

Social Work

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Offered by the School

Doctor of Philosophy degree in interdisciplinary research on substance use.

Master of Social Work degree.

Master of Social Work and Juris Doctor degrees (concurrent program).

Master of Social Work and Master of Public Health degrees (concurrent program).

Major in social work with the B.A. degree in liberal arts and sciences.

Minor in social work.

Certificate in social work administration (refer to the *Graduate Bulletin*).

The Major

The profession of social work is deeply committed to the relief of human distress and inequality, and to the assistance of people in the meeting of their social, psychological, and economic needs. The social work major prepares graduates who function effectively as entry-level professionals in beginning social work practice with client systems of various sizes and types; who demonstrate sensitivity to the diverse racial, ethnic, and cultural mix of the Southern California border region and are able to work effectively in a variety of roles in a range of agencies to meet the needs of the region's varied communities; who understand and use social work values and ethics throughout their professional practice; who can identify, evaluate and apply existing research evidence to guide their practice decision-making; who understand the contexts and purposes of social work practice, the changing nature of those contexts, and the nature and the dynamics of organizational behavior; and who are committed to lifelong professional growth and learning.

The social work major is designed to apply to a wide variety of social work practice settings. Preparatory coursework for the major includes a basis in the liberal arts and sciences. The upper division curriculum is intensive, encompassing coursework in cultural pluralism, human behavior, social policy, social work practice, and social work research. Required field experience is an integral part of the program.

The B.A. degree prepares students for immediate employment in those social work positions which do not require graduate level preparation, as well as providing the foundation for graduate study.

Retention Policy

The College of Health and Human Services expects that all social work majors will make reasonable academic progress towards the degree. Social work premajors who have completed major preparatory courses, earned 60 units, but have less than a 2.70 GPA may be removed from the premajor and placed in undeclared.

Impacted Program

The social work major is an impacted program. To be admitted to the social work major, students must meet the following criteria:

- Complete 21 to 23 units with a minimum GPA of 2.50 and a grade of C (2.0) or better: Social Work 110, 120; Biology 100, 101, 204, or 261; Economics 101 or 102; Psychology 101; Sociology 101; Psychology 280 or Sociology 201 or Statistics 250. These courses cannot be taken for credit/no credit (Cr/NC);
- Complete a minimum of 60 transferable semester units;
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.70 or better;
- To be admitted to the specialization in community corrections case management, students must, in addition to satisfying the criteria above, be a declared social work major, have an overall GPA of 3.0 or better, be able to pass a background check, and submit an approved application to the undergraduate coordinator.

To complete the major, students must fulfill the degree requirements for the major described in the catalog in effect at the time they are accepted into the premajor at SDSU (assuming continuous enrollment).

Major Academic Plans (MAPs)

Visit <http://www.sdsu.edu/mymap> for the recommended courses needed to fulfill your major requirements. The MAPs website was created to help students navigate the course requirements for their majors and to identify which General Education course will also fulfill a major preparation course requirement.

Social Work Major

With the B.A. Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences
(Major Code: 21041) (SIMS Code: 558201)

All candidates for a degree in liberal arts and sciences must complete the graduation requirements listed in the section of this catalog entitled "Graduation Requirements." No more than 50 units in social work courses can apply to the degree.

A minor is not required with this major.

Preparation for the Major. Social Work 110, 120; Biology 100, 101, 204, or 261; Economics 101 or 102; Psychology 101; Sociology 101; Psychology 280 or Sociology 201 or Statistics 250. (21-23 units)

These prerequisite courses may not be taken Cr/NC. The minimum grade in each class is C (2.0) or better. Complete all courses in preparation for the major with a minimum GPA of 2.50.

Language Requirement. Competency (successfully completing the third college semester or fifth college quarter) is required in one foreign language to fulfill the graduation requirement. Refer to section of catalog on "Graduation Requirements."

Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement. Passing the Writing Placement Assessment with a score of 10 or completing one of the approved upper division writing courses (W) with a grade of C (2.0) or better. See "Graduation Requirements" section for a complete listing of requirements.

