SOCIAL WELFARE, B.A.

The Sandra Rosenbaum School of Social Work core mission is to enhance human well-being and promote human rights and social and economic justice for people who are disadvantaged to achieve an equitable, healthy, and productive society. At a time when the intersection of increased attention on racial injustice and the COVID-19 pandemic, which is disproportionately impacting people of color, social work seeks to actively confront racism.

Undergraduates in the Sandra Rosenbaum School of Social Work receive a liberal arts education in the social and behavioral sciences and their application to human problems that prepares them to be informed citizens involved in human services or social welfare problems and policies. Students majoring in social welfare leverage their understanding of the historical context of social work and the systems and policies that underlie our society, and learn strategies to address social, racial, economic, and environmental justice and political contexts. Students take courses in a variety of social sciences to enable them to view social welfare in its broad social, economic, and political contexts. The social welfare major offers an overview of current social problems and prepares students for further academic study or for employment in selected human service arenas.

Social work's special contribution rests on an established body of knowledge, values, and skills pertinent to understanding human relationships and the interaction between people as individuals, in families, groups, organizations, and communities. Social work courses offer a theoretical understanding of social problems and an introduction to practice methods used by social workers. The curriculum covers areas such as aging, family and child welfare, poverty, mental health, developmental disabilities, substance use disorders, diversity, race and ethnicity, criminal justice, oppression and social, economic and environmental justice, and at-risk populations.

Graduates of the Social Welfare major go on to work at non-profit organizations, and federal, state, and local governments. Many alums go on to complete graduate degrees in Social Work, Counseling, Sociology, Psychology, Gender and Women's Studies, and Law, among other degrees in the Social Sciences and beyond.

The School's main undergraduate Guide page (https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/social-work/) provides a broader overview of the School and its mission.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Students in social welfare major and BSW program often choose from a variety of certificate programs (https://www.wisc.edu/academics/certificates/) available. Common certificates include: African American Studies, American Indian Studies, Business, Chicano/a and Latino/a Studies, Criminal Justice Certificate, Gender & Women Studies, Global Health, LGBTQ Studies, South Asian Studies and South East Asian Studies, among others.

HOW TO GET IN

Students can declare the social welfare major as early as the freshman year as long as they are enrolled in SOC WORK 205 and/or SOC WORK 206. To declare the major, students should make an appointment (https://socwork.wisc.edu/students/advising/) and meet with one of the social welfare academic advisors at the School of Social Work.

REQUIREMENTS

UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

All undergraduate students at the University of Wisconsin–Madison are required to fulfill a minimum set of common university general education requirements to ensure that every graduate acquires the essential core of an undergraduate education. This core establishes a foundation for living a productive life, being a citizen of the world, appreciating aesthetic values, and engaging in lifelong learning in a continually changing world. Various schools and colleges will have requirements in addition to the requirements listed below. Consult your advisor for assistance, as needed. For additional information, see the university Undergraduate General Education Requirements (http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/#requirementsforundergraduatestudytext) section of the *Guide*.

General Education	• Breadth—Humanities/Literature/Arts: 6 credits • Breadth—Natural Science: 4 to 6 credits, consisting of one 4- or 5-credit course with a laboratory component; or two courses providing a total of 6 credits • Breadth—Social Studies: 3 credits • Communication Part A & Part B * • Ethnic Studies * • Quantitative Reasoning Part A & Part B *

* The mortarboard symbol appears before the title of any course that fulfills one of the Communication Part A or Part B, Ethnic Studies, or Quantitative Reasoning Part A or Part B requirements.

COLLEGE OF LETTERS & SCIENCE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: BACHELOR OF ARTS (B.A.)

Students pursuing a bachelor of arts degree in the College of Letters & Science must complete all of the requirements below. The College of Letters & Science allows this major to be paired with either a bachelor of arts or a bachelor of science curriculum.

