Admission Requirements: Students may declare a major in the School of Social Work upon admission to the University or with permission of the School.

NOTE: The School of Social Work reserves the right to maintain a balanced enrollment. This may restrict the numbers of freshmen, transfer students, and internal transfers who wish to be Social Work majors.

- Most Social Work courses are restricted to Social Work majors with the exception of SWK electives.
- The School does not offer a minor in Social Work.
- Only Social Work students may take required courses.

Academic credit for life experience and/or previous work experience is not given, in whole or in part, in lieu of any Social Work course. All Social Work majors must also be formally admitted to the program. The admission process is a prerequisite for taking any 300-level Social Work course. In order to be formally admitted, students are required to make formal application before their enrollment in SWK 223. To be accepted, students must have satisfied the following requirements:

1. At least 30 hours of credit with a minimum 2.50 overall GPA
2. Grade of C or better in all courses required for the major
3. Successful completion of at least 25 pre-approved hours of volunteer or paid work experience in an appropriate social service agency within the past 2 years.
4. 15 hours required in an introductory social work course and liberal arts courses: SWK 170; ECO 103; PSY 110, 350; SOC 106.
5. 12 hours required in General Education courses which include: ANT 185; BSC 101 or BSC 145 or BSC 170; POL 101 or 106; a category QR course chosen from ECO 138 or PSY 138 or POL 138 or MAT 150 or MQM 100.
6. All General Education courses must be completed prior to admission to the BSW program. Exceptions may be made for students who demonstrate potential for academic success in Social Work.

Exceptions are granted upon the recommendations of the Social Work Admission Committee and the Director or designee of the Social Work program.

Retention Requirements: The School reserves the right to enforce professional standards of practice as specified in Section 6369 of the Clinical Social Work and Practice Act. These standards may be taken into consideration in decisions related to program retention. Additionally, students must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.50 and a grade of C or better in all major required courses and completion of all general education requirements to proceed into SWK 394 and 398A10.

Honors in Social Work
The School of Social Work offers honors work for superior students majoring in Social Work. In order to qualify, the student must be a member of the University Honors Program, have completed a minimum of 12 hours for honors credit, and achieve a cumulative University GPA of 3.30 or better, and have a GPA of 3.50 or better in Social Work. Students pursuing this option should contact the School’s Director of Student Services. Further details about the University Honors program are available at: Honors.IllinoisState.edu.

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- 54 hours required in Social Work core courses:
  - Additionally, students pursuing a Bachelor of Social Work degree must choose from one of the following options:
    - One additional three hour course in the natural sciences, mathematics, statistics, or technology beyond those required for General Education.
  - Successful completion of LAN 115 or the equivalent

Fall Semester - First Year
SWK 222 - Contemporary Social Welfare Policy
SWK 223 - Human Behavior I
SWK 310 - Understanding Diverse Populations
SWK 325 - Generalist Practice: Individuals
SWK 326 - Practice Skills

Spring Semester - First Year
SWK 225 - Human Behavior II
SWK 315 - Social Work Research
SWK 329 - Preparation for Professional Practice
SWK 336 - Generalist Practice II: Families
SWK 337 - Generalist Practice III: Groups

Fall Semester - Second Year
SWK 345 - Generalist Practice IV: Communities
SWK 394 - Field Instruction Seminar I
SWK 398A10 - Field Instruction I

Spring Semester - Second Year
SWK 346 - Policy Practice and Advocacy
SWK 395 - Field Instruction Seminar II
SWK 398A11 - Field Instruction II
Approved elective course

- Suggested electives: CJS 101, 102; COM 223; ECO 103; FCS 224; IDS 111; IT 140; PHI 238; POL 105, 215; PSY 123, 213, 233, 301, 302, 333, 347; SOC 106, 108, 111, 112, 123, 240, 260, 262, 342, 366; TCH 312; SWK 323, 324, 330; WGS 120; or other relevant courses selected in consultation with the school’s Director of Student Services.

