



# SOCIAL WORK

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**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.

## 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.

## 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 is excellent

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.

IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A CAREER WITH MEANING, ACTION, DIVERSITY, SATISFACTION, AND AN ABUNDANCE OF OPTIONS, CONSIDER SOCIAL WORK.



**Be seen. Be heard.**

## 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.

## 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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### MSU at BSC

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Accrediting Agencies:  
The Higher Learning Commission  
Council on Social Work Education

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## Courses required

### Bachelor of Social Work (122–124 cr)

#### General Education (38 cr)

Social Work majors are required to take the following courses:

- PHIL 101 Introduction to Philosophy (3)  
or PHIL 102 Philosophy of Human Nature (3)
- SOC 110 Introduction to Sociology (3)
- PSY 111 Introduction to Psychology (3)
- BIOL 111 Concepts of Biology (4)

#### Required Core (41 cr)

- SWK 250 Interpersonal Skills (3)
- SWK 256 Development 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 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 other approved life span courses
- POLS 115 American Government (3)
- PSY 241 Introduction to Statistics (3)  
or MATH 210 Applied Statistics (4)
- PSY 270 Abnormal Psychology (3)
- PSY 344 Dynamics of Addiction (3)
- SWK 401 Cont Issue: NA Families (3)  
or SWK 402 N.A. Children & Adolescents (3)

Select one of the following (3 cr):

- HIST 261 American Indian History (3)
- SOC 280 Social Movements & Human Rights (3)

Select one of the following (3 cr):

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

Select one of the following (3 cr):

- ECON 201 Principles of Microeconomics (3)
- ECON 202 Principles of Macroeconomics (3)

Select one of the following (3 cr):

- SOC 361 Comparative Ethnic Studies (3)
- SS 283 Ethnic and Cultural Diversity in America (3)

#### Electives (9 cr)

For a complete listing of courses and descriptions, go to [MinotStateU.edu/socialwork](http://MinotStateU.edu/socialwork). All courses subject to change.

