

SOCIAL WORK, BSW

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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 late fall/early spring of the junior year (see Deadlines (<https://socwork.wisc.edu/admissions/deadlines/>)) for application deadline), students apply for admission to the BSW program for their senior year.

Students in the BSW program must be in the College of Letters & Science. 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

Students who meet the following eligibility criteria as of spring of their junior year may apply for admission to the Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) program by the application deadline (<https://socwork.wisc.edu/admissions/deadlines/>):

- 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 attended².

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.