

SOCIAL WORK (THREE-YEAR PROGRAM) (B.S.W.) (90 CREDITS)

Offered by: Social Work (Faculty of Arts)

Degree: Bachelor of Social Work

Program credit weight: 90

Program Description

The School of Social Work offers an undergraduate program leading to a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree. The BSW focuses on generalist social work practice in a range of health and social service settings locally, nationally and internationally. Drawing on principles of diversity and equity consistent with anti-oppressive frameworks, the BSW examines theoretical foundations and practice skills to assess and respond to social problems affecting individuals, families, groups and communities. Core objectives include: exploration of an identity consistent with the values and ethics of the profession; promoting human rights and social justice; addressing historical and contemporary systemic and structural sources of oppression and marginalization; and, engaging in critical thinking in relation to client populations and in response to inequitable policies and their implications for disadvantaged groups. The BSW includes essential training through field practice.

Field Practicum

Students in the three-year B.S.W. program complete a field placement during their second and third years, two days per week, in different settings each year. Students must have completed a minimum of 24 credits to begin the second year (U2) field placement, comprised of all U1 required SWRK courses and any combination of SWRK complementary, non-SWRK complementary and/or elective courses totaling 24 credits. Students must have completed a minimum number of 54 credits to begin the third year (U3) field placement, comprised of all U1 and U2 required SWRK courses, and any combination of SWRK complementary, non-SWRK complementary and/or elective courses totaling 54 credits.

Note: For information about Fall 2025 and Winter 2026 course offerings, please check back on May 8, 2025. Until then, the "Terms offered" field will appear blank for most courses while the class schedule is being finalized.

Required Courses (63 credits)

U1

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Course	Title	Credits
SWRK 219	Anti-Oppression Social Work Practice.	3
SWRK 220	History and Philosophy of Social Work.	3
SWRK 221	Public Social Services in Canada.	3
SWRK 222	Introduction to Practicum.	3
SWRK 224	Human Development Across the Lifespan.	3

U2

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Course	Title	Credits
SWRK 319	Critical Thought and Ethics in Social Work.	3
SWRK 320	Practice with Individuals and Families 1.	3
SWRK 321	Introduction to Practice with Groups.	3
SWRK 322	Field Practice 1.	3
SWRK 323	Field Practice 2.	3
SWRK 326	Practice with Individuals and Families 2.	3
SWRK 327	Approaches to Community Practice.	3
SWRK 344	Integrative Seminar 1.	3
SWRK 353	Introduction to Mental Health Practice.	3

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Course	Title	Credits
SWRK 420	Advanced Field Practice 1.	3
SWRK 421	Advanced Field Practice 2.	3
SWRK 422	Integrative Seminar 2.	3
SWRK 423	Social Work Research.	3
SWRK 428	Social Policy and Administration.	3
SWRK 445	First Peoples and Social Work.	3
SWRK 527	Advanced Social Work Practice in Quebec.	3

Complementary Courses (21 credits)

9 credits of Social Work (SWRK) courses.

12 credits of non-Social Work courses.

Elective Courses (6 credits)

6 credits of non-Social Work courses.