

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—Services and Support for an 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 131. 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 135. 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 F306—Social Welfare: Policies and Issues	3
SWK F320W—Rural Social Work.....	3
SWK F341—Human Behavior in the Social Environment I.....	3
SWK F342—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—Services and Support for an Aging Society	3
SWK F470—Substance Abuse Theories and Treatment.....	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—Services and Support for an 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



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

Baccalaureate Core 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 F111X(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) _____
 and 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) _____

CORE CREDITS REQUIRED 38 - 39

Minimum credits required for degree 120



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