International Experience. All social work majors are required to participate in an international experience to increase awareness of cross-cultural issues, global health, economic, political, cultural, social services, and health challenges experienced by local populations in international environments. Students participate in residence for two or more weeks (exemption from the study abroad portion of the requirement must be approved by the dean of the college based on serious and compelling life events or physical limitations; a relevant course and community service activity in the U.S. will be substituted). Specific details can be found on the college website at <http://www.chhs.sdsu.edu/international>.

To meet the international experience requirement, majors must complete one of the following:

1. A CSU Study Abroad Program;
2. An SDSU Exchange Program;
3. An SDSU Study Abroad Program;
4. An SDSU Study Travel Program;

OR

5. One course selected from:
 - Health and Human Services 290 or 350;
 - Asian Studies 490;
 - Education 450;
 - General Studies 450;
 - International Security and Conflict Resolution 450;
 - Latin American Studies 450;
 - Political Science 450;
 - Science 350.

Major. A minimum of 44 upper division units, in a prescribed course sequence, to include Social Work 350, 360, 361, 370, 381, 382, 391, 483A-483B, 489A (4 units), 489B (4 units), and nine units of approved upper division electives in social work (three units may be taken from the list of approved electives outside the School of Social Work, or six units may be taken from the list of approved electives outside the School of Social Work to include Gerontology 520).

Time Limitation. All social work courses taken for the major must have been taken and completed within seven years of the granting of the undergraduate degree. Courses taken prior to the seven year rule must be repeated. This policy applies to courses taken at SDSU or transferred from another four-year college or university or appropriate courses from a community college. No exceptions will be made to this policy.

Life Experience. No social work premajor or major courses can be waived or credit given towards the undergraduate degree for life experience including but not limited to employment, time spent in the military, training or workshops or volunteer experiences.

Transfer Credit. Transfer credit students may transfer 15 nonsocial work courses in the premajor and six units of Social Work 110 and 120 from a California community college or four year institution with a signed articulation agreement with SDSU. Students from outside the state must have transcripts evaluated to determine if their courses meet SDSU criteria to be accepted for the premajor. The 44 units in the major can only be transferred from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited or candidacy status social work undergraduate program.

Prescribed Course Sequence. Students must complete all 300-level social work courses (21 units) before they will be allowed to enroll in Social Work 483A and 489A. There is no required order of the 300-level courses with the exception that Social Work 382 must be taken prior to Social Work 381.

JUNIOR YEAR (21 units)		SENIOR YEAR (23 units)	
SWORK 350	SWORK 360	SWORK 483A	SWORK 483B
SWORK 370	SWORK 361	SWORK 489A	SWORK 489B
SWORK 382	SWORK 381		Three Electives
SWORK 391			

Field Practicum. All students must enroll in field practicum. This is a 16-hour per week internship at a School of Social Work arranged and supervised social work community agency (students are not permitted to locate their own agencies). Students begin field practicum during the fall semester only and must concurrently enroll in Social Work 483A and 489A. The continuation of field practicum is offered in spring semester only when students must concurrently enroll in Social Work 483B and 489B. These courses are sequential and students must complete both "A" courses before going on to the two "B" courses. During the spring semester, preceding enrollment in field practicum, students attend a field orientation meeting. Specific date and time of the orientation is posted on the field bulletin board outside Hepner Hall 119 and announced in class. In addition, students should read the appropriate section in the current student handbook. The section outlines all requirements and processes the student is expected to follow. The coordinator of field instruction evaluates each application to determine whether the student has met all requirements for admission to field practicum (Social Work

GPA of 2.00 and senior status) and assigns the student to an agency for internship. Students who do not file a field application by the deadline date will not be able to enter field practicum. Specific times and days of field practicum are arranged between the student and the assigned agency, but most agencies require daytime availability. Evening and weekend placements are not available. Students should arrange their schedules appropriately to meet these criteria.

