Duluth Campus

Social Work B.S.W.

Social Work

College of Education and Human Service Professions

- Program Type: Baccalaureate
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2023
- Required credits to graduate with this degree: 120
- Required credits within the major: 82 to 83
- Degree: Bachelor of Social Work

The bachelor of social work (BSW) program prepares students for generalist practice in a variety of human service settings. Graduates undertake a variety of professional social work roles ranging from counselor and case manager to community organizer and advocate. The curriculum has a special focus on services to American Indians and their communities

Freshman, sophomores, and transfer students may declare a SW major and be admitted to lower division status. Admission to the upper division BSW program is competitive. To be considered, students must be eligible and complete the BSW Application forms and essays. See https://cehsp.d.umn.edu/departments-centers/departments/social-work/bsw for more information.

Honors Requirements: Senior students who have a minimum GPA of 3.90 within the social work major and also have an overall GPA minimum of 3.50 may earn department social work honors by doing one of the following: An Undergraduate Research Opportunity Project (UROP) under the supervision of a social work faculty member or passing a 5xxx level Social Work course with a grade of B+ or better. To receive department honors in social work, students need to have satisfied all the requirements or department honors the term prior to graduation. Student eligible for honors are urged to consult with their advisors on how they wish to pursue department honors before the end of their junior year. Students must apply to the social work department to be considered for departmental honors by the UMD deadline to apply for graduation in their final term.

Program Delivery

This program is available:
- partially online (between 50% to 80% of instruction is online)

Admission Requirements

Students must complete 30 credits before admission to the program.

A GPA above 2.0 is preferred for the following:
- 2.50 already admitted to the degree-granting college
- 2.50 transferring from another University of Minnesota college
- 2.50 transferring from outside the University

Evidence of engagement in community service or volunteer work.

For information about University of Minnesota admission requirements, visit the Office of Admissions website.

Required prerequisites

Learning in Community (1 cr)

The Learning in Community requirement will be waived for transfer students with at least 30 credits taken post high school and for UMD students who started in a UMD program where this was not required. First-year students who have completed 30 PSEO credits may request a waiver to the students primary college.

UST 1000 - Learning in Community (1.0 - 2.0 cr)
or EHS 1000 - Into the World [GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)
or ES 1000 - Global Cultural Perspectives on Environmental Sustainability [GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)
or LING 1000 - Language and Culture in the U.S. What does it Mean to Speak American [CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)
or PSY 1100 - Living Your Best Life: Applying Positive Psychology [CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)

Pre-Major (15 cr)

A grade of C or better is required in all Pre-Major Admission reqiured courses.

PSY 1003 - General Psychology [LE CAT, SOC SCI] (4.0 cr)
SOC 1101 - Introduction to Sociology [LE CAT, LECD C, SOC SCI, CDIVERSITY] (4.0 cr)
SW 1000 - Introduction to Social Welfare [SOC SCI] (3.0 cr)
BIOL 1001 - Biology and Society [LE CAT4, NAT SCI, SUSTAIN] (4.0 cr)
  or BIOL 1170 *{Inactive}*[NAT SCI] (4.0 cr)
  or PSY 2021 - Developmental Psychology [LE CAT, LECD C, SOC SCI, CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)

General Requirements

The Board of Regents, on recommendation of the faculty, grants degrees from the University of Minnesota. Requirements for an undergraduate degree from University of Minnesota Duluth include the following:

1. Students must meet all course and credit requirements of the departments and colleges or schools in which they are enrolled including an advanced writing course. Students seeking two degrees must fulfill the requirements of both degrees. However, two degrees cannot be awarded for the same major.

2. Students must complete all requirements of the Liberal Education Program.

3. Students must complete a minimum of 120 semester credits.

4. At least 30 of the last 60 degree credits earned immediately before graduation must be awarded by UMD.

5. Students must complete at least half of their courses at the 3xxx-level and higher at UMD. Study-abroad credits earned through courses taught by UM faculty and at institutions with which UMD has international exchange programs may be used to fulfill this requirement.

6. If a minor is required, students must take at least three upper division credits in their minor field from UMD.

7. The minimum cumulative UM GPA required for graduation will be 2.00 and will include only University of Minnesota coursework. A minimum UM GPA of 2.00 is required in each UMD undergraduate major and minor. No academic unit may impose higher grade point standards to graduate.

8. Diploma, transcripts, and certification will be withheld until all financial obligations to the University have been met.

