

# SOCIAL WORK, BSW

## Introduction

Please click here (<https://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/sociology/>) to see Sociology department information.

Social work is the professional application of social work theory and methods by someone who has completed a social work degree from an accredited program for the purpose of prevention, assessment, diagnosis, and intervention with individual, family, group, organizational, and societal problems. A Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree is one of the most useful undergraduate degrees one can earn in the social services sector. CU Denver's BSW is a generalist program that prepares students for entry-level, professional social work practice and graduate social work education.

CU Denver's BSW degree features interdisciplinary expertise across sociology, psychology, political science, public health, education, counseling, and public policy and follows national accreditation requirements established by the Council for Social Work Education (CSWE). The program's interdisciplinary design creates opportunities for students to pursue specialized tracks in health & medicine, education, non-profit and community leadership, behavioral health, and criminology. Housed within an urban research university, the BSW allows students to embed research into their undergraduate education through research methods training and involvement in faculty research.

All prospective majors should contact the undergraduate advisor in Social Work as early in their academic careers as possible for information about the degree requirements. Transfer or returning students should consult with the undergraduate advisor in Social Work concerning completion of the core courses.

These degree requirements are subject to periodic revision by the academic department, and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences reserves the right to make exceptions and substitutions as judged necessary in individual cases. Therefore, the College strongly urges students to consult regularly with their major advisor and CLAS advisor to confirm the best plans of study before finalizing them.

## Program Delivery

- This is an on-campus program.
- This program is also offered online.

## Declaring This Major

- Students may declare Social Work as their major at any time following admission into the university. However, admission into the BSW program is required, and declaration of the social work major does not guarantee admission. See Program Allowances and Restrictions under Degree Requirements for additional information.
- Click here (<https://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/#policiestext>) to go to information about declaring a major.

## General Requirements

To earn a degree, students must satisfy all requirements in each of the three areas below, in addition to their individual major requirements.

- CU Denver General Graduation Requirements (<https://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/graduation/>)
- CU Denver Core Curriculum (<https://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/graduation-undergraduate-core-requirements/>)
- College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Graduation Requirements (<https://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/#graduationrequirementstext>)
- Click here (<https://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/>) for information about Academic Policies

## Program Requirements

1. Students must complete a minimum of at least 57 major credit hours. Of these, at least 12 credits must come from electives chosen from two of the following topic clusters (Healthcare, Crime & Law, Education, or Families) and 12-18 credits from either a listed undergraduate certificate or minor.
2. Students must meet a minimum of 400 hours of field education completed in SOCY 4900 and SOCY 4920.
3. Students must earn a minimum grade of C (2.0) in all courses that apply to the major and must achieve a minimum cumulative major GPA of 2.0. Courses taken using P+/P/F or S/U grading cannot apply to major requirements.
4. Students must complete all field practicum site clearance requirements, which may include background checks, drug screens, and immunization record reviews. Field placements are not guaranteed for students who cannot successfully pass these requirements.

## Program Allowances and Restrictions

Admission into the BSW program is required, although students may declare Social Work as their major at any time following admission into the University. However, declaration of the social work major does not guarantee admission into the BSW program. Generally, first- and second-year Social Work Majors complete general education requirements and the lower-division *SOCY 1900 Introduction to Social Work* course. Students enrolled in *Introduction to Social Work* will be informed and instructed on the BSW admission process. Admission is restricted to students who have successfully completed 30 credit hours and the following requirements:

1. Evidence of 30 completed credit hours (in-progress coursework will be considered)
2. Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.4 for current UCD students and transfer students
3. Successful completion of two prerequisite courses SOCY 1900: Introduction to Social Work and SOCY 1001: Understanding the Social World
4. Submission of a writing sample used to evaluate your writing skills and your readiness for admission to the BSW program

Upon successful completion of the application requirements, students will be admitted to the BSW program and permitted to complete upper-division courses.

The BSW program does not grant social work course credit for life experience or previous work experience.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Complete all the following required courses (all of which need to be three credit hours):</b>		
SOCY/SWRK 1900	Introduction to Social Work	33
SOCY 3100	Foundations of Behavioral Health	
SOCY 3113	Applied Community Care for Social and Community Service	
SOCY 3700	Families and Society	
SOCY/SWRK 3910	Social Work with Individuals, Families, and Groups	
SOCY/SWRK 3920	Social Work with Organizations and Communities	
SOCY 4810	Sociology in Action: Applying Sociological Inquiry to Solve Real World Problems	
SOCY/SWRK 4900	Field Practice in Social Work I	
SOCY/SWRK 4920	Field Practice in Social Work II	
PSCI 4414	Non-Profits and Social Change	
PSCI 4914	Community Organizing and Community Development	

