



CURRICULUM INFORMATION

SOCIAL WORK

The UND College of Nursing & Professional Disciplines offers a B.S. in Social Work degree (BSSW) accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). This degree requires 120 credits, including Essential Studies (ES) Requirements (<https://und.edu/academics/essential-studies/courses.html>) Specific requirements for the degree are given below:

Core Social Work Courses	Credits
SWK 255 Introduction to Social Work	4
SWK 257 Human Behavior in the Social Environment I	3
<i>**Admission to BSSW Program required**</i>	
SWK 317 Social Work Research	3
SWK 357 Human Behavior in the Social Environment II	4
SWK 424 Generalist Social Work Practice with Individuals and Families	3
SWK 434 Generalist Social Work Practice with Task and Treatment Groups	3
SWK 442 Social Policy	3
SWK 454 Generalist Social Work Practice with Communities and Organizations	3
SWK Elective	2
SWK 481 Field Education I	5
SWK 482 Field Education Seminar I	1
SWK 483 Field Education II	5
SWK 484 Field Education Seminar II	1
TOTAL	39

Additional Program Requirements	Credits
PSYC 111 Intro to Psychology	3
SOC 110 Intro to Sociology	3
POLS 115 American Government	3
Advanced Social Sciences (200-level or above)	15
Global or US Diversity	6
Statistics course	3
TOTAL	33

Social Work Electives (minimum 2 credits)	Credits
SWK 311 Child Welfare	3
SWK 313 Orientation to Gerontology	3
SWK 315 Substance Use and Abuse	2
SWK 316 Interprofessional Healthcare	1
SWK 318 Mental Health	2
SWK 489 Senior Honors Thesis	1-3
SWK 493 Special Topics	1-3

Campus social work courses are only offered Fall and Spring semesters. Students must have all core SWK courses completed before they can start Field Education.

Online BSSW Program

Students can also complete the BSSW Program online. Online social work courses are taught synchronously in the evenings. Students will be required to come to the UND campus for a 4-day campus visit during the first summer of the program. Students in the online program must follow one of the following tentative course schedules. The Online BSSW Program only offers a part-time option, but there may be ways to accelerate your degree plan. Speak with a social work advisor about your online options



Standard Admission Application Criteria

- Completion of SWK 255 Introduction to Social Work and SWK 257 Human Behavior in the Social Environment I with a grade of C or higher
- Overall GPA of at least 2.75 (includes all transfer work).
- Willingness to adhere to the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Code of Ethics and the UND Code of Student Life.
- Completion of 45 semester hours of coursework at the end of the term in which the application is submitted.

Application Deadlines

Fall admission: Apply by March 15th or June 15th

Spring admission: Apply by October 15th

To apply for admission to the program, students complete the online application, available on the department's website. The application process is competitive. All factors including grade point average, strength of written materials, and volunteer/work experience will be given consideration in admissions decisions. Applicants will also be interviewed by the BSSW Admissions Committee.

Students first must be admitted to the University of North Dakota before applying for admission to the BSSW Program. For information on how to gain admission to UND, contact the Office of Admissions at www.und.edu. Prospective students are encouraged to contact the Department of Social Work. Students who transfer from other accredited institutions must fulfill the same minimum prerequisite requirements as current UND students. During the process of becoming admitted to UND, student transfer work will be evaluated.

Pre-Social Work Declaration

Students who wish to pursue an undergraduate degree in social work must declare a Pre-Social Work major in the College of Nursing and Professional Disciplines. Once the student successfully has been admitted to UND as a Pre-Social Work major, a Social Work advisor will assist you with the application process and degree-planning.

Second Degree Program

Students who have secured a bachelor's degree in a related field and wish to secure a bachelor's degree in Social Work can complete the Second Degree Program. The Second Degree Program allows a student to secure a BSSW in as little as one year on the UND campus.



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Field Education

During your final semester in the BSSW Program, you will have an opportunity to complete a field internship at a social service agency. The field internship is the capstone experience of the BSSW Program, which will integrate the knowledge, values, and skills you have gained from your social work courses. During your field placement, you will be supervised by a licensed social worker, and you will have opportunities to work with real clients. Internships are available in many fields of social work, including mental health, children and family services, developmental disabilities, long-term care, hospice, hospital social work, substance abuse, and school social work.

Study Abroad Opportunities

The Social Work Department is very supportive of students choosing to take advantage of study abroad opportunities. Our flexible curriculum allows students to study abroad while staying on track with their degree plan. Contact UND's Study Abroad Office and a social work advisor to discuss your options.

FAQs

What can I do with a Bachelor in Social Work Degree (BSSW) from UND?

A BSSW will prepare you for generalist social work practice in a variety of settings. Once awarded a BSSW, you will be eligible to apply to take the social work licensing exam in any states that license at the BSSW level. You will also be eligible to apply to any Master in Social Work Programs.

What opportunities are there for me to get involved or network with my social work peers?

We encourage our social work students to get involved with the Student Social Work Association and Phi Alpha, the social work honor society. Both organizations offer opportunities to network with your social work peers through social activities, community service, and various other activities that promote fellowship among those in the social work field.

What scholarship or financial aid opportunities are there for me?

The University of North Dakota offers several sources of financial aid available to qualified students, including scholarships, loans, grants, and employment opportunities. For further information, please visit the UND Financial Aid Office webpage at <http://UND.edu/admissions/financial-aid/>. Scholarships and stipends are also available through the Social Work Department. For more information, please visit <https://cnpd.UND.edu/student-resources/scholarships-social-work.html>

