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.

Curriculum Overview
As part of the School for Professional Studies, this 120-credit degree program offers future and current leaders like you a flexible option to meet your personal career goals. With six accelerated, eight-week terms each year offered by SLU online, you can begin working toward your degree at any time, making advanced education more accessible for working professionals.

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
The School for Professional Studies welcomes adult learners whose educational journey has been interrupted by life’s circumstances. This includes individuals with at least one of the following characteristics:

- Delayed enrollment in post-secondary education
- Attends part-time for at least part of the academic year
- Works full-time (35 hours or more/week) while enrolled
- Financial independence, has dependents other than a spouse, is a single parent, or has other demands that make traditional education less feasible

Application Requirements
- **Work Experience:** At least three years or the equivalent. Work experience may include a full-time/part-time job, internship, volunteer work, or comparable experiences.
- **Education:** High school diploma or composite GED score of at least 2250.
- **Coaching session:** Successful completion of a meeting with an academic coach (this can be done virtually or on campus).
- **Grade Point Average:** Minimum transfer cumulative GPA of 2.5 (unless qualified for conditional admittance).
- **Transcript:** An official transcript from the most recent institution attended.

Scholarships and Financial Aid
There are two principal ways to help finance a Saint Louis University education:

- **Scholarships:** Scholarships are 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:** Financial aid is 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 and First Responders
Honorably discharged veterans, active-duty military members, reserve members and first responders qualify for a reduced tuition rate of $295 per credit hour for any undergraduate program offered through the School for Professional Studies.

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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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

PSYK 1010
General Psychology 3

PSYK 4390
Abnormal Psychology 3

Economics Course

3

Social Work Courses

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
Dismantling Oppression: Exploring Equity & Inclusion 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

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.

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Advanced Strategies of Rhetoric and Research       | 3       |
|        | PHIL 1050
Introduction to Philosophy: Self and Reality       | 3       |
|        | SOC 1100
Introduction to Sociology                         | 3       |
|        | PSYK 1010
General Psychology                                | 3       |

Year One

Credits 15

Spring

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

Year Two

Fall

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

Spring

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

Year Three

Fall

SWRK 3200
Dismantling Oppression: Exploring Equity & Inclusion 3

SWRK 3300
Social Work Practice with Individuals 3

SWRK 3600
Financial Capability and Asset Building Practice 3

or ECON 1900
Principles of Economics 3
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**Total Credits**

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