

SOCIAL WORK (BS)

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Program Description

The Bachelor of Science degree in social work provides students with the knowledge and training to be a generalist practice professional, while learning a diverse set of skills that are centered around making human connections, problem-solving, leadership, advocacy, human rights, interprofessional collaboration, and social and economic justice. As part of their academic journey, students gain the tools to enable them to work with diverse individuals and communities in a variety of human service agencies and organizations—from public service agencies to private companies.

While a part of the social work program, students develop the ability to work across cultural barriers from a local, national, and global perspective. They combine electives and required course work with a field internship that gives them supervision, work experience, leadership, and training in the internationally recognized field of social work.

The undergraduate program at NYU Silver is broad enough to prepare students for many different professions. Because of the extensive professional training students receive as an undergraduate, they may be able to earn a master's degree with only one additional year of study. If, on the other hand, they want to go to work immediately upon graduation, they will be well prepared to make an impact in the world.

The School's program is fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

Admissions

New York University's Office of Undergraduate Admissions supports the application process for all undergraduate programs at NYU. For additional information about undergraduate admissions, including application requirements, see How to Apply (<https://www.nyu.edu/admissions/undergraduate-admissions/how-to-apply.html>).

Program Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
Liberal Arts Core and Distribution		
<i>Liberal Arts Core</i> ^{1,2}		
EXPOS-UA 1	Writing as Inquiry	4
EXPOS-UA 17 or ACE-UE 110	Writing in Community Advanced Writing and Research	4
PSYCH-UA 1 or APSY-UE 2 or PSYC1-UC 6801	Intro to Psychology Introduction to Psychology and Its Principles Intro to Psychology	4
SOC-UA 1	Intro to Sociology (or equivalent))	4
UNDSW-US 113	Human Biology for Social Work	4
<i>Liberal Arts Distribution</i>		
Select three Humanities courses, by advisement		12
Select four Social Science courses, by advisement		16
Select four Unrestricted Elective courses, by advisement		16
Major Requirements		
UNDSW-US 116	First Year Impact Seminar I	0

UNDSW-US 118	First Year Impact Seminar II	0
UNDSW-US 120	Transfer Student Impact Seminar I	0
UNDSW-US 1	Society and Social Welfare	4
UNDSW-US 2	Skills in Interpersonal Communication	4
UNDSW-US 11	Social Welfare Agencies and Organizations	4
UNDSW-US 12	Social Work Research	4
UNDSW-US 13	Social Welfare Programs & Policies	4
UNDSW-US 21	Human Behavior in The Social Environment I	4
UNDSW-US 22	Human Behavior in The Social Environment II	4
UNDSW-US 31	Social Work Practice I	4
UNDSW-US 32	Social Work Practice II	4
UNDSW-US 39	Social Work and Agency Experience Lab	5
UNDSW-US 41	Practicum Instruction I	6
UNDSW-US 42	Practicum Instruction II	6
UNDSW-US 55	Diversity, Racism, Oppression and Privilege	4

Electives

Other Elective Credits	8
Total Credits	129

¹ HEOP Students will take specific writing courses.

² International Students will take a placement exam with the Expository Writing Program to determine the appropriate writing courses.

Sample Plan of Study

Course	Title	Credits
1st Semester/Term		
UNDSW-US 116 or UNDSW-US 120	First Year Impact Seminar I or Transfer Student Impact Seminar I	0
UNDSW-US 1	Society and Social Welfare	4
EXPOS-UA 1	Writing as Inquiry	4
PSYCH-UA 1	Intro to Psychology	4
Unrestricted Elective		4
Credits		16
2nd Semester/Term		
UNDSW-US 118 or UNDSW-US 120	First Year Impact Seminar II or Transfer Student Impact Seminar I	0
UNDSW-US 2	Skills in Interpersonal Communication	4
EXPOS-UA 17 or ACE-UE 110	Writing in Community or Advanced Writing and Research	4
SOC-UA 1	Intro to Sociology	4
Unrestricted Elective		4
Credits		16
3rd Semester/Term		
UNDSW-US 113	Human Biology for Social Work	4
Social Science Elective		4
Social Science Elective		4
Humanities Elective		4
Credits		16
4th Semester/Term		
Humanities Elective		4
Humanities Elective		4
Social Science Elective		4
Social Science Elective		4
Credits		16
5th Semester/Term		
UNDSW-US 21	Human Behavior in The Social Environment I	4
UNDSW-US 55	Diversity, Racism, Oppression and Privilege	4
UNDSW-US 12	Social Work Research	4

Unrestricted Elective		4
Credits		16
6th Semester/Term		
UNDSW-US 11	Social Welfare Agencies and Organizations	4
UNDSW-US 22	Human Behavior in The Social Environment II	4
UNDSW-US 39	Social Work and Agency Experience Lab	5
Unrestricted Elective		4
Credits		17
7th Semester/Term		
UNDSW-US 31	Social Work Practice I	4
UNDSW-US 41	Practicum Instruction I	6
UNDSW-US 13	Social Welfare Programs & Policies	4
Social Work Elective		4
Credits		18
8th Semester/Term		
UNDSW-US 32	Social Work Practice II	4
UNDSW-US 42	Practicum Instruction II	6
Social Work Elective		4
Credits		14
Total Credits		129

Learning Outcomes

The mission of the Bachelor of Science Program is dedicated to developing professional social workers who demonstrate the values and ethics consistent with social work aims, knowledge, and skills needed for generalist practice to effectively address the social problems of today's world. The BS program is grounded in the liberal arts and emphasizes human relationships, social justice, advocacy, and cultural humility rooted in scientific inquiry and the promotion of human rights.

The educational goals for the BS Program flow directly from its mission. The program's primary goal is to educate students in generalist social work, through a liberal arts education, emphasizing social justice and human rights. The overarching goals of the Undergraduate (BS) Program are to:

1. Foster student acquisition of the knowledge required for generalist social work practice with individuals, families, groups, complex organizations, and communities.
2. Facilitate student development of the skills required for competent generalist social work practice.
3. Promote student understanding and application of the profession's values, ethical standards, and principles.
4. Prepare students to advocate for marginalized communities and the realization of a just society.
5. Prepare students for entry into the professional workforce and/or admission to an MSW program.
6. Prepare students to contribute as generalist social workers to an increasingly diverse and global world.

Policies

NYU Policies

University-wide policies can be found on the New York University Policy pages (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/nyu/policies/>).

Undergraduate Silver Policies

A full list of relevant academic policies can be found on the Silver Academic Policies page (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/undergraduate/social-work/academic-policies/>).