

SOCIAL WORK

College of Liberal Arts
Department of Social Work
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BA Degree

Minimum Requirements for Degree: 120 credits

We educate generalist social work practitioners to promote the health and well-being of individuals, families and communities, emphasizing the diversity and uniqueness of rural Alaska.

We create a community of critical thinkers dedicated to becoming competent, culturally sensitive professionals engaged in lifelong learning. We prepare students for generalist social work practice with individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities; to integrate the values and ethics of the social work profession into generalist practice; to apply critical thinking to inform and communicate professional judgments; to engage diversity in generalist practice to advance human rights and advocate for social and economic justice; and to understand bio-psycho-social, spiritual, and cultural functioning and apply it to all client systems.

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 engage people on a personal level and are placed in a social service agency as part of their course work during the senior year. Students must apply to participate in a senior field placement and are required to complete a minimum of 400 hours over the course of two semesters in a social service agency practicing the skills learned in the program.

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 — BA Degree

1. Complete the general university requirements. (See page 129. As part of the core curriculum requirements, complete SOC F100X or ANTH F100X; and BIOL F100X, F103X, F115X, F116X, F213X, or F214X.)
 2. Complete the BA degree requirements. (See page 133. As part of the BA 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 F440—Social Work Practice with Military Families.....	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**	0 or 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 required120
- * Students 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.

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.....9
3. Minimum credits required15

Baccalaureate Core Requirements

Communication 9 Credits

- ENGL F111X—Introduction to Academic Writing.....(3)
ENGL F190H may be substituted.

Complete one of the following:

- ENGL F211X—Academic Writing about Literature.....(3)
- ENGL F213X—Academic Writing about the Social and Natural Sciences.....(3)

Complete one of the following:

- COMM F131X—Fundamentals of Oral Communication: Group Context.....(3)
- COMM F141X—Fundamentals of Oral Communication: Public Context.....(3)

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Perspectives on the Human Condition 18 Credits

Complete all of the following four courses:

- ANTH F100X/SOC F100X—Individual, Society and Culture.....(3)
- ECON F100X or PS F100X—Political Economy.....(3)
- HIST F100X—Modern World History.....(3)
- ENGL/FL F200X—World Literature.....(3)

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Complete one of the following three courses:

- ART/MUS/THR F200X—Aesthetic Appreciation: Interrelationship of Art, Drama and Music.....(3)
- HUM F201X—Unity in the Arts.....(3)
- ANS F202X—Aesthetic Appreciation of Alaska Native Performance.....(3)

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Complete one of the following six courses:

- BA F323X—Business Ethics.....(3)
- COMM F300X—Communicating Ethics.....(3)
- JUST F300X—Ethics and Justice.....(3)
- NRM F303X—Environmental Ethics and Actions.....(3)
- PS F300X—Ethics and Society.....(3)
- PHIL F322X—Ethics.....(3)

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Or complete 12 credits from the above courses plus one of the following:

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

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Mathematics 3 Credits

Complete one of the following:

- MATH F103X—Concepts and Contemporary Applications of Mathematics.....(3)
 - MATH F107X—Functions for Calculus*.....(4)
 - MATH F161X—Algebra for Business and Economics**.....(3)
 - STAT F200X—Elementary Probability and Statistics.....(3)
- * No credit may be earned for more than one of MATH F107X or F161X.

Or complete one of the following*:

- MATH F200X—Calculus I**.....(4)
- MATH F201X—Calculus II.....(4)
- MATH F202X—Calculus III.....(4)
- MATH F262X—Calculus for Business and Economics.....(4)
- MATH F272X—Calculus for Life Sciences.....(4)

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

** No credit may be earned for more than one of Math F200X, F262X or F272.

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Natural Sciences 8 Credits

Complete any two (4-credit) courses.

- ATM F101X—Weather and Climate of Alaska.....(4)
- BIOL F100X—Human Biology.....(4)
- BIOL F101X—Biology of Sex.....(4)
- BIOL F103X—Biology and Society.....(4)
- BIOL F104X—Natural History.....(4)
- BIOL F115X—Fundamentals of Biology I.....(4)
- BIOL F116X—Fundamentals of Biology II.....(4)
- BIOL F120X—Introduction to Human Nutrition.....(4)
- BIOL F213X—Human Anatomy and Physiology I.....(4)
- BIOL F214X—Human Anatomy and Physiology II.....(4)
- CHEM F100X—Chemistry in Complex Systems.....(4)
- CHEM F103X—Basic General Chemistry.....(4)
- CHEM F104X—Beginnings in Biochemistry.....(4)
- CHEM F105X—General Chemistry.....(4)
- CHEM F106X—General Chemistry.....(4)
- GEOG F111X—Earth and Environment: Elements of Physical Geography.....(4)
- GEOS F100X—Introduction to Earth Science.....(4)
- GEOS F101X—The Dynamic Earth.....(4)
- GEOS F106X—Life and the Age of Dinosaurs.....(4)
- GEOS F112X—History of Earth and Life.....(4)
- GEOS F120X—Glaciers, Earthquakes and Volcanoes.....(4)
- GEOS F125X—Humans, Earth and Environment.....(4)
- MSL F111X—The Oceans.....(4)
- PHYS F102X—Energy and Society.....(4)
- PHYS F103X—College Physics.....(4)
- PHYS F104X—College Physics.....(4)
- PHYS F115X—Physical Science I.....(4)
- PHYS F175X—Astronomy.....(4)
- PHYS F211X—General Physics.....(4)
- PHYS F212X—General Physics.....(4)
- PHYS F213X—Elementary Modern Physics.....(4)

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Library and Information Research 0–1 Credit

- Successful completion of library skills competency test or LS F100X or LS F101X prior to junior standing

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Upper-Division Writing and Oral Communication

Complete the following at the upper-division level:

- Two writing intensive courses designated (W) and one oral communication intensive course designated (O), or two oral communication intensive courses designated (O/2) (see degree and/or major requirements)

Total credits required 38–39

All degrees (e.g. B.A., B.S., etc.) require additional courses.

Refer to specific degree and program requirements.

Students must earn a C- grade or better in each course used toward the baccalaureate core.