The Baccalaureate Degree in Social Work is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. The principal educational goal is to prepare students for beginning generalist social work practice.

Special Concentration and Certificates:

Concentration in Women’s and Gender Studies: This 12-hour concentration has been designed for social work majors who wish to integrate a working knowledge of gender issues and their intersections with the undergraduate BSW degree. SWK 329 pre-practicum must be with an organization focusing on gender issues.

Child Welfare Concentration: This concentration has been designed for students who wish to enhance the social work major by integrating a working knowledge of child welfare practice with the undergraduate social work degree.

Gerontology Certificate and Minor: This special program has been designed for students who wish to enhance the social work major by integrating a working knowledge of gerontological issues with the undergraduate social work degree.

Students interested in any of the above programs should contact the Director of Student Services in the School of Social Work.

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General Education (39 credit hours)
Refer to the General Education section of the Undergraduate Catalog for a complete list of General Education requirements and courses.

Communication and Composition (2 courses required)
   3 COM 110 Communication as Critical Inquiry
   3 ENG 101 or ENG 101A10 Composition as Critical Inquiry

Mathematics (1 course required)

Natural Science/Natural Science Alternatives (2 courses required)
Students must complete 1 course from 2 different sciences. Please see major requirements for natural science options.

United States Traditions (1 course required)

Individuals & Civic Life (1 course required)
   3 Introduction to Sociology

Fine Arts (1 course/3 credit hours required)***

Humanities (1 course required)***

Language in the Humanities (1 course required)***

Quantitative Reasoning (1 course required)
Please see major requirements for science, math, & technology options

Science, Math, & Technology (1 course required)
Please see major requirements for science, math, & technology options

Social Sciences (1 course required)***
   3 PSY 110 Fundamentals of Psychology

Additional Graduation Requirements
   /120 minimum total credit hours
   /42 minimum senior college hours
   College of Arts & Sciences language requirement

AMALI requirement
***Certain courses in General Education fulfill the AMALI requirement
See the AMALI Requirement section of the catalog or the Course Finder website for a list of courses.
   3 ANT 185 Cultures of the World

B.S.W. Science, Math, & Technology course or LAN 115 (1 course required)
See the B.S.—SMT Requirement section of the catalog or the Course Finder website for a list of courses.

Major (min. 81 credit hours)

   3 SWK 170 Introduction to Social Work
   3 SWK 222 Historical & Contemporary Social Welfare Policy & Programs (P: conc. reg. in SWK 223, 310, 325, and 362)
   3 SWK 223 Human Behavior in the Social Environment I (P: conc. reg. in SWK 222, 310, 325, and 362)
   3 SWK 225 Human Behavior in the Social Environment II (P: conc. reg. in SWK 315, 329, 336, and 337)
   3 SWK 310 Understanding Diverse Populations (P: conc. reg. in SWK 222, 223, 310, 325, and 362)
   3 SWK 315 Social Work Research (P: SWK 222, 223, 310, 325, and 362; conc. reg. in SWK 225, 329, 339, and 337)
   3 SWK 325 Generalist Practice I: Individuals (P: conc. reg. in SWK 222, 223, 310, and 326)
   3 SWK 326 Practice Skills (P: conc. reg. in SWK 222, 223, 310, 325)
   3 SWK 329 Preparation for Professional Practice (P: SWK 222, 223, 310, 325, and 362; conc. reg. in SWK 225, 315, 336, and 337)
   3 SWK 336 Generalist Practice II: Families (P: SWK 222, 223, 310, 325, and 362; conc. reg. in SWK 225, 315, 329, and 337)
   3 SWK 337 Generalist Practice III: Groups (P: SWK 222, 223, 310, 325, and 362; conc. reg. in SWK 225, 315, 329, and 337)
   3 SWK 345 Generalist Practice IV: Communities (P: SWK 225, 315, 329, 336, and 337; conc. reg. in SWK 394 and 398A10)
   3 SWK 346 Policy Practice & Advocacy (P: SWK 345, 394, and 398A10; conc. reg. in SWK 395 and 398A11)
   2 SWK 394 Field Instruction Seminar I (P: SWK 225, 315, 329, 336, and 337; conc. reg. in SWK 345 and 398A10)
   2 SWK 395 Field Instruction Seminar II (P: SWK 315, 337, 394, and 398A10; conc. reg. in SWK 398A11)
   7 SWK 398A10 Professional Practice: Field Instruction I (P: SWK 225, 315, 329, 336, and 337; conc. reg. in SWK 345 and 394)
   7 SWK 398A11 Professional Practice: Field Instruction II (P: SWK 345, 394, and 398A10; conc. reg. in SWK 346 and 395)
   3 ANT 185 Cultures of the World: An Introduction to Cultural & Linguistic Anthropology (P: COM 110 or ENG 101 or conc. reg.)
   3 ECO 103 Individual & Social Choice (P: COM 110 or ENG 101 or conc. reg.)
   3 PSY 110 Fundamentals of Psychology
   3 PSY 350 Psychopathology
   3 SOC 106 Introduction to Sociology

