

# Social Work (BSW)

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Students interested in social work learn to apply theory, practice and research to build resilience and empower vulnerable populations. Students complete 450 hours of field experience by majoring in social work. This major requires a sequence of courses as described in the section below, including a self-selected supervised field instruction in a social service agency. This field practicum, for 15 s.h. credits, provides an opportunity to develop and translate theoretical concepts into professional practice. ***This major is only available to students who reside within the state of Virginia. Online students will be required to complete five hybrid courses as part of the degree program.***

## Accreditation

The information below is current as of publishing the academic catalog.

### CSWE

The Social Work BSW is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), located at 333 John Carlyle Street, Suite 400, Alexandria, VA 22314. CSWE's telephone number is 1.703.686.8080 and its Web address is [www.cswe.org](http://www.cswe.org). The Social work program was originally accredited in 2009 and received reaccreditation in 2017. Accreditation assessment results can be found [here](#).

### Civic Engagement Opportunities

- SOWK 355 requires students to complete 25 hours of service learning in designated community agencies.
- SOWK 400 engages students in the direct practice of social work where they fulfill 450 hours of a field practicum.
- The Social Work Club allows students to work with area agencies to serve local residents and provide needed community service.
- Sigma Phi, MBU's Phi Alpha chapter engages inducted members in community service projects.

**Department:** [Social Work](#)

**Type:** Major

## Requirements for the Bachelor of Social Work

<b>Item #</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
SOWK 153	INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL WORK	3
SOWK 156	INTERVIEWING-HUMAN SERVICES (O)	3
SOWK 235	HUMAN BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL ENVRNMNT I	3
SOWK 275	SOCIAL WELFARE POLICY	3
SOC 320	RESEARCH METHODS (R)	3
SOWK 335	HUMAN BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL ENVRNMNT II	3
SOWK 353	SOC WORK W/DIVERSE POPULATIONS (DW)	3
SOWK 355	SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE I (C)	3
SOWK 365	SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE II	3
SOWK 375	SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE III	3
SOWK 400	FIELD INSTRUCTION SOCIAL WORK (M)	15

### Two of the following electives

<b>Item #</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
SOWK 124	AGING	3
SOWK 251	CHILD WELFARE SERVICES	3
SOWK 265	MINDFULNESS SELF-COMPASSION	3
SOWK 287	SOCIAL WORK FIELD OBSERVATION	3
BUAD 102	INTRO TO NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT	3

### Additional courses required as prerequisites for completion of the above include:

<b>Item #</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
	BIOL 151 or BIOL 252 or BIOL 264	3-4
INT 222	SOCIAL SCIENCE STATISTICS (Q)	3
	POLS 100 or POLS 200	3
PSYC 111	PSYCHOLOGY AS A SOCIAL SCIENCE (S)	3
SOC 100	GENERAL SOCIOLOGY (S)	3

## Medical Social Work Emphasis Requirements

The Medical Social Work Emphasis will prepare BSW students for entry level positions in numerous medical settings. In addition to the major's core requirements that will empower BSW graduates with the knowledge and skills to pursue generalist social work practice, students will acquire specialized knowledge and experience specific to medical settings. This will allow them to enter the medical social work profession with the necessary tools to effectively practice and participate on interdisciplinary teams toward serving patients and their families.

<b>Item #</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
HCA 245	HEALTH CARE POLICY, POLITICS & LAW	3
HSCI 180	MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY	2
	ANTH 208, HCA 225, or SOWK 124	3
	<b>Total credits:</b>	<b>51-59</b>