SOCIAL WORK, B.S.

Field Education Policy and Procedures Manual

A degree in social work gives students the skills to improve the quality of life for individuals or communities faced with difficulties such as poverty, serious illness or disability.

Social workers seek to help individuals, families, groups and communities address challenges in their lives. As a part of the College for Public Health and Social Justice, Saint Louis University's social work degree prepares students for generalist social work practice that integrates knowledge and skills with field experience.

Additional degree options include:

• **Accelerated program**: High achieving students may apply to this selective program during their junior year of study. This accelerated program allows students to earn a B.S. in social work in four years and a Master of Social Work (M.S.W.) with just one additional year of study.

• **Honors courses**: For students interested in the stimulating academic experiences and intellectual challenges provided by the University Honors program, social work core courses can be taken for Honors as part of the major in addition to fulfilling core course requirements.

• **Minor**: A minor in social work will give students an understanding of the profession and the core values of the field for students pursuing other majors.

Curriculum Overview

The social work curriculum contains 42 credits of major courses covering topics such as human behavior and the social environment, and three practice courses that address social work with individuals, families, and groups, and organizations and communities. During the senior year, students spend two semesters in a social service agency, supervised by an experienced social worker. Science, math and humanities courses and electives fill out the remainder of the 120 credits required for the major.

• Every social work student receives personalized, one-on-one support from a faculty mentor and academic advisor.

• The curriculum allows students to explore areas of interest through the projects they pursue and practicum.

• Through fieldwork and service learning, social work students gain real-world work experience outside the classroom.

Fieldwork and Research Opportunities

For students interested in a global education, there are a wide variety of study abroad programs available at SLU, including a campus located in Madrid, Spain. Students majoring in social work at SLU can also enroll in a two-week experiential course in Belize, Ghana, Ireland, Cuba or India, which features concentrated study, lectures and interactions with the people of the respective country.

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 from Saint Louis University can look forward to careers in a wide variety of settings. U.S. Labor Department projections indicate a steady demand in 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
• Policymaking and advocacy

Admission Requirements

Freshman

Begin your application for this program at www.slu.edu/apply (http://www.slu.edu/apply.php). Saint Louis University also accepts the Common App.

All applications are thoroughly reviewed with the highest degree of individual care and consideration to all credentials that are submitted. Solid academic performance in college preparatory course work is a primary concern in reviewing a freshman applicant’s file.

To be considered for admission to any Saint Louis University undergraduate program, the applicant must be graduating from an accredited high school, have an acceptable HiSET exam score or take the General Education Development (GED) test. Beginning with the 2021-22 academic year, undergraduate applicants will not be required to submit standardized test scores (ACT or SAT) in order to be considered for admission. Applicants will be evaluated equally, with or without submitted test scores.

Begin Your Application (http://www.slu.edu/apply.php)

Transfer

Begin your application for this program at www.slu.edu/apply (http://www.slu.edu/apply.php).

Applicants must be a graduate of an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the GED. An official high school transcript and official test scores are required only of those students who have attempted fewer than 24 transferable semester credits (or 30 quarter credits) of college credit. Those having completed 24 or more of college credit need only submit a transcript from previously attended college(s). In reviewing a transfer applicant’s file, the office of admission holistically examines the student's academic performance in college-level coursework as an indicator of the student's ability to meet the academic rigors of Saint Louis University.

International Applicants

Begin your application for this program at www.slu.edu/apply (http://www.slu.edu/apply.php).

All admission policies and requirements for domestic students apply to international students along with the following:
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.
- **Financial Aid**: Provided in the form of grants and loans, some of which require repayment.

For priority consideration for merit-based scholarships, apply for admission by Dec. 1 and complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA) by March 1.

For information on other scholarships and financial aid, visit the student financial services office online at https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/.

Accreditation

The baccalaureate social work program at Saint Louis University has been continuously accredited since 1974.

The master’s social work program at Saint Louis University has been continuously accredited since 1930.

Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)

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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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<td>Introduction to Social Work Research</td>
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Continuation Standards

- Cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.00.
- Minimum grade of “C” in all 1000- to 4000-level Social Work Courses.

Core Requirements

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<td>Literary Studies</td>
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<td>Business and Professional Writing</td>
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<td>Public Speaking</td>
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<td>Origins of the Modern World to 1500</td>
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<td>History of the United States of America to 1865</td>
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<td>Introduction to Philosophy: Self and Reality</td>
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<td>THEO 1000</td>
<td>Theological Foundations</td>
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<td>Statistics in Criminology and Criminal Justice</td>
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<td>MATH 1260</td>
<td>Statistics Including Sports and Politics</td>
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<td>OPM 2070</td>
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Year One

Fall
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
PSY 4390 Abnormal Psychology 3

Credits 15

Spring
ENGL 2000+ Elective 3
Fine Arts Elective § 3
Foreign Language II * 3
General Elective I 3
Elective 3

Credits 15

Year Two

Fall
SWRK 2300 Human Behavior Social Environment 3
Select one of the following:
STAT 1100 Introduction to Statistics 3
MATH 1260 Statistics Including Sports and Politics 3
MATH 1300 Elementary Statistics with Computers 3
OPM 2070 Introduction to Business Statistics 3
PSY 2050 Foundations of Research Methods and Statistics 3
CCJ 2500 Statistics in Criminology and Criminal Justice 3

Science Elective † 3
Foreign Language I ‡ 3
POLS 1100 Introduction to American Government 3

Credits 15

Spring
ENGL 2000+ Elective 3
Fine Arts Elective § 3
Foreign Language II * 3
General Elective I 3
Elective 3

Credits 15

Year Three

Fall
SWRK 3200 Diversity & Anti-Oppression Practice 3
SWRK 3300 Social Work Practice with Individuals 3
SWRK 3600 or ECON 1900 Financial Capability and Asset Building Practice or Principles of Economics 3

General Elective 3
HIST 1600 History of the United States of America to 1865 (or HIST 1610) 3

Credits 15

Spring
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 III 3

Credits 15

Year Four

Fall
SWRK 3700 Introduction to Social Work Research 3
SWRK 4100 Social Work Practicum I 5
SWRK 4150 Integrative Practice Seminar I 1
THEO 2000+ Elective 3
General Elective IV 3

Credits 15

Spring
SWRK 3500 Social Work Practice with Organizations & Communities 3

Credits 15
SWRK 4200  Social Work Practicum II  5
SWRK 4250  Integrative Practice Seminar II  1
General Elective V  3
General Elective VI  3

Credits  15

Total Credits  120

† Any BIOL, EAS, CHEM, or PHYS
‡ Level 1 of any language
§ Any ART, ARTH, DANC, FPA, MUSC, THR
* Level 1 or 2 of any language

2+SLU

- Social Work, B.S. (STLCC 2+SLU) (http://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/office-admission/undergraduate/2plusslu/stlcc/social-work/)

Contact Us

Apply for Admission (http://www.slu.edu/admission/)

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