level.
- A minimum university GPA of 2.50.

Degree Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
University Requirements (https://catalog.uncg.edu/academic-regulations-policies/undergraduate-requirements/undergraduate-degrees-and-degree-requirements/)		
General Education Requirements - Minerva's Academic Curriculum (MAC) (https://catalog.uncg.edu/academic-regulations-policies/undergraduate-requirements/general-education-program/)		

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Admission to Field Instruction		22
SWK 215	Introduction to Social Work	
SWK 310	Social Work Policy and Restorative Justice	
SWK 311	Human Behavior and Social Environment	
SWK 315	Social Work, Diversity, and Vulnerable Populations	
SWK 325	Research in Social Work Practice	
SWK 351	Professional Practice With Individuals and Families	
SWK 352	Professional Practice With Groups	
Practice Sequence		24
SWK 411	Social Work Methods With Individuals and Families	
SWK 412	Social Work Methods With Communities and Organizations	
SWK 413	Field Instruction I	
SWK 414	Field Instruction II	
SWK 415	Field Instruction Seminar I	
SWK 416	Field Instruction Seminar II	
<i>Select 6 remaining credits in SWK at the 400 level</i>		
Related Area Requirements		18
BIO 105	Science of Life in our World	
or BIO 111	Principles of Biology I	
or ATY 153	The Human Species	
HDF 112	Families and Close Relationships	
PSC 110	American Politics	
PSY 121	General Psychology	
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology	
STA 108	Elementary Introduction to Probability and Statistics*	

or SWK 350 Introduction to Social Work Data Analysis

Culture and Diversity Requirement		6
<i>Select 6 credits of the following:**</i>		
ADS 205	Introduction to African American and African Diaspora Studies	
ADS 210	Blacks in American Society: Social, Economic, and Political Perspectives	
ATY 100	Modern Cultural Diversity	
ATY 113	Engaging Culture	
ATY 230	Cultures of Native North America	
ENG 331	Women in Literature	
ENG 374	Early African American Writers	
ENG 376	African American Writers after the 1920s	
HDF 407	Issues Affecting Women and Families	
HEA 433	Gender and Health	
HEA 447	Income, Social Status, and Health	
HEA 471	Immigrant and Refugee Health	
HIS 225	Judaism in History and Practice	
HIS 301	Race and Slavery	
HIS 302	Race and Segregation	
HIS 328	U.S. Women's History to 1865	
HIS 329	U.S. Women's History Since 1865	
PCS 309	Conflict and Culture	
PCS 415	Global Peacebuilding	
PSC 336	Women and the Law	
REL 111	Introduction to Asian Religion	
REL 221	Buddhism	
REL 223	Hinduism	
REL 225	Islam	
REL 229	Introduction to African American Religions	
REL 231	Religion in America	
SES 101	American Sign Language I	
or ASL 101	Elementary American Sign Language I	
SES 102	American Sign Language II	
or ASL 102	Elementary American Sign Language II	
SES 200	People with Disabilities in American Society	
SOC 327	Race and Ethnic Relations	
SOC 329	Sociological Perspectives on Gender	
WGS 250	An Introduction to Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies	
WGS 270	Introduction to LGBTQI Studies	
WGS 311	Gender and Violence	
WGS 333	Postcolonial and Transnational Feminisms	

* *Social work majors who take the SWK course instead of STA course will need to also take a general math course to meet the MAC requirement. MAT 112 is recommended.*

** *All students must establish elementary competence in culture and human diversity. To do so, a student may establish foreign language proficiency (through 102) at the elementary level (0-6 credits) or complete 6 credits in course work chosen from the courses listed.*

Optional Concentration

Any of the optional concentrations as detailed following the major requirements may be added, but a concentration is not required.

- Addiction Studies
- Social Work with Special Subject-Area Licensure in School Social Work

Electives

Electives sufficient to complete the 120 credit hours required for the degree.

Addiction Studies Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required		16
SWK 413	Field Instruction I *	
SWK 414	Field Instruction II *	
SWK 455	Substance Use and Social Work Practice	
<i>Select 1 course from the following:</i>		
SOC 393	Drugs and Society	
or HEA 331	Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs	

* Must be completed in an addictions setting.

Social Work with Special Subject-Area Licensure in School Social Work Concentration Requirements

Students intending to become licensed for school social work by the Department of Public Instruction need to complete the licensure program which has been developed with the School of Education (see School of Education Licensure Programs).

In addition to completing the requirements for the social work major, the student must be admitted to the Teacher Education Program, have a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA, and successfully complete the courses listed below.

Field Instruction courses must be taken in a school social work setting.

Licensure for school social work is granted by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. Students interested in School Social Work Licensure should contact the advisor for School Social Work Licensure in the Department of Social Work.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Teacher Education		6
ELC 281	Cultural Foundations of Education	
SWK 482	School Social Work	
Field Instruction		10
SWK 413	Field Instruction I	
SWK 414	Field Instruction II	

Disciplinary Honors in Social Work

Requirements

- A minimum of 12 credit hours as defined below.
- UNC Greensboro cumulative GPA of 3.30 or better or, for transfer students, cumulative GPA of 3.30 or better from all prior institutions.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required		3
HSS 490	Senior Honors Project	
6 credits of Honors course work in the major		6
3 credits of Honors course work in the major or another area		3

Recognition

Receive a Certificate of Disciplinary Honors in Social Work; have that accomplishment, along with the title of the Senior Honors Project, noted on the official transcript; and be recognized at a banquet held at the end of the spring semester.

Honors Advisor

Contact Daniel Rhodes at dtrhodes@uncg.edu for further information and guidance about Honors in Social Work.

To apply: <https://honorscollege.uncg.edu/lloyd-international-honors-college/academics/admissions-scholarships/disciplinary-honors-admissions/>.