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Mathematics	Complete the University General Education Requirements for Quantitative Reasoning A (QR-A) and Quantitative Reasoning B (QR-B) coursework.
Foreign Language	• Complete the fourth unit of a foreign language; OR • Complete the third unit of a foreign language and the second unit of an additional foreign language.

L&S Breadth	• 12 credits of Humanities, which must include 6 credits of literature; and • 12 credits of Social Science; and • 12 credits of Natural Science, which must include one 3+ credit Biological Science course and one 3+ credit Physical Science course.
Liberal Arts and Science Coursework	Complete at least 108 credits.
Depth of Intermediate/ Advanced work	Complete at least 60 credits at the intermediate or advanced level.
Major	Declare and complete at least one major.
Total Credits	Complete at least 120 credits.
UW-Madison Experience	• 30 credits in residence, overall; and • 30 credits in residence after the 86th credit.
Quality of Work	• 2.000 in all coursework at UW–Madison • 2.000 in Intermediate/Advanced level coursework at UW–Madison

NON–L&S STUDENTS PURSUING AN L&S MAJOR

Non–L&S students who have permission from their school/college to pursue an additional major within L&S only need to fulfill the major requirements. They do not need to complete the L&S Degree Requirements above.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR

Complete a minimum of 32 credits, to be attained via the requirements detailed below.

SOCIAL WELFARE POLICY & SERVICES

Code	Title	Credits
Complete both:		
SOC WORK 205	Introduction to the Field of Social Work	4
SOC WORK 206	Introduction to Social Policy	4

SOCIAL SCIENCE CONCENTRATION [1]

Complete two Intermediate or Advanced level courses from **one** of the following social science concentration areas available from ten departments:

Afro-American Studies

Code	Title	Credits
AFROAMER 303	Blacks, Film, and Society	3
AFROAMER/ HISTORY 321	Afro-American History Since 1900	3-4
AFROAMER/ GEN&WS 323	Gender, Race and Class: Women in U.S. History	3
AFROAMER/ GEN&WS 333	Black Feminisms	3
AFROAMER/ HISTORY 347	The Caribbean and its Diasporas	3
AFROAMER/ HISTORY 393	Slavery, Civil War, and Reconstruction, 1848-1877	3-4
AFROAMER/ HIST SCI/ MED HIST 523	Race, American Medicine and Public Health	3
AFROAMER/ ED POL 567	History of African American Education	3
AFROAMER 631	Colloquium in Afro-American History	3
AFROAMER 671	Selected Topics in Afro-American History	3

American Indian Studies

Code	Title	Credits
AMER IND/ ENVIR ST 306	Indigenous Peoples and the Environment	3
AMER IND/ ANTHRO 314	Indians of North America	3
AMER IND/ ENVIR ST/ GEOG 345	Managing Nature in Native North America	3
AMER IND/ GEOG 410	Critical Indigenous Ecological Knowledges	3
AMER IND 450	Issues in American Indian Studies	3
AMER IND/ C&E SOC/SOC 578	Poverty and Place	3

Anthropology

Code	Title	Credits
ANTHRO 300	Cultural Anthropology: Theory and Ethnography	3
ANTHRO/ AMER IND 314	Indians of North America	3
ANTHRO 321	The Emergence of Human Culture	3
ANTHRO/ RELIG ST 343	Anthropology of Religion	3-4
ANTHRO 345	Family, Kin and Community in Anthropological Perspective	3
ANTHRO 348	Economic Anthropology	3-4
ANTHRO 350	Political Anthropology	3-4
ANTHRO/ GEN&WS 443	Anthropology by Women	3
ANTHRO 477	Anthropology, Environment, and Development	3
ANTHRO 545	Psychological Anthropology	3
ANTHRO/ ED POL 570	Anthropology and Education	3

Asian American Studies

Code	Title	Credits
ASIAN AM/SOC 220	Ethnic Movements in the United States	3-4
ASIAN AM 240	Topics in Asian American Studies	3
ASIAN AM 441	Hmong American Social Movements in the 20th and 21st Centuries	3

Chicana/o and Latina/o Studies

Code	Title	Credits
CHICLA/ POLI SCI 231	Politics in Multi-Cultural Societies	3-4
CHICLA 301	Chicana/o and Latina/o History	3
CHICLA/ POLI SCI 302	Mexican-American Politics	3-4
CHICLA 315	Racial Formation and Whiteness	3
CHICLA/ CURRIC 321	Chicano/Latino Educational Justice	3
CHICLA 330	Topics in Chicano/a Studies	3-4
CHICLA/ GEN&WS 332	Latinas: Self Identity and Social Change	3
CHICLA/HISTORY/ LACIS/POLI SCI 355	Labor in the Americas: US & Mexico in Comparative & Historical Perspective	3
CHICLA/LEGAL ST/ SOC 440	Ethnicity, Race, and Justice	3-4
CHICLA/LEGAL ST/ SOC 443	Immigration, Crime, and Enforcement	3-4
CHICLA/SOC 470	Sociodemographic Analysis of Mexican Migration	3
CHICLA 501	Chican@ and Latin@ Social Movements in the U.S.	3
CHICLA/ COUN PSY 525	Dimensions of Latin@ Mental Health Services	3

Economics

Code	Title	Credits
ECON/ FINANCE 300	Introduction to Finance	3
ECON 301	Intermediate Microeconomic Theory	4
ECON 302	Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory	4
ECON/HIST SCI 305	Development of Economic Thought	3-4
ECON/A A E/ REAL EST/ URB R PL 306	The Real Estate Process	3
ECON 311	Intermediate Microeconomic Theory - Advanced Treatment	3
ECON 312	Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory - Advanced Treatment	3
ECON 330	Money and Banking	4
ECON/A A E/ ENVIR ST 343	Environmental Economics	3-4
ECON 355	The Economics of Growing-up and Getting Old	3-4
ECON 370	Economics of Poverty and Inequality	3
ECON 390	Contemporary Economic Issues	3
ECON/REAL EST/ URB R PL 420	Urban and Regional Economics	3
ECON 441	Analytical Public Finance	3-4
ECON/ENVIR ST/ POLI SCI/ URB R PL 449	Government and Natural Resources	3-4
ECON 450	Wages and the Labor Market	3-4
ECON 461	International Macroeconomics	3-4
ECON/A A E/ INTL BUS 462	Latin American Economic Development	3
ECON 464	International Trade	3-4
ECON/ HISTORY 466	The American Economy Since 1865	3-4
ECON 467	International Industrial Organizations	3-4
ECON/A A E 474	Economic Problems of Developing Areas	3
ECON 475	Economics of Growth	3-4
ECON 521	Game Theory and Economic Analysis	3-4
ECON 522	Law and Economics	3-4
ECON/PHILOS 524	Philosophy and Economics	3
ECON/A A E/ F&W ECOL 531	Natural Resource Economics	3
ECON/POP HLTH/ PUB AFFR 548	The Economics of Health Care	3-4
ECON 623	Population Economics	3-4
ECON/SOC 663	Population and Society	3
ECON/A A E/ ENVIR ST/ URB R PL 671	Energy Economics	3

Gender and Women's Studies

Code	Title	Credits
GEN&WS/CHICLA/ GEOG 308	Latinx Feminisms: Women's Lives, Work, and Activism	3
GEN&WS 320	Special Topics in Gender, Women and Society	3
GEN&WS/ AFROAMER 323	Gender, Race and Class: Women in U.S. History	3
GEN&WS 331	Topics in Gender/Class/Race/ Ethnicity (Social Sciences)	3
GEN&WS/ CHICLA 332	Latinas: Self Identity and Social Change	3
GEN&WS/ AFROAMER 333	Black Feminisms	3
GEN&WS 340	Topics in LGBTQ Sexuality	3
GEN&WS 342	Transgender Studies	3-4
GEN&WS 344	Bi/Pan/Asexuality: Community & Representation	3
GEN&WS/ HISTORY 353	Women and Gender in the U.S. to 1870	3-4
GEN&WS/ HISTORY 354	Women and Gender in the U.S. Since 1870	3-4
GEN&WS/ COM ARTS 418	Gender, Sexuality, and the Media	3
GEN&WS 420	Women in Cross-Societal Perspective	3
GEN&WS/ LEGAL ST 422	Women and the Law	3
GEN&WS 423	The Female Body in the World: Gender and Contemporary Body Politics in Cross Cultural Perspective	3

GEN&WS/ LEGAL ST/SOC 425	Crime, Gender and Justice	3
GEN&WS/ POLI SCI 429	Gender and Politics in Comparative Perspective	3-4
GEN&WS 441	Contemporary Feminist Theories	3
GEN&WS/ ANTHRO 443	Anthropology by Women	3
GEN&WS 446	Queer of Color Critique	3
GEN&WS/ POLI SCI 469	Women and Politics	3-4
GEN&WS/ HISTORY 519	Sexuality, Modernity and Social Change	3
GEN&WS/ PSYCH 522	Psychology of Women and Gender	3
GEN&WS 523	Framing Fatness: Gender, Size, Constructing Health	3
GEN&WS 534	Gender, Sexuality, and Reproduction: Public Health Perspectives	3
GEN&WS/ INTL ST 535	Women's Global Health and Human Rights	3
GEN&WS 536	Queering Sexuality Education	3
GEN&WS/ HIST SCI 537	Childbirth in the United States	3
GEN&WS 539	Special Topics in Gender and Health	3
GEN&WS 546	Feminist Theories and Masculinities	3
GEN&WS 547	Theorizing Intersectionality	3
GEN&WS/ ED POL 560	Gender and Education	3
GEN&WS/SOC 611	Gender, Science and Technology	3

Political Science

Code	Title	Credits
POLI SCI 205	Introduction to State Government	3-4
POLI SCI/ LEGAL ST 217	Law, Politics and Society	3-4
POLI SCI/ CHICLA 231	Politics in Multi-Cultural Societies	3-4
POLI SCI 272	Introduction to Public Policy	3-4
POLI SCI/ CHICLA 302	Mexican-American Politics	3-4
POLI SCI 304	The Political Economy of Race in the United States	3-4
POLI SCI 305	Elections and Voting Behavior	3-4
POLI SCI 311	United States Congress	3-4
POLI SCI 314	Criminal Law and Justice	3-4
POLI SCI 330	Political Economy of Development	3
POLI SCI 335	Social Identities	3
POLI SCI 338	The Civil-Military Paradox in U.S. Politics and Society	3
POLI SCI 343	Theories of International Security	3-4
POLI SCI 345	Conflict Resolution	3-4
POLI SCI 347	Terrorism	3
POLI SCI 348	Analysis of International Relations	3-4
POLI SCI 350	International Political Economy	3-4
POLI SCI 354	International Institutions and World Order	3-4
POLI SCI/CHICLA/ HISTORY/LACIS 355	Labor in the Americas: US & Mexico in Comparative & Historical Perspective	3
POLI SCI 356	Principles of International Law	3-4
POLI SCI 359	American Foreign Policy	3-4
POLI SCI 405	State Government and Public Policy	3-4
POLI SCI 408	The American Presidency	3-4
POLI SCI 411	The American Constitution : Powers and Structures of Government	4
POLI SCI 412	The American Constitution: Rights and Civil Liberties	4
POLI SCI 414	The Supreme Court as a Political Institution	3
POLI SCI 416	Community Power and Grass Roots Politics	3
POLI SCI 417	The American Judicial System	3-4
POLI SCI/ PUB AFFR 419	Administrative Law	3-4
POLI SCI/ GEN&WS 429	Gender and Politics in Comparative Perspective	3-4
POLI SCI/ INTL ST 431	Contentious Politics	3-4
POLI SCI/ INTL ST 434	The Politics of Human Rights	3-4
POLI SCI/ INTL ST 439	The Comparative Study of Genocide	3-4
POLI SCI/ECON/ ENVIR ST/ URB R PL 449	Government and Natural Resources	3-4
POLI SCI 461	Interdisciplinary Seminar in Political Economy, Philosophy, & Politics	3
POLI SCI 463	Deception and Politics	4
POLI SCI/ GEN&WS 469	Women and Politics	3-4
POLI SCI 470	The First Amendment	3-4
POLI SCI 511	Campaign Finance	3-4
POLI SCI 515	Public Opinion	3-4
POLI SCI 601	Proseminar: Topics in Political Science	3

