

SOCIAL WORK

Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Social Work

Masters Degree in Social Work (MSW)

Stipend Program

California Social Work Education Center—Title IV-E Federal Funding Program provides students with financial support for students specializing in child welfare.

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BACHELOR OF ARTS PROGRAM

The BA program at Humboldt is a professional preparation program rooted in the liberal arts. Students receive the knowledge, values, and skill to work with people from diverse cultural, ethnic, and personal backgrounds. The program is fully accredited with the Council on Social Work Education.

The goals of the BA program are to:

- prepare students for beginning generalist social work practice.
- promote continued learning and critical thinking, which builds on the broad knowledge base provided by the liberal arts perspective.

Social work students have opportunities to work with local agencies through a highly individualized field experience program. Many students find this helpful in building skills and obtaining jobs following graduation. Emphasis is on utilizing community resources and providing service intervention in small town and rural areas.

Potential careers: services to children, families, and the elderly; rehabilitation; health care; community practice; youth work; corrections; employment services; substance abuse, mental health, and residential treatment.

Admission to the BA Program

Lower division GE courses required for the major can be taken at a community college. Program faculty can advise students on courses preparing them for their transfer to Humboldt's Social Work Program. For information and/or appointments, call (707) 826-4448.

To be eligible to register for the junior-level courses in the social work major, students must have completed, or be in the process of completing, all prerequisites. A cumulative 2.0 GPA and a 2.0 in all social work courses is necessary to be fully accepted to the program.

Students who meet the prerequisites need to submit to the department a "Social Work Major Application Form" with a personal statement. **Applications to register for junior-level courses are reviewed the last Monday in February for continuing students and the last Friday in August for transfer students.**

Full acceptance into junior year coursework requires students to meet all of the admission standards and to submit the formal application. **Provisional status** may be granted to any student who does not meet requirements. Students who are given a provisional status must work out a plan with their faculty advisor that identifies those areas requiring improvement and how each area will be addressed in order to be accepted as a social work major.

Requirements for the BA

(Course Sequencing)

Beyond GE courses, 47 units are required for the major. Courses prepare students for professional generalist social work and are sequenced to best facilitate learning and acquisition of skills.

Prerequisite courses for acceptance to the Social Work BA Major:

NAS 104	Introduction to Native American Studies or
ES 105	Introduction to Ethnic Studies
BIOL 104	General Biology or an approved human biology course
PSYC 104	Introduction to Psychology
SOC 104	Introductory Sociology

STAT 106	Stats for Health Sciences or
STAT 108	Elementary Statistics or
PSYC 241*	Psychological Statistics or
ANTH 280*	Statistical Reasoning or
SOC 282*	Sociological Statistics
HIST 110	US History to 1877 or
HIST 111	US History from 1877
PSCI110	American Government
SW 104	Introduction to Social Work & Social Work Institutions
SW 255*	Beginning Social Work Experience

*These courses do not satisfy GE requirements.

Core Program

Juniors—Fall

SW 340	Social Work Methods I
SW 350	Human Behavior & the Social Environment I
SW 382	Social Work Research

Juniors—Spring

SW 330	Social Work Policy
SW 341	Social Work Methods II
SW 351	Human Behavior & the Social Environment II
SW 355	Social Agency Experience [may be offered in fall, as well]
SW 356	Social Work Field Preparation

Seniors—Fall

SW 455	Field Experience
SW 456	Field Experience Seminar
▪	Three units of social work breadth courses.

Seniors—Spring

SW 455	Field Experience
SW 456	Field Experience Seminar
▪	Three units of social work breadth courses.

Social Work Breadth Courses

Six units of social work breadth courses are to be taken in the senior year. Breadth courses include: SW 431, 440, 442, 480, and 499.

Field experience courses are restricted to social work majors. Academic credit for life experience or previous work experience shall not be given, in whole or in part, in lieu of any required social work courses.

MSW PROGRAM

The MSW Program is designed to help meet the immediate need in northern coastal California and the growing need in public, private and tribal social service agencies in the United States for advanced generalist social work professionals. The MSW Program is committed to a graduate education that addresses the needs of indigenous communities, is multilevel in practice approaches, and presents a global perspective on local historical and contemporary social issues. This program is fully accredited with the Council on Social Work Education.

The goals of the MSW Program are to prepare students to:

1. Enhance social functioning, and strengthen individual, family, group, organization and community functioning in ways that maximize people's abilities, culture, lifestyle choices, and spiritual beliefs.
2. Develop professional working relationships based on partnership and mutual learning dedicated to social justice, equity, cultural competence, and peaceful resolution of conflicts.
3. Understand the relationship among national and global economic, political and social systems to the maintenance of poverty and oppression.
4. Take leadership roles in public, private and tribal social service agencies in such areas as mental health, anti-poverty work, rural community development, and child welfare.

Admission to the MSW Program

You must complete the following requirements before being considered for admission:

- Baccalaureate degree from an accredited four-year liberal arts institution.
- GPA of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale for the last 60 hours of academic course work.
- Completion of the following course (with a grade of "C" or better):
Elementary Statistics (Math, Psychology, or Sociology)
- Complete California State University (Humboldt Campus) Graduate Admissions application and submit to Graduate Studies
- Complete MSW Application Packet and submit to HSU Social Work Department, Master's Program.

Applications must be postmarked by February 1.

Conditional Program Admission

Students who lack adequate undergraduate preparation may receive conditional program admission. Conditionally admitted students must complete all undergraduate coursework prior to beginning the master's program, including the Elementary Statistics prerequisite with a "C" or better.

Program Schedule Options

The full-time master's program schedule consists of 57 units over two years of study. Students who have a bachelor's degree in social work from a CSWE accredited program within the past five years, can apply for the Advanced Standing Program, which consists of 36 units taken over one year of study. The MSW program also offers a part-time program designed to accommodate students with established careers.

Requirements for the MSW:

First Year

Foundation Requirements

SW 500	Values and Ethics: An Orientation to the Philosophy of Social Work
SW 530	Social Welfare Policy and Services
SW 540	Generalist Social Work Practice
SW 541	Social Work Practice in Native American Communities
SW 550	Human Development, Diversity & Relationships: Change through Life Course
SW 555	Foundation Internship
SW 570	Dynamics of Groups, Agencies, Organizations and Communities
SW 582	Methods of Social Work Research

Second Year

Advanced Requirements

SW 630	Legal and Political Social Work
SW 640	Adv Gen Practice in Child Welfare & Indian Child Welfare
SW 641	Adv Gen Practice in Mental Health
SW 642	Adv Gen Practice in Problem Substance Use
SW 643	Community Work
SW 644	Advanced Practice in Public, Private and Tribal Organizations
SW 655	Advanced Internship
SW 687	Capstone Seminar

Plus **one** of the following:

SW 680	Seminar in Social Work Topics
SW 699	Independent Study

Culminating Experience

Prior to graduation students must successfully complete a comprehensive exam.

