

SOCIAL WORK (B.S.)

Students electing to major in Social Work complete a minimum of 120 credits to earn a bachelor's degree, including 41–44 credits of core courses (<https://catalog.salve.edu/undergraduate/curriculum-degree-programs/>) and 64 credits in their major. Two foundational courses, BIO-110 Human Biology: Physiology and Health (3 credits) and POL-115 The American Political System (3 credits), can be used to meet core curriculum requirements where applicable. Students must successfully complete SWK-120 Social Problems: Analysis by Race, Class and Gender and SWK-120S Social Problems: Service Learning before officially being accepted into the Social Work Program.

Code	Title	Credits
Required Social Work Courses		
SWK-087	Violence and the Workplace	1
SWK-120	Social Problems: Analysis by Race, Class and Gender ¹	3
SWK-120S	Social Problems: Service Learning ¹	1
SWK-190	History of Social Work and Social Welfare Policy	3
SWK-215	Human Behavior and Diversity I	3
SWK-216	Human Behavior and Diversity II	3
SWK-320	Methods of Practice I	3
SWK-330	Methods of Practice II	3
SWK-360	Generalist Practice Seminar I	3
SWK-361	Generalist Practice Field Internship I	1.5
SWK-370	Generalist Practice and Seminar II	3
SWK-371	Generalist Practice Field Internship II	1.5
SWK-403	Research Methods I	3
SWK-404	Research Methods II	3
SWK-410	International Social Work	3
SWK-421	Senior Field Seminar I	3
SWK-422	Senior Field Internship I	3
SWK-451	Senior Field Seminar II	3
SWK-452	Senior Field Internship II	3
SWK-470	Integrative Seminar Capstone	3
Social Work Electives		
Select one three-credit Social Work elective or one of the following courses: ²		3
SWK-340	Working with Children and Youth	
SWK-342	Women, Advocacy and Mental Health	
SWK-350	Working with Families	
SWK-355	School Social Work	
SWK-390	Working with Individuals and Families With Substance Related Issues	
SWK-394	Trauma and Intervention	
SWK-395	Working with the Elderly	
SWK-399	Special Topics	
SWK-472	Independent Study in Social Work	
SWK-499	Independent Study	
PSY-320	Psychology of Learning and Behavior	
PSY-325	Statistics and Research Methods I	
PSY-326	Statistics and Research Methods II	
PSY-384	Psychological Diagnoses & Sociocultural Contexts	

PSY-390	Optimal Human Functioning/Positive Psychology	
PSY-400	Counseling Theories and Strategies	
Select two of the following one-credit electives: ¹		2
PSY-096	Autism-Characteristics and Overview	
SWK-035	Music Therapy: Journey to Wellness	
SWK-072	Human Sexuality Across the Lifespan	
SWK-073	Traumatic Experiences Across Lifespan	
SWK-074	Environmental Issues in the 21st Century	
SWK-075	Critical Issues in Presidential Elections	
SWK-078	Grant Writing	
SWK-083	Non-Violence and Mediation	
SWK-084	Historical, Political and Sociological Aspects of Baseball in America 1950 to Present	
SWK-086	Effecting Change at State and Local Levels	
SWK-089	Historical, Political and Sociological Aspects of U.S. and R.I. Baseball Up to 1950	
SWK-091	Women, Healthcare and Policy: Across the Life Cycle	
SWK-092	Political and Social Issues of Gambling	
SWK-093	Sexuality and Alcohol	
SWK-095	Relationship Violence	
SWK-096	The Immigrant Experience	
SWK-097	Pet Assisted Therapy	
SWK-099	Conflict and Peace	
Foundational Courses		
BIO-110	Human Biology: Physiology and Health	3
POL-115	The American Political System	3
Total Credits		64

¹ A Social Work major takes three one-credit workshops designed to address issues concerning diversity, oppression, social justice, and/or special populations (SWK-035 Music Therapy: Journey to Wellness - SWK-099 Conflict and Peace) as one of the two required electives. SWK-087 Violence and the Workplace must be completed by all majors in the fall semester of the junior year. Students intending to major in Social Work should complete SWK-120 Social Problems: Analysis by Race, Class and Gender with a grade of "C" or higher and a grade of P (Pass) in SWK-120S Social Problems: Service Learning. Students in the major are required to achieve grades of "C" or higher in all Social Work courses.

² Social Work majors with a Psychology major or minor may take one Psychology elective.