Psychology

Code	Title	Credits
PSYCH 311	Issues in Psychology	3-4
PSYCH 401	Psychology, Law, and Social Policy	3
PSYCH 403	Psychology of Personality	3
PSYCH 405	Abnormal Psychology	3-4
PSYCH 413	Language, Mind, and Brain	3
PSYCH 414	Cognitive Psychology	3
PSYCH 428	Introduction to Cultural Psychology	3-4
PSYCH/SOC 453	Human Sexuality	4
PSYCH 456	Social Psychology	3-4
PSYCH 460	Child Development	3-4
PSYCH 464	Adult Development and Aging	3

PSYCH 502	Cognitive Development	4
PSYCH 503	Social Development	4
PSYCH 508	Psychology of Human Emotions: From Biology to Culture	4
PSYCH 510	Critical Issues in Child Psychopathology	4
PSYCH 513	Hormones, Brain, and Behavior	4
PSYCH 521	The Structure of Human Thought: Concepts, Language and Culture	4
PSYCH/ GEN&WS 522	Psychology of Women and Gender	3
PSYCH 525	Cognition in Health and Society	4
PSYCH 526	The Criminal Mind: Forensic and Psychobiological Perspectives	4
PSYCH 532	Psychological Effects of the Internet	4
PSYCH 607	Introduction to Psychotherapy	3

Sociology

Code	Title	Credits
SOC 181	Honors Introductory Seminar-The Sociological Enterprise	3-4
SOC/C&E SOC 210	Survey of Sociology	3-4
SOC/C&E SOC 211	The Sociological Enterprise	3
SOC/ASIAN AM 220	Ethnic Movements in the United States	3-4
SOC/A A E/ C&E SOC 340	Issues in Food Systems	3-4
SOC/C&E SOC 341	Labor in Global Food Systems	3
SOC/C&E SOC 343	Sociology of Health and Medicine	3
SOC 421	Processes of Deviant Behavior	3-4
SOC/ SOC WORK 422	Social Issues in Aging	3
SOC/ILS/ JEWISH 423	Modern Jewish Thought	3
SOC/GEN&WS/ LEGAL ST 425	Crime, Gender and Justice	3
SOC/CHICLA/ LEGAL ST 440	Ethnicity, Race, and Justice	3-4
SOC 441	Criminology	3-4
SOC/CHICLA/ LEGAL ST 443	Immigration, Crime, and Enforcement	3-4
SOC 444	Social Psychology: A Sociological Perspective	3-4
SOC 446	Juvenile Delinquency	3-4
SOC/PSYCH 453	Human Sexuality	4
SOC/CHICLA 470	Sociodemographic Analysis of Mexican Migration	3
SOC/C&E SOC 475	Classical Sociological Theory	3
SOC 476	Contemporary Sociological Theory	3
SOC/C&E SOC 532	Health Care Issues for Individuals, Families and Society	3
SOC/C&E SOC 533	Public Health in Rural & Urban Communities	3
SOC 535	Talk and Social Interaction	3
SOC/C&E SOC/ ENVIR ST 540	Sociology of International Development, Environment, and Sustainability	3
SOC/C&E SOC 541	Environmental Stewardship and Social Justice	3
SOC 543	Collective Behavior	3
SOC/C&E SOC 573	Community Organization and Change	3
SOC 575	Sociological Perspectives on the Life Course and Aging	3
SOC/AMER IND/ C&E SOC 578	Poverty and Place	3
SOC/GEN&WS 611	Gender, Science and Technology	3
SOC/C&E SOC/ URB R PL 617	Community Development	3
SOC 621	Class, State and Ideology: an Introduction to Marxist Social Science	3
SOC 624	Political Sociology	3
SOC 626	Social Movements	3
SOC/C&E SOC 630	Sociology of Developing Societies/ Third World	3
SOC 632	Sociology of Organizations	3-4
SOC 633	Social Stratification	3
SOC 640	Sociology of the Family	3
SOC/LAW/ LEGAL ST 641	Sociology of Law	3-4
SOC/C&E SOC/ URB R PL 645	Modern American Communities	3
SOC/ED POL 648	Sociology of Education	3
SOC/C&E SOC 650	Sociology of Agriculture	3
SOC/C&E SOC 652	Sociology of Economic Institutions	3
SOC/ECON 663	Population and Society	3
SOC/HISTORY 670	Capitalism, Socialism, and Democracy in America Since 1890	3-4
SOC/C&E SOC 676	Applied Demography: Planning and Policy	3