Program Requirements

1. A second field of study (e.g. minor, major, degree) is not required with this major.

Advanced Writing (3 cr)
WRIT 31xx - Adv Writ (3 cr)

Core (30 cr)
Students are required to have a C+ or higher in core courses to advance to next semesters' core courses.
SW 1619 - Race, Class, and Gender in the United States [LE CAT, LECD C, RACE JUST] (3.0 cr)
SW 4100 - Anti-Oppressive Social Work Practice (3.0 cr)
SW 4101 - Human Behavior in Social Environment (3.0 cr)
SW 4102 - Introduction to Social Work Research (3.0 cr)
SW 4103 - Senior Capstone Project (2.0 cr)
SW 4104 - Social Work Practice with Individuals and Families (3.0 cr)
SW 4105 - Social Work Practice with Groups (3.0 cr)
SW 4112 - Organization and Community Practice (3.0 cr)
SW 4120 - Community Volunteer Experience (1.0 cr)
SW 4190 - American Indian Social Work Practice Issues (3.0 cr)
SW 4201 - Social Welfare Policy (3.0 cr)

Field Placement (10 cr)
SW 4121 must be taken for 10 credits, 5 credits each semester. Students are required to have a C+ or higher in core courses to advance to next semesters' core courses.
SW 4121 - Senior Field Placement (5.0 cr)

Statistics (3 - 4 cr)
ECON 2030 - Applied Statistics for Business and Economics [LOGIC & QR] (3.0 cr)
or PSY 2020 - Introduction to Statistics and Research Methods (3.0 cr)
or PSY 3020 - Statistical Methods (4.0 cr)
or SOC 2155 - Introduction to Research Methods and Analysis (4.0 cr)
or STAT 1411 - Introduction to Statistics [LE CAT, LOGIC & QR] (3.0 cr)
or STAT 2411 - Statistical Methods [LE CAT, LOGIC & QR] (3.0 cr)
or Other comparable as approved

Social Work Electives (9 cr)
Other classes may be used with permission of advisor.
Take 9 or more credit(s) from the following:
•SW 1210 - Global Issues [LE CAT, SOC SCI, GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)
•SW 4113 - Introduction to Child Welfare Practice (3.0 cr)
•SW 4500 - Healthcare, Social Work, and Interdisciplinary Care (3.0 cr)

- SW 5091 - Independent Study (1.0 - 4.0 cr)
- SW 5095 - Special Topics: (Various Titles to be Assigned) (3.0 cr)
- SW 5096 - Special Project (1.0 - 4.0 cr)
- SW 5111 - Grant Writing in the Human Services (3.0 cr)
- SW 4051 - School Social Work (3.0 cr)
  - or SW 5051 - School Social Work (3.0 cr)
- SW 4122 - Cross-Cultural Exploration Through Learning Circles (1.0 cr)
  - or SW 5120 - Cross-Cultural Exploration Through Learning Circles (1.0 cr)
- SW 4144 - Grief, Loss and Coping (3.0 cr)
  - or SW 5144 - Grief, Loss and Coping in Social Work Practice (3.0 cr)
- SW 4215 - Trauma Informed Practice with Children and Adolescents (3.0 cr)
  - or SW 5215 - Trauma Informed Social Work Practice with Children and Adolescents (3.0 cr)
- SW 4222 - Intervention in Family Violence (3.0 cr)
  - or SW 5222 - Intervention in Family Violence (3.0 cr)
- SW 4271 - Women and Social Policy (3.0 cr)
  - or SW 5271 - Women and Social Policy (3.0 cr)
- SW 4280 - Substance Use trends and Interventions in Social Work [SOC SCI] (3.0 cr)
  - or SW 5280 - Substance Use Trends and Interventions in Social Work (3.0 cr)

