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 (B.S.S.W.). 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 SLU’s School of Social Work. During your 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
Cultivated by 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 2.50 (unless qualified for conditional admittance)
• **Transcript:** An official transcripts from the most recent institution attended

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

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PST 1900  Survey of Economics  3
PSYK 1010  General Psychology  3
PSYK 4390  Abnormal Psychology  3

Social Work Courses
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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  3
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

Public Health & Social Justice
PUBH 2100  Introduction to Global Health  3

General Electives
Select 18 credits  18

Total Credits  120

Continuation Standards
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Roadmap
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