SOCIAL WORK, BA

Bachelor of Arts in Social Work (H75000BA)
More on the Social Work major (https://www.uakron.edu/socialwork/)

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Columbus, Ohio 43215-5919
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www.cswmft.ohio.gov/ (http://www.cswmft.ohio.gov/)***

Program Description
Consistent with the mission of The University of Akron and the College of Health and Human Sciences, the mission of the undergraduate social work program is to prepare students for competent and effective generalist practice. The goals of the undergraduate social work program are to: 1) prepare students to integrate the knowledge, values and skills of the social work profession for competent and effective generalist practice with diverse client systems in various practice settings; 2) prepare students to identify the strengths and abilities of diverse client systems to foster empowerment toward social justice and systematic well-being; and 3) prepare students to utilize theoretically-based social work research, knowledge and critical thinking skills for effective and ethical social work practice. The social work major is an accredited undergraduate professional program preparing students for entry-level practice positions in social service agencies employing Social Workers. Elective courses are available in such areas as health, child welfare, mental health, grant writing, family service, corrections, etc. Certificate programs in Pan-American Studies, Addiction Services, Gerontology (Aging), The Resilient Child, and Victim Studies can be scheduled within the elective framework of the curriculum.

The Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in social work requires completion of 14 credits of a foreign language (Spanish is recommended; sign language as well as other foreign languages are accepted). The Bachelor of Arts in Social Work degree does not require a second language. Both degrees require 120 hours. Students who complete an associate degree program with a social services emphasis can complete either the B.A. or B.A./S.W. curriculum in social work by completing the required courses.

Students wishing to major in social work must request an intercollege transfer to the School of Social Work and Family Sciences from their current college. A 2.75 grade point average and 30 credit hours is required for admission to the School. Once admitted to the School, a separate admissions packet must be completed with the School in order to be admitted as a social work major in good standing.

Job Description
Job titles include caseworker, family worker, group worker, community organization worker, outreach worker, rehabilitation worker, probation worker, community health worker, counselor, child welfare worker, employment community service worker, fair housing coordinator, human relations worker, consumer services worker, etc. Job titles are varied but all relate to human needs in the area of social-emotional adjustment, development or protection, in the context of the individual, family, group, or community. Opportunities exist in the public and non-public sectors.

A Bachelor’s degree is preparation for an entry-level position and for graduate study in Social Work. A student is encouraged to consider graduate level study to further his/her career opportunities. The University of Akron now offers a Master’s degree program at four campuses (Akron, Wayne, Lakewood, and Stark). The Master of Social Work Program is fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

All Social Workers in the state of Ohio are licensed by the state.

Salary Level
Depending on one’s qualifications, experience, creativity and interests, there is a wide range of salaries possible at the entry-level, and upward mobility for the professional worker is fairly rapid. Entry-level salaries will range upward from $20,000 to $30,000 (BSW); $40,000 to $50,000 (MSW).

The following information has official approval of The School of Social Work and The College of Health Professions, but is intended only as a supplemental guide. Official degree requirements are established at the time of transfer and admission to the degree-granting college. Students should refer to the Degree Progress Report (DPR) which is definitive for graduation requirements. Completion of this degree within the identified time frame below is contingent upon many factors, including but not limited to: class availability, total number of required credits, work schedule, finances, family, course drops/withdrawals, successfully passing courses, prerequisites, among others. The transfer process is completed through an appointment with your academic advisor.

Requirements
Summary

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Additional Credits for Graduation *  
Total Hours 120  
* Bachelor’s degrees require a minimum of 120 credit hours for graduation.

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### Foreign Language Requirement

The Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Social Work requires completion of two years of a language requirement; Spanish is recommended.  
**Total Hours** 14

### Electives

Complete six credit hours:  
7750:xxx Social Work Electives  
**Total Hours** 6

### Recommended Sequence

**1st Year**

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