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A DEGREE IN SOCIAL WORK

Earning a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree from Oakland University means earning a widely respected credential that prepares you for a career in helping others and challenges you to become an advocate for positive social change. Graduates of our BSW program possess the necessary skills to perform a variety of roles and join the workforce as counselors, case managers, advocates or outreach specialists who work with all types of clients, including children, families, the elderly, and individuals with disabilities or mental illness.

Employers recognize the specialized knowledge, skills, values and ethics provided in a BSW program and trust that our graduates are ready to make an immediate, positive impact in their agencies and communities. Additionally, graduates of an accredited BSW program are eligible for an accelerated plan of study when they choose to pursue a master’s degree in social work.

Whether you intend to begin your career directly after graduation or plan to take your education to the next level, a BSW from OU provides you with the foundation for success.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

A Bachelor of Social Work degree is a professional credential that permits degree holders to work with clients who seek help for complex problems at a vulnerable time in their lives. Students interested in the program are encouraged to meet with a departmental adviser prior to declaring a pre-social work major. Although students may declare a pre-social work major at any time, formal admission into the program requires a separate application and approval process. As such, Oakland University’s social work program rigorously reviews candidates to assure that they are appropriate to continue pursuing the profession of social work.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

• Students must be formally admitted to Oakland University
• A cumulative GPA of 2.8 or better
• Junior standing (minimum of 56 credit hours completed)
• Completion of all necessary program prerequisite courses (SOC 100, PSY 100, PS 100, BIO 104/BIO 111) with a 2.0 GPA or better; completion of SW 210: Introduction to Social Work with a grade of 3.0 or better
• Aptitude for the profession of social work including a commitment to social justice, emotional stability, the capacity to build helping relationships with others and respect for diversity
• Demonstration of suitability for the profession as evidenced through work or volunteer experience

Required courses

- SOC 202 — Introduction to Methods of Social Research
- SOC 203 — Social Statistics with Computer Applications
- SW 310 — Human Behavior and Social Environment
- SW 311 — Human Behavior and Social Environment
- SW/SOC 315 — Social Welfare Policies
- SW 316 — Fundamentals of Social Work Practice
- SW 318 — Foundations for Multicultural Social Work
- SW 405 — Social Work Practice I
- SW 406 — Social Work Practice II
- SW 430 — Social Work Internship I
- SW 431 — Social Work Seminar I
- SW 432 — Social Work Internship II
- SW 433 — Social Work Seminar II

Minor and Concentrations

Minor in child welfare

A minor in child welfare will prepare students to work in the areas of child abuse and neglect, foster care and adoption, and juvenile delinquency.

Concentration in addiction studies

A concentration in addiction studies will prepare students to work as substance abuse counselors, residential care counselors, specialists in drug or sobriety courts, or to work with clients as a probation, parole or corrections officer.

Concentration in gerontology

A concentration in gerontology will prepare students to work in direct service roles with seniors and their caregivers in hospitals, geriatric health and mental health settings, hospice, home health care and nursing homes.

THE BSW PROGRAM

Prerequisites — must be taken prior to admission to the program:

• SOC 100 — Introduction to Sociology
• BIO 104 — Human Biology or BIO 111 — Biology I
• PSY 100 — Foundations of Contemporary Psychology
• PS 100 — Introduction to American Politics
• SW 210 — Introduction to Social Work

Corequisites — may be taken concurrently with major course work:

• AN 102 — Culture and Human Nature
• Sociology elective — one from the following:
  • SOC 207 — Human Sexuality
  • CRJ 100 — Introduction to Criminal Justice
  • CRJ 300 — Alcohol, Drugs and Society
  • SOC 301 — Social Stratification
  • SOC 305 — Sociology of Religion
  • CRJ 323 — Delinquency and Juvenile Justice System
  • CRJ 324 — Corrective and Rehabilitative Institutions
  • SOC 326 — Family and Community Processes
  • CRJ 327 — Police and Society
  • SOC 331 — Racial and Ethnic Relations
  • SOC 335 — The Family
  • SOC 337 — Interpersonal Relationships
  • SOC 465 — Sociological Perspectives on Aging

Diversity courses — one of the following:

• SOC 331 — Racial and Ethnic Relations
• WGS 200 — Introduction to Women and Gender Studies

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Internship positions

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