Curriculum Components

The curriculum is designed to help students achieve the nine Core Competencies and Practice Behaviors delineated in The Council on Social Work Education's 2022 Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards and the one additional Core Competency and four Practice Behaviors required by the Social Work Department. Students are orientated to the profession of Social Work in SWK-120 Social Problems: Analysis by Race, Class and Gender and SWK-120S Social Problems: Service Learning. Additional Social Work courses are arranged in five sequences:

Code	Title	Credits
Social Policy		
SWK-190	History of Social Work and Social Welfare Policy	3

SWK-410	International Social Work	3
Human Behavior and Diversity		
SWK-215	Human Behavior and Diversity I	3
SWK-216	Human Behavior and Diversity II	3
Research		
SWK-403	Research Methods I	3
SWK-404	Research Methods II	3
Methods of Practice		
SWK-320	Methods of Practice I	3
SWK-330	Methods of Practice II	3
Field Experience ¹		
SWK-360	Generalist Practice Seminar I	3
SWK-361	Generalist Practice Field Internship I	1.5
SWK-370	Generalist Practice and Seminar II	3
SWK-371	Generalist Practice Field Internship II	1.5
SWK-421	Senior Field Seminar I	3
SWK-422	Senior Field Internship I	3
SWK-451	Senior Field Seminar II	3
SWK-452	Senior Field Internship II	3
SWK-472	Independent Study in Social Work	1-3
Total Credits		46-48

¹ The Field Experience, the signature pedagogy of Social Work education, includes a minimum of 660 hours of professionally supervised practice in social service agencies. Electives and workshops on topics of special interest are offered each semester. A required capstone course (SWK-470 Integrative Seminar Capstone) is completed in the spring semester of the senior year.

Double Majoring in Social Work and Psychology

The Social Work Department will accept from the Psychology Department either PSY-220 Child Development to satisfy SWK-215 Human Behavior and Diversity I or PSY-230 Adolescent and Adult Psychology to satisfy SWK-216 Human Behavior and Diversity II.

Degree Plan for Social Work (B.S.)

Course	Title	Credits
First Year		
Fall		
STU-101	First Year Studio	1
SWK-120	Social Problems: Analysis by Race, Class and Gender	3
SWK-120S	Social Problems: Service Learning	1
POL-115	The American Political System	3
RTS-105 or PHL-105	Faith, Mercy, Justice in the 21st Century ¹ or Finding Your Moral Compass	3
WRT-105	College Writing and Research Intensive ²	3
Social Work Workshop		1
Credits		15
Spring		
SWK-190	History of Social Work and Social Welfare Policy	3
BIO-110	Human Biology: Physiology and Health	3
RTS-105 or PHL-105	Faith, Mercy, Justice in the 21st Century ¹ or Finding Your Moral Compass	3
Core Course		3
Core Course		3
Social Work Workshop		1
Credits		16

Second Year		
Fall		
STU-201	Sophomore Studio ³	1
SWK-215	Human Behavior and Diversity I (Core Course)	3
Take 12 credits of core or elective courses.		12
Credits		16
Spring		
SWK-216	Human Behavior and Diversity II	3
Take 12 credits of core or elective courses.		12
(SWK majors who wish to study abroad should do so in sophomore spring.)		
Credits		15
Third Year		
Fall		
SWK-087	Violence and the Workplace	1
SWK-320	Methods of Practice I	3
SWK-360	Generalist Practice Seminar I	3
SWK-361	Generalist Practice Field Internship I	1.5
Elective		3
Elective		3
Credits		14.5
Spring		
SWK-330	Methods of Practice II	3
SWK-370	Generalist Practice and Seminar II	3
SWK-371	Generalist Practice Field Internship II	1.5
Elective		3
Elective		3
Credits		13.5
Fourth Year		
Fall		
SWK-403	Research Methods I	3
SWK-410	International Social Work	3
SWK-421	Senior Field Seminar I	3
SWK-422	Senior Field Internship I	3
Elective		3
Credits		15
Spring		
SWK-404	Research Methods II	3
SWK-451	Senior Field Seminar II	3
SWK-452	Senior Field Internship II	3
SWK-470	Integrative Seminar Capstone	3
Elective		3
Credits		15
Total Credits		120

¹ One each semester.

² The first-year writing requirement may be fulfilled by completing WRT-105 in either the fall *or* spring semester. Alternately, a student may opt for the two-course sequence, completing WRT-102 in the fall *and* WRT-103 in the spring.

³ This weekend workshop may be taken in either the fall or spring semester of sophomore year.