

Social Work

In the College of Health and Human Services

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Offered by the School

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.

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 objective of the School of Social Work is to assist students in acquiring the essential knowledge, philosophy, and basic skills required for beginning professional social work practice; namely, to develop a philosophy which recognizes individual human welfare as the purpose and goal of social policy, to develop an awareness and understanding of human behavior, to attain a level of competence in practice methods and skills, to acquire knowledge in methods of research in social work, and to accept responsibility for continued development of competence in their practice after they have completed their academic education.

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 and program evaluation, 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.

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 24 units with a minimum GPA of 2.40 and a grade of C or higher: Social Work 110, 120; Biology 100 or any three units in a human biology course; Economics 101 or three units of any economics course; Psychology 101; Public Health 101; Sociology 101; Psychology 270 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 2.40 or higher.

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 Web site 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)

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 or any three units in a human biology course; Economics 101 or three units of any economics course; Psychology 101; Public Health 101; Sociology 101; Psychology 270 or Sociology 201 or Statistics 250. (24 units)

These prerequisite courses may not be taken Cr/NC. The minimum grade in each class is C or higher.

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 Proficiency Assessment with a score of 10 or above 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.

Major. A minimum of 44 upper division units, in a prescribed course sequence, to include Social Work 350, 360, 361, 370, 381, 382, 483A-483B, 489A (4 units), 489B (4 units), 491, and nine units of upper division electives in social work (3 units may be taken from another department).

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 18 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 (18 units) before they will be allowed to enroll in Social Work 483A and 489A. There is no required order of the 300-level courses so they may be taken in any combination or in either fall or spring semesters.

JUNIOR YEAR (18 units)		SENIOR YEAR (26 units)	
SWORK 350	SWORK 360	SWORK 483A	SWORK 483B
SWORK 370	SWORK 361	SWORK 489A	SWORK 489B
SWORK 382	SWORK 381	SWORK 491	Three Electives

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 and obtain the field application packet from the SDSU Bookstore. Specific date and time 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 2.40 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.

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. Handbooks are on sale at the SDSU Bookstore under Social Work.

Social Work Minor

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, 420, 430, or 496.

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.



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