**Complete a minimum of two courses in at least two of the following clusters:** 12

#### Healthcare

ANTH 4300	Immigrant Health
ANTH 4600	Medical Anthropology
ANTH 4650	Disability Anthropology
COMM 3500	Introduction to Health Communication
COMM 4500	Health Communication
COMM 4525	Health Communication and Community
COMM 4550	Rhetorics of Medicine & Health
PBHL 1001	Race, Gender, Class, & Health
PBHL 3002	Ethnicity, Health and Social Justice
PBHL 3010	Human Sexuality and Public Health
PBHL 3021	Fundamentals of Health Promotion
PSCI 4330	U.S. Health Policy
PSYC 3262	Health Psychology
SOCY 3440	Medical Sociology
SOCY 4110	Sociology of Health Care
SOCY 4290	Aging, Society and Social Policy

#### Crime & Law

CRJU 3575	Offenders With Mental Health Disorders
CRJU 4170	Victimology
PSCI 3034	Race, Gender, Law and Public Policy
PSYC 3265	Drugs, Brain and Behavior
SOCY 2440	Deviance and Social Control
SOCY 3490	Criminology
SOCY 4340	Juvenile Delinquency
SOCY 4780	Violence in Relationships

#### Education

PSYC 3205	Human Development I: Child Psychology
PSYC 3215	Human Development II: Adolescence and Adulthood
HDFR 3020	Black and Latino Children in Families and Schools
HDFR 3100	Adolescent Ecology
HDFR 3800	Leadership for Racial Justice in School and Community Settings
HDFR 4040	Latino Families in School and Communities
SOCY 3050	Sociology of Education

#### Families

COMM 3275	Family Communication
HDFR 3250	Families in Global Perspectives
HDFR 4001	Families and Parenting
HDFR 4002	Family Life and Community Programming I
HDFR 4260	Family Systems and Social Justice
HDFR 4300	Families in Later Life
PSYC 3405	Family Psychology
SOCY 4270	Social Meanings of Reproduction
SOCY 4340	Juvenile Delinquency

**Complete one of the following minors or undergraduate certificates**12-18  
**Note, students may select a different minor or certificate with the approval of the program director.**

#### Certificates

Criminology ( <a href="https://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/sociology/criminology-certificate/#degreerequirementstext/">https://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/sociology/criminology-certificate/#degreerequirementstext/</a> )
Community Health and Medicine ( <a href="https://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/sociology/community-health-medicine-undergraduate-certificate/#degreerequirementstext/">https://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/sociology/community-health-medicine-undergraduate-certificate/#degreerequirementstext/</a> )
Families and Social Welfare ( <a href="https://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/sociology/families-social-welfare-certificate/#degreerequirementstext/">https://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/sociology/families-social-welfare-certificate/#degreerequirementstext/</a> )
Justice, Allyship, Diversity, & Equity (JADE) ( <a href="https://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/sociology/justice-allyship-diversity-equity-undergraduate-certificate/#degreerequirementstext/">https://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/sociology/justice-allyship-diversity-equity-undergraduate-certificate/#degreerequirementstext/</a> )
Mediation ( <a href="https://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/communication/mediation-undergraduate-certificate/#degreerequirementstext/">https://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/communication/mediation-undergraduate-certificate/#degreerequirementstext/</a> )
Public, Non-Profit, and Community Leadership ( <a href="https://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/political-science/public-non-profit-community-leadership-undergraduate-certificate/#degreerequirementstext/">https://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/political-science/public-non-profit-community-leadership-undergraduate-certificate/#degreerequirementstext/</a> )
<b>Minors</b>
Criminal Justice ( <a href="https://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/schools-colleges-departments/school-public-affairs/public-affairs/criminal-justice-minor/#degreerequirementstext/">https://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/schools-colleges-departments/school-public-affairs/public-affairs/criminal-justice-minor/#degreerequirementstext/</a> )

Ethnic Studies (<https://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/ethnic-studies/ethnic-studies-minor/#degreerequirementstext/>)

Human Development and Family Relations (<https://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/schools-colleges-departments/school-education-human-development/human-development-family-relations/human-development-family-relations-minor/#degreerequirementstext/>)

Law Studies (<https://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/law-studies/law-studies-minor/#degreerequirementstext/>)

Public Administration (<https://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/schools-colleges-departments/school-public-affairs/public-affairs/public-administration-minor/#degreerequirementstext/>)

Social Justice (<https://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/social-justice/social-justice-minor/#degreerequirementstext/>)

Teacher Education (<https://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/schools-colleges-departments/school-education-human-development/education-human-development/teacher-education-minor/#degreerequirementstext/>)

Women's and Gender Studies (<https://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/womens-gender-studies/womens-gender-studies-minor/#degreerequirementstext/>)

**Total Hours**

**57-63**

- Demonstrate Ethical and Professional Behavior
- Engage Diversity and Difference in Practice
- Advance Human Rights and Social, Economic, and Environmental Justice
- Engage in Practice-informed Research and Research-informed Practice
- Engage in Policy Practice
- Engage with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities
- Assess Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities
- Interview with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities
- Evaluate Practice with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities