



EMPOWER YOURSELF

Degrees Offered

- Bachelor of Arts (BA)
- Minor, general
- Minor, gerontology

Why Choose Social Work?

If you enjoy working with people, a social work degree may be for you. Our social work program affords opportunities for students to discover more about themselves as they work to improve the quality of life for others, to advocate for issues of social and economic justice for vulnerable populations, and to acquire the skills, knowledge and values to work with the diverse peoples and geographic challenges unique to Alaska.

Career/Professional Opportunities

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 emotional and social problems of individuals, families and communities.

About Us

Our mission is to promote the health and well-being of individuals, families and communities, to work towards a just and equitable society, and to assist in the understanding of global interconnections on social issues. We strive to create a learning environment based on respect that supports students' success toward becoming competent, culturally sensitive, professional practitioners. We celebrate the diversity and unique cultural heritage, history and physical attributes of Alaska. To this end we have a special commitment to strengthening our rural and remote communities.

UAF Department of Social Work

Approximately 75 majors (students) and nine faculty and staff.

Our BA program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

Our BA degree is "licensable," meaning graduates qualify to take the state licensing exam to become licensed social workers.

Undergraduate research and scholarship opportunities are available.

Program Highlights

- *A practicum is included in the senior year. You will get experience working in a social work field before you graduate.*
- *Our BA degree program is delivered collaboratively within the UA system.*
- *Students can choose from three delivery methods for taking courses: campus-based delivery, distance delivery and distance delivery cohort.*
- *Distance delivery methods enable students not based in Fairbanks to earn a degree.*
- *Benefit from community-based partnership programs.*

Sample Classes

- *Social Welfare History*
- *Research Methods in Social Work*
- *Child Abuse and Neglect*
- *Rural Social Work*
- *Human Behavior and the Social Environment*
- *Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders*
- *Seminar in Social Work Practice Areas*
- *Chemical Dependency*
- *Social Work and the Aging Society*
- *Values, Ethics and Social Work Practice*

OUR PROGRAM

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.

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. Non-social work majors earning a minor in social work can choose either the general social work minor or a social work minor with a specialization in gerontology.

GET INVOLVED!

There are two social work student organizations on campus and we encourage you to join them: Alaska Native Social Workers Association (ANSWA) and the Organization of Student Social Workers (OSSW). We also have a Kappi Xi chapter of Phi Alpha, the social work honor society, at UAF.

APPLICATION PROCESS, BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMS

1. Review the admission requirements at www.uaf.edu/admissions/.
2. Click the "apply now" link for directions on the application process or proceed directly to the online application for admission through UAOnline at <http://uaonline.alaska.edu>.
3. Once on UAOnline select "Apply for Admission or Check on Status of Application" and follow the directions on the screen.