Bachelor of Arts in Social Work (H75000BAT)

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Program Description

Consistent with the mission of The University of Akron and the College of Health Professions, 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 College of Health Professions, School of Social Work 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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Bachelor’s degrees require a minimum of 120 credit hours for graduation.

**Recommended General Education Courses**

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| Students pursuing a bachelor’s degree must complete three tiers of General Education coursework. Tiers I and II provide students with foundational skills and breadth of disciplinary knowledge. Tier III courses require students to integrate knowledge, understand diverse perspectives, and think critically about complex issues. Courses tagged for Tier III may also fulfill major or Disciplinary Area requirements. Students are not required to enroll in the specific courses listed below. However, to facilitate successful degree completion, the academic department strongly encourages completion of the following recommendations.

**Tier I: Academic Foundations**

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*Quantitative Reasoning: 3 credit hours*

3470:250 Statistics for Everyday Life or 3470:260 Basic Statistics

*Speaking: 3 credit hours*

*Writing: 6 credit hours*

**Tier II: Disciplin ary Areas**

22

*Arts/Humanities: 9 credit hours*

*Natural Sciences: 7 credit hours*

3100:103 Natural Science: Biology

*Social Sciences: 6 credit hours*

3700:100 Government & Politics in the United States or 2040:242 American Urban Society

3750:100 Introduction to Psychology or 7750:230 Human Relations

3850:100 Introduction to Sociology

**Tier III: Tagged Courses**

Select one class from each of the following subcategories:

*Complex Systems*  
7750:230 Human Relations

*Domestic Diversity*  
7750:270 Diversity and Social Work

3850:100 Introduction to Sociology

*Global Diversity*  
7750:270 Diversity and Social Work

*Review the General Education Requirements page for detailed course listings.*

**Total Hours**

34

**Social Work Core**

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**Electives**

Complete six credit hours:

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**Recommended Sequence**

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2nd Year

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3rd Year

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Social Work Research 3
Social Work Elective 3
General Electives 5

| Hours | 17 |

**Spring Semester**

Social Work Practice II 3
Human Behavior & Social Environment II 3
Social Policy Analysis for Social Workers 3
Social Work in Mental Health 3
General Electives 5

| Hours | 17 |

**4th Year**

**Fall Semester**

Social Work Practice III 3
Field Experience Seminar I 2
Social Work Ethics 3
Field Experience: Social Agency I 3
Social Work Elective 3

| Hours | 14 |

**Spring Semester**

Social Work Practice IV 3
Field Experience Seminar II 2
Field Experience: Social Agency II 3
Arts or Humanities Requirement 3
General Electives 6

| General Electives 6 | 6-5 |

| Hours | 17-16 |

| Total Hours | 120 |

1. Preadmission Requirements – must be completed prior to admission into the Social Work major.

2. While not required for transfer to the School of Social Work, the student must complete a General Education Quantitative Reasoning and English requirements prior to full admission to the Social Work major. Any General Education Quantitative Reasoning is accepted, but Statistics is recommended in preparation for Social Work Research I & II.

3. 3850:100 Introduction to Sociology, 3700:100 Government & Politics in the United States or 2040:242 American Urban Society, and 3750:100 Introduction to Psychology or 7750:230 Human Relations, are requirements and will fulfill the Social Science requirement.

4. Natural Science courses, including one human biology course, are required. This biology requirement can be met by completing 3100:103 Natural Science: Biology; the remainder of the requirement may be met by several courses. Consult your adviser and appropriate General Education guide.

5. General Electives: These may be chosen from the following suggested disciplines: Anthropology (3230), Economics (3250), History (3400), Family & Consumer Sciences (7400), Political Science (3700), Psychology (3750), and Sociology (3850) or foreign language/Sign Language coursework taken from the Bachelor of Arts with a major in Social Work degree.

A student may transfer to the School of Social Work as a pending major after completion of 30 credits and an overall GPA of at least a 2.75. Please note: admission to the School of Social Work does not mean admission to the social work major. Pending Social Work majors will be assigned to the pending social work student advisor, Michele Thornton (330-972-8195 or mdt@uakron.edu).

Alert: By the end of your first 48 credit hours attempted, you should have completed your General Education English, Quantitative Reasoning, and Oral Communication (Speech) requirements.