

Social Work

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B.A. Degree

Minimum Requirements for Degree: 123 credits

Graduates in social work qualify for beginning practice positions in child welfare, mental health, services for the aged, family agencies, youth programs, health services, Native corporations and other social agencies. Social work applies knowledge in the behavioral sciences to deal with the emotional and social problems of individuals, families and communities.

The curriculum includes a liberal arts base, foundation requirements in the behavioral sciences, and sequences in social policy and services, practice methods and field instruction. A major emphasis is the preparation of the student for beginning social work practice with rural and Alaska Native populations.

Students learn to work with people on a personal level and are placed in a social agency as part of their course work during the senior year. A Title IV-E entitlement grant provides stipends to senior students doing practicums in child protection.

Students wishing to focus on understanding the aging process from a social work perspective and working with older adults may specialize in gerontology. Majors will take SWK 342—Human Behavior in the Social Environment II, SWK 370—Social Work and The Aging Society, and an approved elective with gerontology content. Students minoring in social work can choose either the general social work minor or a social work minor with a specialization in gerontology.

The UAF baccalaureate social work program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. This degree program is delivered collaboratively within the UA system.

Major—B.A. Degree

1. Complete the general university requirements. (See page 116. As part of the core curriculum requirements, complete SOC 100X or ANTH 100X.) (As part of the core curriculum requirements, complete BIOL 100X, 103X, 105X, 106X, 111X, or 112X.)
2. Complete the B.A. degree requirements. (See page 120. As part of the B.A. degree requirements, complete ANS/ANTH 242 and PSY 101.)
3. Complete the following program (major) requirements:
 - a. Complete the following:

SWK 103—Introduction to Social Work.....	3
SWK 220—Ethics, Values and Social Work Practice	3
SWK 305O—Social Welfare History	3
SWK 306W—Social Welfare: Policies and Issues.....	3
SWK 320W—Rural Social Work.....	3
SWK 341—Human Behavior in the Social Environment I.....	3
SWK 342O—Human Behavior in the Social Environment II	3
SWK 375W—Research Methods in Social Work	3
SWK 460—Social Work Practice I	3
SWK 461—Practicum in Social Work I**.....	3 or 6
SWK 463—Social Work Practice II	3
SWK 464—Practicum in Social Work II**	3 or 6
SWK 466—Practicum in Social Work III**	3 or 6
 - b. Complete two courses from the following special problems areas:

HUMS 205—Basic Principles of Group Counseling	3
HUMS 305—Substance Abuse Counseling.....	3
SWK 310—Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder	3
SWK 330—Seminar in International Social Work	3
SWK 350W—Women’s Issues in Social Welfare and Social Work	

Practice.....	3
SWK 360—Child Abuse and Neglect.....	3
SWK 370—Social Work and the Aging Society	3
SWK 470—Theories of Chemical Dependency and Social Work	
Practice.....	3
SWK 484—Seminar in Social Work Practice Areas.....	3
4. Minimum credits required	123

* Student must earn a C grade or better in each course.

**Students must complete a total of 12 credits of practicum, and students must take SWK 461 (Practicum I) and SWK 464 (Practicum II) for at least 6 of these credits. SWK 466 (Practicum III) is an option for students who have completed SWK 461 and SWK 464 for less than 12 credits.

***Students wishing to specialize in gerontology should take SWK 342, SWK 370 and an approved elective from the following list:

- ANS 401—Cultural Knowledge of Native Elders
- ANTH 315—Human Biology
- ANTH 317—Human Growth and Development
- COMM 462—Communications in Health Contexts
- SOC 310—Sociology of Aging

Minor

1. Complete the following:

SWK 103—Introduction to Social Work.....	3
SWK 220—Ethics, Values and Social Work Practice	3
2. Complete three SWK designated courses, excluding SWK 460, 461, 463 and 464.....
3. Minimum credits required

Minor with Specialization in Gerontology

1. Complete the following:

SWK 103—Introduction to Social Work.....	3
SWK 220—Ethics, Values and Social Work Practice	3
SWK 342—Human Behavior in the Social Environment II	3
SWK 370—Social Work and the Aging Society	3
2. Choose one course from the list of courses with aging content:

ANS 401—Cultural Knowledge of Native Elders.....	3
ANTH 315—Human Biology	3
ANTH 317—Human Growth and Development.....	3
COMM 462—Communication in Health Contexts	3
SOC 310— Sociology of Aging	3
3. Minimum credits required



Baccalaureate Core Requirements

All degrees (e.g. B.A., B.S., etc.) require additional courses.
Refer to specific degree and program requirements.

COMMUNICATION (9)

Complete the following:

ENGL 111X (3) _____
ENGL 190H may be substituted.

Complete one of the following:

ENGL 211X OR ENGL 213X (3) _____

Complete one of the following:

COMM 131X OR COMM 141X (3) _____

PERSPECTIVES ON THE HUMAN CONDITION (18)

Complete all of the following four courses:

ANTH 100X/SOC 100X (3) _____
ECON 100X OR PS 100X (3) _____
HIST 100X (3) _____
ENGL/FL 200X (3) _____

Complete one of the following three courses:

ART/MUS/THR 200X, HUM 201X OR ANS 202X (3) _____

Complete one of the following six courses:

BA 323X, COMM 300X, JUST 300X, NRM 303X,
PS 300X OR PHIL 322X (3) _____

OR complete 12 credits from the above courses PLUS

- two semester-length courses in a single Alaska Native language or other non-English language OR
- three semester-length courses (9 credits) in American Sign Language taken at the university level.

MATHEMATICS (3)

Complete one of the following:

MATH 103X, MATH 107X, MATH 161X OR STAT 200X (3-4) _____
** No credit may be earned for more than one of MATH 107X or 161X.*

OR complete one of the following:*

MATH 200X, MATH 201X, MATH 202X,
MATH 262X OR MATH 272X (4) _____

**Or any math course having one of these as a prerequisite*

NATURAL SCIENCES (8)

Complete any two (4-credit) courses:

ATM 101X (4) _____
BIOL 100X (4) _____
BIOL 103X (4) _____
BIOL 104X (4) _____
BIOL 105X (4) _____
BIOL 106X (4) _____
BIOL 111X (4) _____
BIOL 112X (4) _____
CHEM 100X (4) _____
CHEM 103X (4) _____
CHEM 104X (4) _____
CHEM 105X (4) _____
CHEM 106X (4) _____
GEOG 205X (4) _____
GEOS 100X (4) _____
GEOS 101X (4) _____
GEOS 112X (4) _____
GEOS 120X (4) _____
GEOS 125X (4) _____
MSL 111X (4) _____
PHYS 102X (4) _____
PHYS 103X (4) _____
PHYS 104X (4) _____
PHYS 115X (4) _____
PHYS 116X (4) _____
PHYS 175X (4) _____
PHYS 211X (4) _____
PHYS 212X (4) _____
PHYS 213X (4) _____

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION RESEARCH (0-1)

Successful completion of library skills competency test OR

LS 100X or 101X prior to junior standing (0-1) _____

UPPER-DIVISION WRITING AND ORAL COMMUNICATION (0)

Complete the following:

Two writing intensive courses designated (W) (0) _____
One oral communication intensive course designated (O) (0) _____
OR two oral communication intensive courses designated (O/2), at the upper-division level (see degree and/or major requirements) (0) _____

TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED.....38-39