HUMAN BEHAVIOR & THE SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT

Code	Title	Credits
Complete both:		
SOC WORK 457	Human Behavior and the Environment	3
SOC WORK 640	Diversity, Oppression and Social Justice in Social Work	3

STATISTICS & RESEARCH

Code	Title	Credits
Statistics		
Complete one course from:		*3-4*
STAT 301	Introduction to Statistical Methods (recommended)	
or STAT 371	Introductory Applied Statistics for the Life Sciences	

or PSYCH 210	Basic Statistics for Psychology	
or SOC/ C&E SOC 360	Statistics for Sociologists I	
Research		
Complete one course from:		*3-4*
SOC WORK 650	Methods of Social Work Research	
or PSYCH 225	Research Methods	
or SOC/ C&E SOC 357	Methods of Sociological Inquiry	
Total Credits		**6-8**

ELECTIVES IN SOCIAL WELFARE

Complete **two** Intermediate or Advanced level SOC WORK courses and **at least 6 total credits** of Social Work electives. Not all courses in the list below are offered in each semester or year.

List of elective Soc Work courses

Code	Title	Credits
SOC WORK 299	Directed Study	1-3
SOC WORK 375	Contemporary Issues in Social Welfare	2-3
SOC WORK 420	Poverty and Social Welfare	3
SOC WORK/ SOC 422	Social Issues in Aging	3
SOC WORK 453	Substance Use Disorders	3
SOC WORK 454	Small Groups in Social Work Practice	3
SOC WORK 462	Child Welfare	3
SOC WORK 523	Family Violence	3
SOC WORK 575	Community Development in Social Welfare	3
SOC WORK 578	Homelessness: A Service Learning Course	4
SOC WORK 624	Social Work with the Small Group	3
SOC WORK 626	Social Work with the Community	3
SOC WORK 627	Sex Trafficking and Sex Trading	2
SOC WORK/ AMER IND 636	Social Work in American Indian Communities: The Indian Child Welfare Act	3
SOC WORK 639	Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender (GLBT) Individuals and Social Welfare	3
SOC WORK 642	Social Work and Adolescents	3
SOC WORK 643	Social Work and Delinquency	3
SOC WORK 644	Issues in Developmental Disabilities	3
SOC WORK 646	Child Abuse and Neglect	2
SOC WORK 656	Family Practice in Foster and Kinship Care	3
SOC WORK 659	International Aspects of Social Work	3
SOC WORK 661	Topics in Contemporary Social Welfare	2-3
SOC WORK 662	Topics in Contemporary Social Welfare	2-3
SOC WORK 663	Topics in Contemporary Social Welfare	2-3
SOC WORK 664	Topics in Contemporary Social Welfare	3
SOC WORK 665	Topics in Contemporary Social Welfare	2-3
SOC WORK 672	Topics in Contemporary Social Welfare	2-3
SOC WORK 673	Topics in Contemporary Social Welfare	2-3
SOC WORK 674	Topics in Contemporary Social Welfare	2-3
SOC WORK 675	Topics in Contemporary Social Welfare	2-3
SOC WORK 676	Topics in Contemporary Social Welfare	2-3
SOC WORK 679	Topics in Contemporary Social Welfare	2-3
SOC WORK 691	Senior Thesis [2]	2
SOC WORK 692	Senior Thesis [2]	2
SOC WORK 699	Directed Study [2,3]	1-3

