

# SOCIAL WORK, B.S.

Put yourself in a position to improve the quality of life of individuals and communities faced with poverty, serious illness or disability with a Bachelor of Science in Social Work (BSSW). Through your coursework at Saint Louis University's School for Professional Studies, you'll prepare for generalist social work practice in a program that integrates knowledge and skills with field experience.

After finishing your major's prerequisites in the School for Professional Studies, where you will take your classes online, you will complete the remainder of your classes in an on-campus, eight-week format through the School of Social Work. During senior year, you will spend two to three days a week in a social service agency of your choice, supervised by an experienced social worker. High-achieving students may apply to the accelerated master's program during their junior year of study, through which they can earn a Bachelor of Science in social work in four years and a Master of Social Work (M.S.W.) with just one additional year of study.

As part of the School for Professional Studies, this 120-credit program offers caring adults like you a flexible option to meet your personal career goals. With six accelerated, eight-week terms each year, you can begin working toward your degree at any time.

## Fieldwork and Research Opportunities

From strong service-learning components, students embody the University's Jesuit mission by using the knowledge they gain in the classroom to serve others. In addition to volunteer work, students can explore different types of social work with guidance from seasoned professionals through partnerships with more than 250 social service agencies around the St. Louis area.

## Careers

Social Work graduates can look forward to careers in a wide variety of settings. U.S. Department of Labor projections indicate a steady demand for social work jobs in the years ahead.

Most social workers specialize in an area of practice, including but not limited to clinical work, child welfare or family services, mental health, schools, and policy-making and advocacy.

## Admission Requirements

- Age: 22 years or older (exceptions may be made)
- Work Experience: At least three years or the equivalent
- Education: High school diploma or composite GED score of at least 2250
- Interview: Successful completion of a meeting with an academic coach (this can be done over the phone or on campus)
- Grade Point Average: Minimum transfer cumulative GPA of 2.5 (unless qualified for conditional admittance)
- Transcripts: Official transcripts from all institutions attended

## Admission Procedures

### Step 1 – Complete Application

Complete the application for admission online at <https://www.slu.edu/> online. Applications are accepted and processed on a rolling basis.

Students are encouraged to apply for admission at least one month before the term in which they wish to enroll.

Apply Now (<http://www.slu.edu/apply.php>)

### Step 2 – Request Official Transcripts

Have official transcripts mailed directly from all previously attended colleges to:

School for Professional Studies  
Attention: Eric Miller  
3840 Lindell Blvd  
St. Louis, MO 63108

Official transcripts may also be emailed directly to Eric Miller at [eric.miller@slu.edu](mailto:eric.miller@slu.edu).

Applicants seeking a degree or certificate who have not earned a bachelor's degree must obtain official transcripts for all previous college course work. If students have never attended college or have less than 15 credits of transferable college credits they will need to provide official high school or GED transcripts.

Applicants seeking a certificate who have a bachelor's degree need only provide an official transcript from their primary higher education institution or evidence of a high school diploma or GED.

Non-degree applicants only need to provide unofficial copies as needed for prerequisites.

### Step 3 – Meet with Academic Coach

Contact an academic coach to discuss the status of the application and educational and career goals. Students may schedule an appointment to speak with an academic coach on campus or over the phone/Zoom by calling 314-977-2330 or emailing [sps@slu.edu](mailto:sps@slu.edu).

## Scholarships and Financial Aid

There are two principal ways to help finance a Saint Louis University education:

- Scholarships: awarded based on academic achievement, service, leadership and financial need. The School for Professional Studies offers numerous scholarships and awards specially for new students.
- Financial Aid: provided in the form of grants and loans, some of which require repayment.

To determine eligibility for financial assistance, submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) early for maximum consideration. FAFSA is available online at: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>

For information on other scholarships and financial aid, visit the student financial services office online at <http://finaid.slu.edu>.

## Active Military and Veterans

Students may be eligible for a reduced tuition rate of \$410 per credit for this program. In addition, Saint Louis University participates in the Yellow Ribbon Program for eligible students.

## Learning Outcomes

1. Graduates will be able to demonstrate ethical and professional behavior.

2. Graduates will be able to engage diversity and difference in practice.
3. Graduates will be able to advance human rights and social, economic, and environmental justice.
4. Graduates will be able to engage in practice-informed research and research-informed practice.
5. Graduates will be able to engage in policy practice.
6. Graduates will be able to engage with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities
7. Graduates will be able to assess with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities
8. Graduates will be able to intervene with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities
9. Graduates will be able to evaluate practice with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities

## Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Core Curriculum</b>		
ENGL 2005	Writing & Research Methods	3
ENGL xxxx	Any Literature course	3
ENGL 4005	Business and Professional Writing	3
CMMK 1210	Public Speaking in Org. Life	3
HIST 1125	Origins of the Modern World, 1500 to Present	3
PHIL 1055	Intro to Phil: Self & Reality	3
PHIL 2055	Ethics	3
THEO 1005	Theological Foundations	3
THEO 2xxx	Any Theology course (2000 or higher)	3
CIS 2850	Principles of Data Analysis	3
Science	Preferred Human Biology, Env., Biology, Chem. or Physics	3
FPA	Any Fine and Performing Arts course	3
Foreign Language	Two language courses	6
SOC 1105	Introduction to Sociology	3
POLS 1105	Introduction to American Politics	3
PST 1900	Survey of Economics	3
PSYK 1010	General Psychology	3
PSYK 4390	Abnormal Psychology	3
<b>Social Work Courses</b>		
SWRK 1000	Introduction to Social Work	3
SWRK 2100	Human Behavior & the Social Environment	3
SWRK 2200	Human Development Through the Life Span	3
SWRK 3100	Social Policy for Social Justice	3
SWRK 3200	Diversity & Anti-Oppression Practice	3
SWRK 3300	Social Work Practice with Individuals	3
SWRK 3400	Social Work Practice with Families & Groups	3
SWRK 3500	Social Work Practice with Organizations & Communities	3
SWRK 3600	Financial Capability and Asset Building Practice	3
SWRK 3700	Introduction to Social Work Research	3
or PST 4900	Social Science Research Method	
SWRK 4100	Social Work Practicum I	5
SWRK 4150	Integrative Practice Seminar I	1
SWRK 4200	Social Work Practicum II	5

SWRK 4250	Integrative Practice Seminar II	1
<b>Public Health &amp; Social Justice</b>		
PUBH 2100	Introduction to Global Health	3
<b>General Electives</b>		
Select 18 credits		18
Total Credits		120

## Continuation Standards

Students must maintain a minimum 2.00 GPA.

## Roadmap

Roadmaps are recommended semester-by-semester plans of study for programs and assume full-time enrollment unless otherwise noted.

Courses and milestones designated as critical (marked with !) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation. Transfer credit may change the roadmap.

This roadmap should not be used in the place of regular academic advising appointments. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor/mentor each semester. Requirements, course availability and sequencing are subject to change.

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Year One</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
SWRK 1000	Introduction to Social Work	3
ENGL 1900	Advanced Strategies Of Rhetoric and Research	3
PHIL 1050	Introduction to Philosophy: Self and Reality	3
SOC 1100	Introduction to Sociology	3
PSY 1010	General Psychology	3
Credits		15
<b>Spring</b>		
CMM 1200	Public Speaking	3
HIST 1120 or HIST 1110	Origins of the Modern World, 1500 to Present or Origins of the Modern World to 1500	3
THEO 1000	Theological Foundations	3
PUBH 2100	Introduction to Global Health	3
PSY 4390	Abnormal Psychology	3
Credits		15
<b>Year Two</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
SWRK 2100	Human Behavior & the Social Environment	3
STAT 1100	Introduction to Statistics	3
POLS 1100	Introduction to American Government	3
Science Elective (Any BIOL, EAS, CHEM, or PHYS)		3
Foreign Language I		3
Credits		15
<b>Spring</b>		
SWRK 2200	Human Development Through the Life Span	3
ENGL 2XXX Elective		3
Fine Arts Elective (Any ART, ARTH, DANC, FPA, MUSC, THR)		3
Foreign Language II		3

General Elective		3
	Credits	15
<b>Year Three</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
SWRK 3200	Diversity & Anti-Oppression Practice	3
SWRK 3300	Social Work Practice with Individuals	3
SWRK 3600	Financial Capability and Asset Building	3
or ECON 1900	Practice or Principles of Economics	
HIST 1600	History of the U.S. to 1865	3
or HIST 1610	or History of the United States Since 1865	
General Elective		3
	Credits	15
<b>Spring</b>		
SWRK 3100	Social Policy for Social Justice	3
SWRK 3400	Social Work Practice with Families & Groups	3
ENGL 4000	Business and Professional Writing	3
PHIL 2050	Ethics	3
General Elective		3
	Credits	15
<b>Year Four</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
SWRK 3700	Introduction to Social Work Research	3
SWRK 4100	Social Work Practicum I	5
SWRK 4150	Integrative Practice Seminar I	1
THEO 2XXX	Elective	3
General Elective		3
	Credits	15
<b>Spring</b>		
SWRK 3500	Social Work Practice with Organizations & Communities	3
SWRK 4200	Social Work Practicum II	5
SWRK 4250	Integrative Practice Seminar II	1
General Electives		6
	Credits	15
	Total Credits	120

## Contact Us

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For additional admission questions please call (314) 526-2825 or email [sps@slu.edu](mailto:sps@slu.edu).