B.S.W. in Social Work

Overview
Degree Requirements

Description

The B.S.W. degree prepares students to work as generalist social workers in a variety of settings with individuals, families, groups, communities, or organizations.

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 124

Goals/Mission Statement

The mission of the Department of Social Work, in keeping with the university's emphasis on excellence in teaching, research, and service, is to provide students with a sound base of knowledge, values, and skills from the generalist perspective, which equips baccalaureate students to work in a variety of entry-level social work positions and to prepare them to pursue graduate work in social work. This involves a thorough grounding of students in both theoretical and practice frameworks on which the professional development of social work practice is based. The faculty provides students with a sound liberal arts foundation emphasizing a commitment to diversity and social and economic justice with systems of all sizes.

General Education Requirements

The following general education courses are required: Engl 101 and Liba 102/Engl 102; 12 hours of humanities courses, defined as English beyond composition, modern languages, religion, philosophy, African-American studies, gender studies, or Southern studies (all 12 hours in one subject or 6 hours in each of two subjects); 3 hours of fine arts (to be selected from AH 101, 102, 201, 202; Mus 101, 102, 103, 104, 105; Danc 200; Thea 201); 6-8 hours of natural science which include BISC 102 and one other science chosen from astronomy, biology, chemistry, geology, physics, or physical science; must include laboratories; 6 hours of history; 6 hours of mathematics (Math 115 and Math 121 or higher); Pol 101; Psy 201; Psy 311; Soc 101; and 6 additional hours of social/behavioral sciences (from sociology, anthropology, economics, political science, or psychology).

Course Requirements

Specific requirements for the major include SW 315, 316, 321, 322, 335, 339, 340, 326 or 402, 417, 436, 437, 438, 450, 495, and 496. Additional general electives must be taken to bring the total number of hours to 124.

Other Academic Requirements

A minimum grade of C is required in all social work courses. No student may enroll in a social work course until a minimum grade of C has been obtained in prerequisite courses. No social work course may be taken more than two times.

Majors progress through the curriculum by passing courses in sequential fashion. Majors failing to reflect both an understanding and an endorsement of the Social Work Code of Ethics in course assignments, exams, and in required community service activities will be advised to seek another major.

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