RESIDENCE AND QUALITY OF WORK

- 2.000 GPA in all SOC WORK and all major courses
- 2.000 GPA on 15 upper-level major credits taken in residence[4]
- 15 credits in SOC WORK, taken on the UW–Madison campus

FOOTNOTES

1

Social Science Concentration courses listed are a selected list of eligible courses. Consult with a Social Work advisor for other exceptions or additions to the list.

2

Students with an interest in a particular area of study may develop a plan of independent work with the assistance of an interested Social Work faculty member. They may obtain information about instructors and their areas of interest from the School of Social Work website. Consent of instructor is required for the noted course offerings in independent work.

3

No more than 3 credits of SOC WORK 699 may be used to meet this requirement.

4

PSYCH 225, SOC/C&E SOC 357, STAT 301, STAT 371, PSYCH 210, and SOC/C&E SOC 360, and all SOC WORK courses designated as Intermediate or Advanced level count as upper-level in the major.

UNIVERSITY DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Total Degree — To receive a bachelor's degree from UW–Madison, students must earn a minimum of 120 degree credits. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 degree credits. Students should consult with their college or department advisor for information on specific credit requirements.

Residency	Degree candidates are required to earn a minimum of 30 credits in residence at UW–Madison. "In residence" means on the UW–Madison campus with an undergraduate degree classification. "In residence" credit also includes UW–Madison courses offered in distance or online formats and credits earned in UW–Madison Study Abroad/Study Away programs.
Quality of Work	Undergraduate students must maintain the minimum grade point average specified by the school, college, or academic program to remain in good academic standing. Students whose academic performance drops below these minimum thresholds will be placed on academic probation.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Identify foundational aspects of the US social welfare system and the history of the social work profession.
2. Recognize human differences and how social welfare systems interact with these differences to shape opportunities and outcomes for individuals, groups, and communities.
3. Demonstrate an ability to critically evaluate research with respect to its relevance, quality, and utility for addressing social welfare issues.
4. Synthesize and communicate knowledge relevant to social welfare issues.
5. Practice self-awareness of one's values, beliefs, and biases regarding the causes and consequences of social welfare issues.
6. Connect awareness of self, systems and social welfare knowledge to promote human dignity and justice.

FOUR-YEAR PLAN

SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN

This Sample Four-Year Plan is a tool to assist students and their advisor(s). Students should use it—along with their DARS report, the Degree Planner, and Course Search & Enroll tools—to make their own four-year plan based on their placement scores, credit for transferred courses and approved examinations, and individual interests. As students become involved in athletics, honors, research, student organizations, study abroad, volunteer experiences, and/or work, they might adjust the order of their courses to accommodate these experiences. Students will likely revise their own four-year plan several times during college.

Social Welfare majors are encouraged to gain social service experience through volunteer work. See the Social Work advisors or contact the Morgridge Center for Public Service (http://www.morgridge.wisc.edu/), 263-2432, for information on volunteering.

Students wishing to apply to the Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) program must do so in spring of Junior year.

