

SOCIAL WORK, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Requirements

The social work program is divided into two segments – pre-professional coursework and the professional BSSW program. Students also have room for general electives to further pursue their interests. The number of general electives required varies for each student (12-18 credit hours).

Pre-Professional Social Work Courses

Students are required to complete some university general education courses and social work specific requirements prior to admission into the Professional Social Work Program.

1. UNO General Education (43 credit hours) - all BSSW students must complete the UNO General Education Curriculum. Some general education courses may overlap with social work requirements – see your advisor for more details.
2. Social Work Pre-requisite Course Requirements (21 credit hours) – a variety of courses are designated as pre-requisites to the social work program. These courses are intended to provide a foundation of understanding in a variety of areas relevant to social work.

Professional BSSW Program

Students who apply and are accepted into the BSSW program complete a sequence of professional social work courses as well as a practicum experience and social work specific electives (44 credit hours).

Code	Title	Credits
Social Work Pre-requisite Courses:		
SOWK 1000	SOCIAL WORK AND SOCIAL WELFARE	3
SOWK 1500	SOCIAL WORK AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT	3
ENGL 1150/1154	ENGLISH COMPOSITION I	3
ENGL 1160/1164	ENGLISH COMPOSITION II	3
CMST 1110	PUBLIC SPEAKING FUNDS	3
MATH 1530	INTRODUCTION TO APPLIED PROBABILITY AND STATISTICS	3
Students may take MATH 1120, 1130, or 1220 instead, but are then required to take SOWK 3000 to fulfill the program statistics course		
SOC 1010	INTRODUCTORY SOCIOLOGY	3
PSYC 1010	INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY I	3
PSCI 1100	INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN NATIONAL GOVERNMENT	3
HIST 1120	AMERICAN HISTORY SINCE 1865	3
ECON 2220	PRINCIPLES OF ECONOMICS (MACRO)	3
or ECON 1200	AN INTRODUCTION TO THE U.S. ECONOMY	
BIOL 1020	PRINCIPLES OF BIOLOGY	4
Other Required Courses (not pre-requisites):		
SOWK 2120	RACE, CLASS AND GENDER IN THE UNITED STATES	3
SOWK 3000	APPLIED STATISTICS AND DATA PROCESSING IN PUBLIC SECTOR	3

This course is not required if students take MATH 1530 or a transferred equivalent to meet the statistics requirement

Code	Title	Credits
Professional BSSW courses:		
(must be formally admitted to SOWK to take these courses)		

SOWK 3010	HUMAN BEHAVIOR AND THE SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT I	3
SOWK 3320	SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE I	3
SOWK 3890	WRITING FOR SOCIAL WORK	3
SOWK 3020	HUMAN BEHAVIOR AND THE SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT II	3
SOWK 3350	SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE II	3
SOWK 3110	SOCIAL WELFARE POLICY	3
SOWK 4360	SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE III	3
SOWK 4400	RESEARCH METHODS IN SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE	3
SOWK 4410	GENERALIST SOCIAL WORK PRACTICUM I	5
SOWK 4420	GENERALIST SOCIAL WORK PRACTICUM II	5
SOWK 4450	SOCIAL WORK CAREER PREP	1
Select one of the following minority content courses:		3
SOWK 4020	SOCIAL WORK WITH THE AFRICAN AMERICAN FAMILY	
SOWK 4030	SOCIAL WORK WITH LATINOS	
SOWK 4040/ GERO 4690	WORKING WITH MINORITY ELDERLY	
SOWK 4050	ETHNIC DIVERSITY AND SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE	
Select one of the following electives:		3
SOWK 4640	SOCIAL WORK IN CHILD WELFARE	
SOWK 4650	SOCIAL WORK IN MENTAL HEALTH	
SOWK 4660	SOCIAL WORK WITH INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES	
Select one of the following electives:		3
SOWK 4510	TREATMENT ISSUES IN CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY	
SOWK 4620	TRAUMA AND RESILIENCE	
SOWK 4680	MEDICAL AND PSYCHOSOCIAL ASPECTS OF ALCOHOL/DRUG USE AND ADDICTION	
SOWK 4690	ASSESSMENT AND CASE MANAGEMENT IN SUBSTANCE ABUSE	
SOWK 4810	SPIRITUALITY AND SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE	
SOWK 4800	SOCIAL WORK AND THE LAW	
SOWK 4830	CRISIS INTERVENTION	
SOWK 4850	HOSPICE & OTHER SERVICES FOR THE DYING PATIENT/FAMILY	
SOWK 4880	TOPICAL SEMINAR IN SOCIAL WORK	
SOWK 4890	SPECIAL STUDIES IN SOCIAL WORK	
SOWK 4980	SENIOR HONORS PROJECT/THESIS	
Total Credits		44