Specialization in Community Corrections Case Management
(SIMS Code: 558202)

With the increased emphasis on rehabilitation in criminal justice work, this specialization prepares social work students to provide case management and other services in community corrections settings including probation, corrections, and re-entry programs. To be admitted to the specialization in community corrections case management, students must be a declared social work major, have an overall GPA of 3.0 or better, be able to pass a background check, and submit an approved application to the undergraduate coordinator, in addition to satisfying the criteria above.

Requirements for specialization. A minimum of nine units in the criminal justice major in lieu of social work electives. Required courses are Criminal Justice 300 and two of the following: Africana Studies 380, Criminal Justice 321, 330, 531, 543, or 596 (with approval of adviser).

Specialization in Environmental Social Work and Community Engagement
(SIMS Code: 558214)

Community organizing, eco-social work, sustainability, and sustainable development are emerging areas of practice for social workers. This specialization prepares students for macro practice work in communities with a focus on the environment, environmental justice, and the utilization of resources.

To be admitted to the specialization in environmental social work and community engagement, students must be a declared social work major, have an overall GPA of 3.0 or better, and submit an approved application to the undergraduate coordinator.

Requirements for specialization. A minimum of nine units in lieu of social work electives. Social Work 558 and two of the following: Anthropology 353 [or Sustainability 353], History 441, Philosophy 332 [or Sustainability 332], or Political Science 334 [or Sustainability 334]. Students in this specialization will also be assigned to a community-based agency involved in environmental work for their social work field practicum in the major.

Student Handbook

The School of Social Work has a student handbook for undergraduate majors. The handbook contains policies and procedures not specified in the catalog in addition to information to aid students in completing the social work major. Students must purchase a revised handbook at the beginning of fall semester as long as they are enrolled in a social work program at SDSU. Student handbooks are available online at the school's website.

Social Work Minor

(SIMS Code: 558201)

The minor in social work consists of 24 units to include Psychology 101, Sociology 101, Social Work 110, 120, 350, 360, 370, and three units selected from Social Work 400, 410, 430, 496, or Gerontology 520.

Courses in the minor may not be counted toward the major, but may be used to satisfy preparation for the major and general education requirements, if applicable. A minimum of six upper division units must be completed in residence at San Diego State University.

COURSES (SWORK)

Refer to Courses and Curricula and University Policies sections of this catalog for explanation of the course numbering system, unit or credit hour, prerequisites, and related information.

LOWER DIVISION COURSES

SWORK 110. Social Work Fields of Service (3)

Fields of services in which social workers perform professional roles. Focus on social work approach to intervention in practice and policy arenas.

SWORK 120. Introduction to Social Work and Social Welfare (3)

Two lectures and three hours of fieldwork.

Orientation to field of social work. Develop understanding of social work principles, goals, values, and methods through readings and class discussion. An unpaid assignment in an agency setting is required. Scheduling is flexible.

SWORK 296. Experimental Topics (1-4)

Selected topics. May be repeated with new content. See *Class Schedule* for specific content. Limit of nine units of any combination of 296, 496, 596 courses applicable to a bachelor's degree.

UPPER DIVISION COURSES (Intended for Undergraduates)

SWORK 350. Cultural Pluralism (3) [GE]

Prerequisite: Completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations of Learning II.B., Social and Behavioral Sciences required for nonmajors.

Understanding of the American society as a culturally pluralistic social process and an understanding of social work as a culturally directed profession with emphasis on the concept of cultural identities created by one's values, ideologies, knowledge and behavior.

SWORK 360. Perspectives on Human Behavior and the Social Environment (3) [GE]

Prerequisite: Completion of General Education requirement in Foundations of Learning II.B., Social and Behavioral Sciences required for nonmajors.

Interdisciplinary, comparative, and critical approach to explanatory theories of human behavior. Focus on interrelatedness of factors that affect the nature and quality of human life with linkage to the social welfare of individuals, families and communities.

SWORK 361. Human Behavior Across the Life Span (3)

Prerequisites: Social work major and junior standing.

