



Minot State
UNIVERSITY



Bachelor of

SOCIAL WORK

MSU at BSC

If you're looking for a career with meaning, action, diversity, satisfaction, and an abundance of options, consider **SOCIAL WORK.**

Social workers are people who care about people, who want to make things better, who want to relieve suffering, who promote justice, who want their work to make a difference.

[MinotStateU.edu/socialwork](https://www.minotstateu.edu/socialwork)

What do social workers do?

Social work is a profession devoted to helping people function the best they can in their environments. This can mean providing direct services or helping individuals, groups and communities solve problems. It also can mean working for change to improve social conditions.

Where do social workers work?

Social workers are found in public agencies, private organizations, hospitals, clinics, schools, nursing homes, probation, courts, and countless other workplaces. An important goal of our social work program is to prepare students for generalist practice.

Is social work right for you?

Social workers should have a strong desire to help others; effective communication skills; a sense of responsibility and ethics; and the ability to manage time effectively. Many human services jobs involve direct contact with people who are vulnerable to exploitation or mistreatment, so patience and understanding are valued characteristics.

How did social work begin?

Since the first social work class was offered by Columbia University in 1898, social workers have led the way in developing private and charitable organizations to serve people in need. In 1931 social work pioneer Jane Addams won the Nobel Peace Prize for establishing settlement houses for Chicago immigrants in the early 1900s.

Career outlook

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, employment of social workers is expected to grow much faster than the average for all occupations and job prospects are expected to be excellent, particularly for social workers working in rural areas.

Coursework

As a social work major at Minot State University you'll take courses in psychology, sociology, political science, as well as courses specific to social work. The curriculum meets Council on Social Work Education requirements.

Field education

The College of Arts and Sciences is committed to comprehensive, holistic and interdisciplinary education. By integrating excellent teaching with scholarly and creative activity, we prepare students with the knowledge, values and skills they need to succeed in a diverse world.

Our faculty

Our faculty members are sought after for their scholarly expertise and their contributions to the community.

College of Education and Health Sciences

Minot State University's College of Education and Health Sciences is internationally known for producing quality professionals and pre-professionals in education, human service and health science.

Admission requirements

Acceptance into the social work program is not automatic. Admission requirements include:

- Successful completion of specified social work classes and required prerequisites
- Completion of at least 32 credits
- GPA of at least 2.5 in social work courses; overall GPA of at least 2.0
- Application to admissions committee
- Minimum 25 hours of experience in a community service setting

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Admission Applications at:
AskMSU.com

Enrollment Services
Ph: 701-858-3350 or
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COURSES REQUIRED

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General Education (38-40 SH)

Social Work majors are required to take the following courses:

- PHIL 101 Introduction to Philosophy (3)
or PHIL 102 Phil. of Human Nature (3)
or PHIL 210 Ethics (3)
- SOC 110 Introduction to Sociology (3)
- PSY 111 Introduction to Psychology (3)
- BIOL 111 Concepts of Biology (4)
or BIOL 150 Intro. to Cellular Biology (4)
or BIOL 220 Anatomy & Physiology 1 (4)

Required Core (42 cr)

- SWK 250 Interpersonal Skills (3)
- SWK 256 Develop. of Social Welfare (3)
- SWK 330 Human Behavior and the Social Environment (3)
- SWK 331 Family Dynamics (3)
- SWK 335 Social Work Methods I (3)
- SWK 340 Social Welfare Policy (3)
- SWK 401 Contemporary Issues with Native American Families (3)
or SWK 402 Native American Children & Adolescents (3)
or SWK 430 Diversity, Oppression, and Social Change (3)
- SWK 426 Social Work Methods II (3)
- SWK 427 Social Work Methods III ^{20 Hrs} (3)
- SWK 490 Field Education (12)
- SWK 491 Senior Seminar (3)

Required Support Courses (30 cr)

- HMS 203 Health Care Through the Life Span (3)
or PSY 252 Child Psychology (3)
or PSY 255 Child & Adolescent Psych.(3)
or PSY 352 Adolescent Psychology (3)
or PSY 379 Psychology of Adult & Aging (3)
- ECON 201 Princ. of Microeconomics (3)
or ECON 202 Princ. of Macroeconomics (3)

- MHA 344 Dynamics of Addiction (3)
- POLS 115 American Government (3)
- PSY 241 Introduction to Statistics (3)
or MATH 210 Elementary Statistics (4)
- PSY 270 Abnormal Psychology (3)
- Social Work or other approved electives (3)

Select one of the following:

- PSY 242 Research Methods in Psych. (4)
- SOC 278 Social Research Methods (3)
- SWK 442 Research Methods in Social Work (3)

Select two of the following:

- COMM 413 Gender Communication (3)
- GS 225 Intro. to Gender/Women's Studies (3)
- GEOG 161 World Regional Geography (3)
- GEOG 261 Countries and Cultures (3)
- GEOG 380 Cultural Geography (3)
- HIST 261 American Indian History (3)
- SOC 255 Changing American Family (3)
- SOC 275 Contemp. Community Issues (3)
- SOC 280 Social Movements and Human Rights (3)
- SOC 361 Comparative Ethnic Studies (3)
- SOC 363 Sociology of Gender (3)
- SOC 374 Cultural Studies (3)
- SOC 375 Social Change and Develop. (3)
- SOC 451 Political Sociology (3)
- SS 283 Ethnic and Cultural Diversity in America (3)
- SPED 101 Intro. to I/DD
- SPED 110 Intro. to Exceptional Children (3)

Electives (11 SH)

All courses subject to change.

For a complete listing of course descriptions, go to MinotStateU.edu/socialwork.



Minot State University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (hlcommission.org), a regional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.