Freshman

Fall		Credits
SOWK 1000	SOCIAL WORK AND SOCIAL WELFARE ¹	3
ENGL 1150	ENGLISH COMPOSITION I	3
CMST 1110	PUBLIC SPEAKING FUNDS	3
Humanities and Fine Arts		3
Quantitative Literacy		3
Credits		15

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ENGL 1160	ENGLISH COMPOSITION II	3
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HIST 1120	AMERICAN HISTORY SINCE 1865	3
PSYC 1010	INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY I	3
Humanities and Fine Arts		3
Elective Course		3
Credits		15

Sophomore**Fall**

SOWK 1500	SOCIAL WORK AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT ²	3
PSCI 1100	INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN NATIONAL GOVERNMENT	3
SOC 1010	INTRODUCTORY SOCIOLOGY	3
Social Science		3
Elective Course		3
Credits		15

Spring

Students can apply for the professional social work program during the spring term if all of the pre-requisite courses for the social work program will be complete by the end of the spring term.

BIOL 1020	PRINCIPLES OF BIOLOGY	4
ECON 1200	AN INTRODUCTION TO THE U.S. ECONOMY	3
Global Diversity		3
Elective Course		3
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Credits		16

Junior**Fall**

SOWK 3010	HUMAN BEHAVIOR AND THE SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT I	3
SOWK 3320	SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE I	3
SOWK 3890	WRITING FOR SOCIAL WORK	3
SOWK 2120	RACE, CLASS AND GENDER IN THE UNITED STATES	3
UL Social Science		3
Credits		15

Spring

SOWK 3020	HUMAN BEHAVIOR AND THE SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT II	3
SOWK 3350	SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE II	3
SOWK 3110	SOCIAL WELFARE POLICY	3
SOWK 3000	APPLIED STATISTICS AND DATA PROCESSING IN PUBLIC SECTOR	3
UL Social Science		3
Credits		15

Senior**Fall**

SOWK 4410	GENERALIST SOCIAL WORK PRACTICUM I	5
SOWK 4360	SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE III	3
SOWK 4400	RESEARCH METHODS IN SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE	3
Required Social Work Elective		3
Credits		14

Spring

SOWK 4420	GENERALIST SOCIAL WORK PRACTICUM II	5
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SOWK 4450	SOCIAL WORK CAREER PREP	1
Required Social Work Elective		3
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Elective Course		3
Credits		15
Total Credits		120

¹ Must receive a grade of B or better in SOWK 1000

² Must receive a grade of B or better in SOWK 1500

This roadmap is a suggested plan of study and does not replace meeting with an advisor. Please note that students may need to adjust the actual sequence of courses based on course availability. Please consult an advisor in your major program for further guidance.

This plan is not a contract and curriculum is subject to change

Additional Information About this Plan:

University Degree Requirements: The minimum number of hours for a UNO undergraduate degree is 120 credit hours. Please review the requirements for your specific program to determine all requirements for the program. In order to graduate on-time (four years for an undergraduate degree), you need to take 30 hours each year.

Placement Exams: For Math, English, Foreign Language, a placement exam may be required. More information on these exams can be found at <https://www.unomaha.edu/enrollment-management/testing-center/placement-exams/information.php>

**Transfer credit or placement exam scores may change suggested plan of study

GPA Requirements:

Students can apply for the professional social work program in the spring semester of their sophomore year given that the proper pre-requisite courses will be complete by the end of the sophomore spring term. Students must have a minimum cumulative GPA at or above 2.5 in order to apply for and begin the professional social work courses in their junior and senior year. Students must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5 in order to continue in the professional social work program.