Psycho-social, biological, cultural and environmental influences on individual growth and development and how knowledge is utilized by social work generalist practitioners in assessment and intervention.

SWORK 370. Social Policies and Social Issues (3)

Prerequisites: Social Work 110 and 120.

Major social forces and institutions as they relate to and determine social policy emphasizing social welfare services in an industrialized society.

SWORK 381. Practice Skills Micro (3)

Prerequisites: Completion of social work or gerontology preparation for the major. Social Work 382 or consent of instructor.

Micro skills utilizing motivational interviewing within overall generalist practice framework. Written and verbal communication, interviewing, and assessment with individuals.

SWORK 382. Practice Skills Macro (3)

Prerequisite: Completion of social work preparation for the major.

Development of social work practice skills at macro level. Written and verbal communication needs assessment and resource development with organizations and communities.

SWORK 391. Methods of Social Work Research (3)

Definition and purpose of research in social welfare and social work. Formulation of research problems, selecting a design and methodology; techniques of collecting, organizing, interpreting, and analyzing data.

SWORK 400. Social Work Practice: Child Welfare (3)

Prerequisite: Social Work 370.

Problems of children and supportive, supplementary and substitute social services which have been developed to meet these needs.

SWORK 410. Social Work Practice: Family Issues (3)

Prerequisite: Social Work 370.

Issues relative to social work intervention with families, including major social work and interpersonal family problem situations. Family practice methods and social service provisions, and social policy issues around family needs.

SWORK 430. Alcohol and Other Drug Problems: Prevention and Intervention (3)

Prerequisite: Upper division standing.

Alcohol and other drug issues related to individuals, groups, and society. Concepts include preventive methods, secondary prevention, self-help groups, models of treatment, prevention strategies in communities, and overview of alcohol and drug policies.

SWORK 483A. Generalist Social Work Practice I (3)

Prerequisites: Completion of social work preparation for the major, 300-level courses required for major, and concurrent registration in Social Work 489A.

Integration of social work theory, principles, and practice techniques across micro and mezzo social work populations to include families and groups.

SWORK 483B. Generalist Social Work Practice II (3)

Prerequisites: Social Work 483A, 489A, and concurrent registration in Social Work 489B.

Integration of social work theory, principles, and practices with emphasis on mezzo and macro generalist practice social work populations and settings.

SWORK 489A-489B. Field Experience in Social Work (4-8, 4-8) Cr/NC

Prerequisites: Completion of all 300-level social work courses; Social Work 381 and 382 with a grade of C (2.0) or better and consent of instructor; arrangements made during prior semester with director of undergraduate field education. Concurrent registration in Social Work 483A for students taking 489A and Social Work 483B for students taking 489B.

A minimum of eight units (four in Social Work 489A and four in Social Work 489B) is required. Students spend 16 hours per week per semester in practice field assignments in selected social work agencies or settings.

SWORK 496. Experimental Topics (1-4)

Selected topics. May be repeated with new content. See *Class Schedule* for specific content. Limit of nine units of any combination of 296, 496, 596 courses applicable to a bachelor's degree.

SWORK 497. Investigation and Report (3)

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

Analysis of special topics in social welfare.

SWORK 499. Special Study (1-3) Cr/NC

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

Individual study. Maximum credit six units.

UPPER DIVISION COURSES (Also Acceptable for Advanced Degrees)

SWORK 558. Seminar in Community Organization and Problem Solving (3)

Prerequisite: Credit or concurrent registration in Social Work 489A, 489B, or 650.

Community change, consensus organizing model, environmental social work, problem solving, and strategies for serving socioeconomically under-served communities for future community organizers and human services administrators.

SWORK 596. Experimental Topics (1-4)

Selected topics in social work. See *Class Schedule* for specific content. Limit of nine units of any combination of 296, 496, 596 courses applicable to a bachelor's degree. Maximum credit of six units of 596 applicable to a bachelor's degree. Credit for 596 and 696 applicable to a master's degree with approval of the graduate adviser.

GRADUATE COURSES Refer to the *Graduate Bulletin*.