Freshman

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
Communication A	3	Communication B	3
Quantitative Reasoning A	3-4	Elective	3
SOC WORK 100[1]	3	Natural Science Breadth (or Physical Science if BS)	3
Foreign Language (if needed)	4	Foreign Language (if needed)	4
Elective	3	Elective (Intermediate/Advanced-level)	3
	16		**16**

Sophomore

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
SOC WORK 205 (can be taken Freshman or Sophomore year)	4	SOC WORK 206 (can be taken Freshman or Sophomore year)	4
Foreign Language (if needed)	4	Foreign Language (if needed; or Intermediate/Advanced level Comp Sci, Math, Stats if BS)	3-4
Biological Sciences Breadth	3	Physical Science Breadth	3-4
Humanities Breadth	3-4	Literature Breadth	3-4
	14		**14**

Junior

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
SOC WORK 640	3	SOC WORK 457	3
STAT 301, 371, PSYCH 210, or SOC 360 (Take STAT 301 or STAT 371 if BS)	3-4	SOC WORK 650, PSYCH 225, or SOC 357[3]	3
Social Science Concentration course[2]	3-4	Literature Breadth	3
Humanities Breadth	3	SOC WORK elective (Intermediate/Advanced level)	2-4
Electives (I/A-level)	3	Social Science Concentration course[2]	3-4
	15		**15**

Senior

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
SOC WORK elective (Intermediate/Advanced level)	2-4	SOC WORK elective (Intermediate/Advanced level)	2-4
Natural Science Breadth (or Biological Science if BS)	3	Electives (Intermediate/Advanced level)	3-4
Electives (Intermediate/Advanced level)	3-4	Electives (Intermediate/Advanced level)	3-4
Electives (Intermediate/Advanced level)	3-4	Electives (Intermediate/Advanced level)	3-4
Electives (Intermediate/Advanced level)	3-4	Electives (Intermediate/Advanced level)	3-4
	15		**15**

Total Credits 120

[1]

Note: SOC WORK 100 is a pre-major elective course that can be taken in the first year, if offered; it is not required for the major.

2

Take two Intermediate or Advanced level courses from one of the following social science departments: Afro-American Studies, American Indian Studies, Anthropology, Asian American Studies, Chicana/o and Latina/o Studies, Economics, Gender and Women's Studies, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology.

3

SOC WORK 650 is often available in the summer. Check with an Advisor for course availability and how summer courses might fit into your schedule.

ADVISING AND CAREERS

ADVISING

Students interested in either the social welfare major or bachelor of social work meet with the social work advisors to discuss degree requirements; exploring career paths; declare the major; and confer on student issues and concerns. Advisors are an excellent resource for information about campus and community services. Students should see an advisor at least once each semester to review academic progress. Advising appointments are made through the school's website (https://socwork.wisc.edu/students/advising/#advising-appointments). Social work faculty members are available for advice about coursework, research, and the social work profession in general.

L&S CAREER RESOURCES

Every L&S major opens a world of possibilities. SuccessWorks (https://successworks.wisc.edu/) at the College of Letters & Science helps students turn the academic skills learned in their major, certificates, and other coursework into fulfilling lives after graduation, whether that means jobs, public service, graduate school or other career pursuits.

In addition to providing basic support like resume reviews and interview practice, SuccessWorks offers ways to explore interests and build career skills from their very first semester/term at UW all the way through graduation and beyond.

Students can explore careers in one-on-one advising, try out different career paths, complete internships, prepare for the job search and/or graduate school applications, and connect with supportive alumni and even employers in the fields that inspire them.

- SuccessWorks (https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/)
- Set up a career advising appointment (https://successworks.wisc.edu/make-an-appointment/)
- Enroll in a Career Course (https://successworks.wisc.edu/career-courses/) - a great idea for first- and second-year students:
  - INTER-LS 210 L&S Career Development: Taking Initiative (1 credit)
  - INTER-LS 215 Communicating About Careers (3 credits, fulfills Comm B General Education Requirement)
- Learn about internships and internship funding (https://successworks.wisc.edu/finding-a-job-or-internship/)
  - INTER-LS 260 Internship in the Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Activate your Handshake account (https://successworks.wisc.edu/handshake/) to apply for jobs and internships from 200,000+ employers recruiting UW-Madison students
- Learn about the impact SuccessWorks has on students' lives (https://successworks.wisc.edu/about/mission/)

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A complete list of all faculty and staff in the school is available on the School of Social Work Directory (https://socwork.wisc.edu/directory/).