

Social Work, BSW

Bachelor of Social Work Degree Program Requirements

Complete Core Curriculum Listing at <https://catalog.pvamu.edu/universitycorecurriculum/>

Core Curriculum 42 Credit Hours

Communication (Select Two)		6
Mathematics (Select One)		3
Life and Physical Sciences		3
BIOL 1308	Biology for Non-Science Major I	
Life and Physical Sciences (Select One)		3
Language, Philosophy, and Culture (Select One)		3
Creative Arts (Select One)		3
American History (Select Two)		6
Government/Political Science		6
POSC 2305	American Government	
POSC 2306	Texas Government	
Social and Behavioral Sciences (Select One)		3
Component Area Option One (Select One)		3
Component Area Option Two (Select One)		3
Foreign Language Requirements (Spanish Recommended)		6
Social Work Major Requirements		
SOWK 2361	Introduction to the Field of Social Work	3
SOWK 2313	Social Work with Children and Families	3
SOWK 3311	Social Welfare Policy and Services	3
SOWK 3312	Social Welfare Policy Analysis	3
SOWK 3313	Human Behavior and the Social Environment I	3
SOWK 3314	Human Behavior and the Social Environment II	3
SOWK 3321	Human and Cultural Diversity Social Work	3
SOWK 4312	Social Work Practice I	3
SOWK 4313	Social Work Practice II	3
SOWK 4314	Social Work Research I	3
SOWK 4315	Social Work Research II	3
SOWK 4617	Field Practicum ¹	6
SOWK 4318	Integrative Seminar ¹	3
Select three of the following:		9
SOWK 2317	Multicultural Issues in Mental Health	
SOWK 3315	Social Work with At-Risk Juveniles	
SOWK 3316	Gerontological Social Work	
SOWK 4334	Generalist Crisis Intervention	
SOWK 4335	Intervention with Addicted Family	
Support Area Requirements		
SOCG 1301	General Sociology	3
ECON 2302	Principles of Microeconomics	3
or		
ECON 2301	Principles of Macroeconomics	
PSYC 2301	General Psychology	3
Select one of the following:		3
MATH 1342	Elementary Statistics	
PSYC 2317	Statistical Methods in Psychology	
SOCG 4305	Social Statistics	

Unrestricted Electives

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Total Hours**120**¹ SOWK 4617 and SOWK 4318 must be taken concurrently.

Bachelor of Social Work Degree Sequence

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Freshman

Fall - Semester 1	Hours	Spring - Semester 2	Hours
Communication Core		3 Communication Core	3
Mathematics Core		3 American History Core	3
Life and Physical Sciences Core		3 Creative Arts Core	3
BIOL 1308		Component Area Option One Core	3
American History Core		3 PSYC 2301	3
SOCG 1301		3	
Total		15 Total	15

Total Hours: 30

Sophomore

Fall - Semester 1	Hours	Spring - Semester 2	Hours
Government/Political Science		3 Government/Political Science Core	3
POSC 2305		POSC 2306	
Language, Philosophy, and Culture Core		3 SOWK 2313	3
Component Area Option Two Core		3 SPAN 1302	3
SOWK 2361		3 ECON 2301	3
SPAN 1301		3 or ECON 2302	
		Unrestricted Elective	3
Total		15 Total	15

Total Hours: 30

Junior

Fall - Semester 1	Hours	Spring - Semester 2	Hours
SOWK 3311		3 SOWK 3312	3
SOWK 3313		3 SOWK 3314	3
SOWK 3321		3 Social Work Elective	3
Social Work Elective		3 Life and Physical Sciences Core	3
Social and Behavioral Science Core		3	
Total		15 Total	12

Total Hours: 27

Senior

Fall - Semester 1	Hours	Spring - Semester 2	Hours
SOWK 4312		3 SOWK 4313	3
SOWK 4314		3 SOWK 4315	3
Support Area Statistics Course		3 Social Work Elective	3
Unrestricted Elective		3 Unrestricted Elective	3
Total		12 Total	12

Total Hours: 24

Name	Unit
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Total Semester Credit Hours: 120

Marketable Skills

Marketable skills, as defined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's 60x30TX Plan (<http://www.60x30tx.com/>), include interpersonal, cognitive, and applied skill areas, are valued by employers, and can be either primary or complementary to a major. Marketable skills are acquired by students through education, including curricular, co-curricular, and extracurricular activities.

BSW Social Work

Degree Skills

1. Micro-level practice: Direct social work practice with individuals
2. Mezzo-level practice: Social work practice with families and small groups
3. Macro-level practice: Social work practice with organizations and communities for social change

Concentration Skills

1. Capability practice in areas of referrals, assessment, and interventions in client systems problem solving
2. Ability to effectively practice social work with clients and service users in a variety of context
3. Ability to make informed judgements concerning the positioning of self and others within the political and ethical contexts of social work practice

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Skills

1. Effective communication and interpersonal skills; interviewing, advocacy, listening, leadership and teamwork skills
2. Ability to empathize with clients and all others
3. Culturally competent, ability to respect clients' rights and self-determination