Non Social Work Electives (11 cr)
  Other classes may be used with permission of advisor.
  Take 11 or more credit(s) from the following:
- AAAS 1104 - Introduction to Black America [CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 1001 - Introduction to American Indian Studies [CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 1010 - American Indian Experience to 1900 [LE CAT, LECD C, CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 1020 - American Indian Experiences: 1900-present [LE CAT, LECD C, HUMANITIES, CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 1103 - Beginning Ojibwe I [LE CAT3, LECD CAT03, COMM & LAN] (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 1104 - Beginning Ojibwe II [LE CAT3, LECD CAT03, COMM & LAN] (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 2405 - American Indian Families and Society [LE CAT, SOC SCI, CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 3206 - Federal Indian Policy [LE CAT8, LECD CAT08, SOC SCI, CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 3230 - American Indian Tribal Government and Law [SOC SCI, CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 4230 - Introduction to Federal Indian Law [SOC SCI, CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)
- ANTH 1080 - Understanding Global Cultures [LE CAT, SOC SCI, GLOBAL PER] (4.0 cr)
- ANTH 1604 - Cultural Anthropology [LE CAT6, LEIP CAT06, SOC SCI, GLOBAL PER] (4.0 cr)
- ANTH 1620 - Introduction to Public Culture: Earth Citizenship, Science, and Culture [GLOBAL PER] (4.0 cr)
- ANTH 3156 - Digital and Participatory Research Methods (4.0 cr)
- ANTH 3300 - Energy, Culture and Society [GLOBAL PER] (4.0 cr)
- ANTH 3628 - Women in Cross-Cultural Perspective (3.0 cr)
- ANTH 4500 - The New Commons: Governing Shared Resources for Present and Future Generations [SUSTAIN] (4.0 cr)
- ANTH 4616 - Culture and Personality (3.0 cr)
- ANTH 4652 - Cultural Theory for Wicked Problems (4.0 cr)
- ASL 4110 - Deaf Culture (3.0 cr)
- COMM 1000 - Human Communication Theory [LE CAT, SOC SCI] (3.0 cr)
- COMM 1222 - Interpersonal Communication [LE CAT, LECD C, COMM & LAN] (3.0 cr)
- COMM 3205 - Relationship Communication (3.0 cr)
- COMM 3535 - Intercultural Communication [LE CAT6, LEIP CAT06, CDIVERSITY] (4.0 cr)
- CRIM 1301 - Introduction to Criminology [LE CAT8, SOC SCI] (4.0 cr)
- CRIM 3322 - Law and Society (3.0 cr)
- CRIM 3324 - Sociology of Criminal Law (3.0 cr)
- CRIM 3375 - Restorative Justice (3.0 cr)
- CRIM 4323 - Women and Justice (3.0 cr)
- CRIM 4340 - Racial Inequality and Criminalization [RACE JUST] (3.0 cr)
- CRIM 4382 - Victimology (3.0 cr)
- ECH 2010 - Foundational Issues in Early Childhood Studies (3.0 cr)
- ECH 2025 - Brain Development: Environments and Relationships [SOC SCI] (3.0 cr)
- EDUC 1100 - Human Diversity [LE CAT, LECD C, CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)
- EDUC 1101 - Education in Modern Society [LE CAT7, HUMANITIES] (3.0 cr)
- EDUC 3340 - Interacting with Diverse Families (3.0 cr)
- EDUC 5340 - Interacting With Diverse Families (3.0 cr)
- GEOG 2305 - Geography of Cultural Diversity [CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)
- PHIL 1007 - Philosophy and World Religions [LE CAT7, LEIP CAT07, HUMANITIES, GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)
- POL 3040 - Women and Politics (3.0 cr)
- PSY 2023 - Marriages and Families Worldwide [LE CAT, GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)
- PSY 2223 - Gender in Society [LE CAT, LECD C, CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)
- PSY 3051 - Cross-cultural Psychology (3.0 cr)
- PSY 3111 - Theories of Personality (3.0 cr)

- PSY 3121 - Abnormal Psychology (3.0 cr)
- PSY 3122 - Child and Adolescent Abnormal Psychology (3.0 cr)
- PSY 3201 - Social Psychology (3.0 cr)
- PSY 3211 - Group Dynamics (3.0 cr)
- PSY 3215 - Topics in Human Sexuality (3.0 cr)
- PSY 3231 - Psychology of Drug Use (3.0 cr)
- PSY 3371 - Child and Adolescent Psychology (3.0 cr)
- PSY 3381 - Adult Development and Aging (3.0 cr)
- SOC 1201 - Sociology of the Family [LE CAT8, LECD CAT08, SOC SCI, CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)
- SOC 3330 - The U.S. Civil Rights Movement [SOC SCI, CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)
- SOC 3701 - Social Psychology [SOC SCI] (3.0 cr)
- SOC 3821 - Sociology of Community (3.0 cr)
- SOC 3831 - Organizations and Society (4.0 cr)
- SOC 3901 - Social Change and Social Policy (3.0 cr)
- SOC 3945 - Social Stratification (3.0 cr)
- SOC 4370 - Sociology of Mental Health and Illness (3.0 cr)
- SOC 4925 - Sociology of Rape (3.0 cr)
- SOC 4935 - Peace Studies (3.0 cr)
- SOC 4947 - Sociology of Gender (3.0 cr)
- SOC 4949 - Race and Ethnic Relations [RACE JUST] (3.0 cr)
- SOC 4981 - Social Movements, Protest and Change (4.0 cr)
- SOC 4982 - Political Sociology and the Global Economy (4.0 cr)
- SPED 3109 - Supporting Social/Emotional Development Birth-8 (3.0 cr)
- SPED 4250 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
- SSP 3014 - Financial Peer Mentor Leadership Training (2.0 cr)
- WS 1000 - Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies [LE CAT, LECD C, CULT D, SOC SCI, CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)
- WS 2001 - Introduction to Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Transgender Studies [LE CAT8, LECD CAT08, CDIVERSITY] (4.0 cr)
- WS 2101 - Women, Race, and Class [LE CAT8, LECD CAT08, SOC SCI, CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)
- WS 3000 - Transnational Perspectives on Feminism [SOC SCI, GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)
- WS 3001 - Gender Relations in the Global South [GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)
- WS 3150 - Women-Identified Culture [CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)
- WS 3350 - Women and the Law [CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)
- WS 3450 - Motherhood and Mothering: Institution and Experience (3.0 cr)
- WS 3775 - Gender, Globalization and Food [SUSTAIN] (3.0 cr)
- WS 3800 - Feminist Activism and Community Organizing (4.0 cr)