SOCIAL WORK, BSW

HOW TO GET IN

Students enter the Bachelor of Social Work program by first declaring
the Social Welfare major (https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/letters-
science/social-work/social-welfare-ba/#howtogetintext). Later, if a
student applies to and is accepted into the Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)
program, their degree program is changed to BSW. In the spring of the
junior year, students apply for admission to the BSW program for their
senior year.

Students in the BSW program must be in the College of Letters &
Sciences. Applicants may be enrolled in another School or College, but
must transfer to Letters & Sciences if they are accepted into the BSW
program and choose to pursue the degree.

DECLARING THE SOCIAL
WELFARE MAJOR

See the Social Welfare How to Get In (https://guide.wisc.edu/
undergraduate/letters-science/social-work/social-welfare-ba/
#howtogetintext) page for information about declaring the Social Welfare
major. This must be done prior to applying to the BSW Program.

ADMISSION TO THE BSW
PROGRAM

In the spring of the junior year, students who meet the following eligibility
criteria apply for admission to the Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)
program:

• SOC WORK 205 and SOC WORK 206 completed;
• Declared in the Social Welfare major;
• Statistics completed (or concurrent enrollment)\(^1\);
• Second-semester junior status (minimum of 71 credits completed);
and
• Minimum of 2.500 cumulative GPA from all colleges attended\(^2\).

Admission to the Bachelor of Social Work program is based on assessment
of the applicant’s background, preparation and experience for practice
in the field of social work. Approximately 45 students are admitted
to the BSW program each year. Applicants must refer to the School
of Social Work BSW Application website (https://socwork.wisc.edu/
admissions/bsw-application/) to apply, for deadline information, and
further application instructions.

NOTES

\(^1\) Refer to the Statistics and Research list in the Requirements tab for
eligible statistics courses.

\(^2\) Only grades from all post-secondary institutions that have transferred
credits to UW-Madison are reviewed. The credits earned at UW-Madison
and those transferred to UW-Madison will be computed into the minimum
2.500 GPA required for admission using the GPA calculation method
found on the back of each institution’s transcript. See admissions
instructions (https://socwork.wisc.edu/admissions/bsw-application/) for
more details about including transcripts.