Take one of the following courses:
   3 BSC 101 Fundamental Concepts in Biology
   3 BSC 145 Human Biology (P: COM 110 and ENG 101; MAT 113, 120, 130, or 145)
   3 BSC 170 Genetics & Society (P: COM 110 and ENG 101; MAT 113, 120, 130, or 145)

Take one of the following courses:
   3 POL 101 Citizens & Governance
   3 POL 106 U.S. Government & Civic Practices

Take one of the following courses:
   3 ECO 138 Economic Reasoning Using Statistics (P: MAT 120, 130, or 145)
   4 MAT 150 Fundamentals of Statistical Reasoning (P: C or better in MAT 113, 120, 130, or 145)
   3 MCM 100 Statistical Reasoning (P: MAT 120, 121, 144, or 145)
   3 POL 138 Quantitative Reasoning in Political Science (P: MAT 113, 120, 130, or 145)
   3 PSY 138 Reasoning in Psychology Using Statistics (P: C or better in MAT 120, 121, 144, or 145)

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Transfer Students

Illinois Articulation Initiative (min. 37 credit hours)
To be eligible for IAI, at least one transfer course must have been articulated to an IAI core requirement. Refer to the Undergraduate Catalog for a complete list of IAI courses and policies.

Communication and Composition (3 courses required)
A grade of C or better required in ENG 101 and 145 or equivalents
   3 C2 900 COM 110 Communication as Critical Inquiry
   3 C1 900 ENG 101 or ENG 101A10 Composition as Critical Inquiry
   3 C1 901 ENG 145 Writing in the Academic Disciplines

Mathematics (1 course required)
Please see major requirements for mathematics options
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Physical & Life Sciences (2 courses/7-8 hours required)
Students must complete 1 life science and 1 physical science course; at least 1 course must have a lab.
   3 L1 900L BSC 101 Fundamental Concepts in Biology OR
   3 L1 904 BSC 145 Human Biology OR
   3 L1 906 BSC 170 Genetics and Society
   __ __ (physical science) ________________________________

Humanities & Fine Arts (3 courses required)
At least 1 humanities and 1 fine arts course required
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Social & Behavioral Sciences (3 courses required)
Two different disciplines must be represented
   3 S6 900 PSY 110 Fundamentals of Psychology
   3 S7 900 SOC 106 Introduction to Sociology
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Additional Graduation Requirements
   __/120 minimum total credit hours
   __/42 minimum senior college hours
   __ College of Arts & Sciences language requirement

AMALI requirement
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   3 SWK 345 Generalist Practice IV: Communities (P: SWK 225, 315, 329, 336, and 337; conc. reg. in SWK 394 and 398A10)
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