

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 F342—Human Behavior in the Social Environment II, SWK F370—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 124. As part of the core curriculum requirements, complete SOC F100X or ANTH F100X.) (As part of the core curriculum requirements, complete BIOL F100X, F103X, F115X, F116X, F111X, or F112X.)
2. Complete the B.A. degree requirements. (See page 128. As part of the B.A. degree requirements, complete ANS/ANTH F242 and PSY F101.)
3. Complete the following program (major) requirements:*
 - a. Complete the following:

SWK F103—Introduction to Social Work	3
SWK F220—Ethics, Values and Social Work Practice.....	3
SWK F305O—Social Welfare History.....	3
SWK F306W—Social Welfare: Policies and Issues.....	3
SWK F320W—Rural Social Work.....	3
SWK F341—Human Behavior in the Social Environment I.....	3
SWK F342O—Human Behavior in the Social Environment II..	3
SWK F375W—Research Methods in Social Work	3
SWK F460—Social Work Practice I	3
SWK F461—Practicum in Social Work I**	3 or 6
SWK F463—Social Work Practice II	3
SWK F464—Practicum in Social Work II**	3 or 6
SWK F466—Practicum in Social Work III**	3 or 6

- b. Complete two courses from the following special problems areas:

HUMS F205—Basic Principles of Group Counseling	3
HUMS F305—Substance Abuse Counseling	3
SWK F310—Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder	3
SWK F330—Seminar in International Social Work	3
SWK F350W—Women’s Issues in Social Welfare and Social Work Practice	3
SWK F360—Child Abuse and Neglect	3
SWK F370—Social Work and the Aging Society.....	3
SWK F470—Theories of Chemical Dependency and Social Work Practice	3
SWK F484—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 F461 (Practicum I) and SWK F464 (Practicum II) for at least 6 of these credits. SWK F466 (Practicum III) is an option for students who have completed SWK F461 and SWK F464 for less than 12 credits.
 - *** Students wishing to specialize in gerontology should take SWK F342, SWK F370 and an approved elective from the following list:
 - ANS F401—Cultural Knowledge of Native Elders
 - ANTH F315—Human Biology
 - ANTH F317—Human Growth and Development
 - COMM F462 —Communications in Health Contexts
 - SOC F310—Sociology of Aging

Minor

1. Complete the following:

SWK F103—Introduction to Social Work	3
SWK F220—Ethics, Values and Social Work Practice.....	3
2. Complete three SWK designated courses, excluding SWK F460, F461, F463 and F464
3. Minimum credits required.....15

Minor with Specialization in Gerontology

1. Complete the following:

SWK F103—Introduction to Social Work	3
SWK F220—Ethics, Values and Social Work Practice.....	3
SWK F342—Human Behavior in the Social Environment II	3
SWK F370—Social Work and the Aging Society.....	3
2. Choose one course from the list of courses with aging content:

ANS F401—Cultural Knowledge of Native Elders.....	3
ANTH F315—Human Biology.....	3
ANTH F317—Human Growth and Development	3
COMM F462—Communication in Health Contexts	3
SOC F310— Sociology of Aging.....	3
3. Minimum credits required.....15



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 F111X (3) _____
ENGL F190H may be substituted.

Complete one of the following:

ENGL F211X OR ENGL F213X (3) _____

Complete one of the following:

COMM F131X OR COMM F141X (3) _____

PERSPECTIVES ON THE HUMAN CONDITION (18)

Complete all of the following four courses:

ANTH F100X/SOC F100X (3) _____
ECON F100X OR PS F100X (3) _____
HIST F100X (3) _____
ENGL/FL F200X (3) _____

Complete one of the following three courses:

ART/MUS/THR F200X, HUM F201X OR ANS F202X (3) _____

Complete one of the following six courses:

BA F323X, COMM F300X, JUST F300X, NRM F303X,
PS F300X OR PHIL F322X (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 F103X, MATH F107X, MATH F161X OR
STAT F200X (3 – 4) _____
** No credit may be earned for more than one of MATH F107X or F161X.*

OR complete one of the following*:

MATH F200X, MATH F201X, MATH F202X,
MATH F262X OR MATH F272X (4) _____

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

NATURAL SCIENCES (8)

Complete any two (4-credit) courses:

ATM F101X (4) _____
BIOL F100X (4) _____
BIOL F103X (4) _____
BIOL F104X (4) _____
BIOL F111X (4) _____
BIOL F112X (4) _____
BIOL F115X (4) _____
BIOL F116X (4) _____
CHEM F100X (4) _____
CHEM F103X (4) _____
CHEM F104X (4) _____
CHEM F105X (4) _____
CHEM F106X (4) _____
GEOG F205X (4) _____
GEOS F100X (4) _____
GEOS F101X (4) _____
GEOS F112X (4) _____
GEOS F120X (4) _____
GEOS F125X (4) _____
MSL F111X (4) _____
PHYS F102X (4) _____
PHYS F103X (4) _____
PHYS F104X (4) _____
PHYS F115X (4) _____
PHYS F116X (4) _____
PHYS F175X (4) _____
PHYS F211X (4) _____
PHYS F212X (4) _____
PHYS F213X (4) _____

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION RESEARCH (0 – 1)

Successful completion of library skills competency test OR
LS F100X or F101X 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