



What do social workers do?

Social work is a profession devoted to helping people function the best they can in their environment. This means Social Workers provide direct services to help individuals, groups, and communities solve problems and improve social conditions. Social workers strive to alleviate suffering, promote social justice, and make a difference.

Is social work right for you?

Social Workers have a strong desire to help others, effective communication skills, ethical responsibility, and time management. Human service jobs involve direct contact with people who are vulnerable to exploitation or mistreatment thus Social Workers uphold six core values: service, social justice, dignity, integrity, competence, and the importance of human relationships.

Learn with us

As a social work major at Minot State, you will take courses from several departments including Psychology, Sociology, Political Science, and Economics in addition to courses specific to Social Work. The curriculum is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

Job opportunities

Social workers are employed in public agencies, private organizations, hospitals, clinics, schools, nursing homes, penal institutions, and many other workplaces. An important goal of the Minot State social work program is to prepare graduates for generalist practice.

If you are looking for a career with meaning, action, diversity, satisfaction, and an abundance of options, consider earning a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW).



Hands-on learning



Get involved:
SSWO



Flexible learning:
3 program sites



Above average
job market growth

Employment 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.

Get involved

Any student interested in social work can join the Student Social Work Organization (SSWO) which promotes cultural, social, and intellectual activities essential to the social work profession.

Program sites

Minot State's social work program is offered in Minot, Bismarck, and Fargo. Please reference the social work program page for more information: MinotStateU.edu/socialwork.

Accreditation

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

Admission requirements

- Successful completion of prerequisite courses including ENGL 110, ENGL 120, COMM 110, BIOL 111, PSY 111, SOC 110, ECON 201 or 202, POLS 115, SWK 250, and SWK 256
- Completion of at least 32 credits
- GPA of at least 2.5 in social work courses and an overall GPA of at least 2.0
- Application to admissions committee due in the fifth week of the Spring semester

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COURSES REQUIRED – Bachelor of Social Work (120 SH)

General Education (38-40 SH)

Social Work majors are required to take the following courses:

- PHIL 101 Intro. to Philosophy (3)
or PHIL 102 Phil. of Human Nature (3)
- SOC 110 Intro. to Sociology (3)
- PSY 111 Intro. 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 Dev. 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 402 Native American Children and Adolescents (3)
or SWK 430 Diversity, Oppression, and Social Change (3)
- SWK 426 Social Work Methods II (3)
- SWK 427 Social Work Methods III (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 and 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)

**Not all courses are available to distance students*

Electives (11 SH)

For a complete list of course descriptions, go to MinotStateU.edu/socialwork.
All courses subject to change.