

SOCIAL WORK

The Bachelor of Arts degree in social work is a professional degree program dedicated to teaching people to help others cope with a variety of personal, family, group and social problems. Social workers are employed in hospitals, nursing homes, schools, neighborhood organizations, armed services, industry, substance abuse and mental health programs and other public and private agencies – just about anywhere there are people.

Wichita State University's Bachelor of Social Work program is fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. It is designed to develop beginning level generalist social workers for practice within Kansas and the region. The program will prepare you for professional practice, graduate social work education and responsible community participation.

The degree requires 45 hours of course work and practicum experiences. Because it is a professional program, you will be required to have 480 clock hours of field practice experience under educational supervision. Placements vary among more than 80 community and state agencies.

Choices are made by you and the field director based on your educational needs, interests and career goals. After graduation, social work practitioners must meet the requirements of licensure established by the State of Kansas in order to practice in the state.

Admission

When you choose to study social work, you'll be admitted to pre-major studies in the Fairmount College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. After you complete your entry-level course work, you will apply for professional standing in the social work program. You will meet with a faculty adviser in the social work department who will help you develop your program of study. Later, you will apply for admission to the supervised field practicum.

If you are still deciding on a major when you begin taking classes at WSU, the Liberal Arts and Sciences Advising Center will help you explore career and major options.

For more information about the social work degree, consult WSU's undergraduate catalog.

Related Opportunities

Social work majors may join the Student Organization of Social Work, a group of students and faculty, which arranges

special workshops, speakers and social events, and engages in various social action projects. SOSW is a member of the WSU Student Government Association.

Some social work students may want to participate in the Cooperative Education and Work-Based Learning program, through which students may receive academic credit for paid work experience related to the social work major.

Students who are eligible may join the national social work honor society, Phi Alpha, or University honor societies such as Omicron Delta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi and Mortar Board.

Related Programs

Students interested in social work may select a second major or minor in a related field, such as sociology, psychology, gerontology, ethnic studies, women's studies, or criminal justice.

For More Information

To find out more about the Bachelor of Social Work program or a career in social work, contact:

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**GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM
REQUIREMENTS**

The General Education Program is an integral component of every degree at Wichita State University. These courses make up about one third of any degree.

The goals of the General Education program are:

- **To study and apply mathematical principles;**
- **To study and apply principles of written and oral communication;**
- **To study and apply basic library research skills including basic assessment of various kinds of sources;**
- **To study the natural sciences, social and behavioral sciences, humanities and fine arts in order to understand how scholars in those fields work;**
- **To study human diversity and its implications for society on a global basis.**

Successful completion of the General Education Program and LAS College requirements provides knowledge and skills leading to life-long learning in an ever-changing global world.

Descriptions of the General Education Program and of the courses that are included in it are available both in the *University Catalog* and in the *Schedule of Courses*. These documents are available both in hard copy form and online at the WSU Web site: www.wichita.edu. Click on "Browse A-Z" and use C for the *Catalog* and S for the *Schedule of Courses* menu option, and then select "General Education."

When you enter the university, you will work with an academic advisor to select general education courses for your major and your degree choice.

For More Information:

To receive more information or to arrange a campus visit, contact:

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Major Requirements	
Introduction to Social Work and Social Welfare	3
Perspectives on Social Welfare	3
Social Welfare Policy Assessment & Practice	3
Techniques & Skills in Generalist Practice	4
Person in Society I	3
Person in Society II	3
Social Work Research	3
Social Diversity & Ethics	3
Generalist Practice with Groups	3
Generalist Practice with Individuals	3
Practicum I	4
Practicum II	4
Generalist Practice with Children & Families	3
<u>Generalist Practice with Organizations & Communities</u>	<u>3</u>
Total	45

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