

make someone's
life better

Bachelor in Social Work

Social Workers

- Fight the effects of poverty
- Heal relationships
- Unite families
- Ease suffering
- Advocate and empower

The Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)

The **BSW program at Governors State University** instills a unique and empowering philosophy in its students.

Our program is dedicated to the idea that social justice and human rights go hand-in-hand. Our curriculum is dedicated to the idea that the citizens of our communities – those who are vulnerable and marginalized – deserve the care and dignity they need to live full and fulfilling lives.

Comprehensive Curriculum

In the BSW program, you'll learn about and understand substance abuse, human behavior, and urban environments. You'll discover the legal aspects of Social Work, and you'll explore the boundaries and ethics of the profession. You'll gain the insight you need to work with children, families, and individuals who may be facing the most critical crises in their lives.

We also offer a child welfare concentration for students who are motivated to improve the welfare of children.

Fully Accredited

The BSW program is fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

How to Apply

You may apply to any of the **College of Health and Human Services' degree programs or certificates** through the Governors State University **Admission page** at www.govst.edu/apply. For information, call the Governors State University **Office of Admission** at **708.534.4490**.

If you'd like to talk to a **representative for the BSW program**, call **708.235.3997**.

Visit us online at www.govst.edu/bsw.

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Social Work is expected to **grow faster than the average** for occupations through 2014, increasing as much as **26 percent**. *

* Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2006-07 Edition, Social Workers, on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos060.htm> (visited June 05, 2007).



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Special Admission Requirements*

In addition to meeting university admissions criteria, applicants must:

- have obtained a minimum of 2.25 G.P.A. for the last 60 hours;
- submit two completed recommendation forms, at least one of which must be from a current or former college instructor. Recommendation forms are available in the Admissions Office and on the website at www.govst.edu/uploadedFiles/Apply/Supplemental/SOCW/BSW_LRRecForm.pdf

Degree Requirements

Students must meet all university requirements for a bachelor's degree. In addition, students must:

- take at least two courses a term. Special circumstances require program approval;
- maintain a cumulative G.P.A. of 2.5 or higher; and
- earn a grade of "C" or better in all social work courses;
- All undergraduate social work courses for which a student receives a grade lower than a "C" may be repeated a maximum of two times.

General Education Requirement (37 Hours)

The following courses must be taken to meet major and general education requirements:

- American Literature (IAI H3 914 or 915) (3)
- Logic (IAI H4 906) (3)
- U.S. National Government (IAI S5 900) (3)
- Cultural Anthropology (IAI S1 901N) (3)
- Introduction or General Psychology (IAI S6 900) (3)
- Human Biology (IAI L1 904 or 904L) (3)
- Statistics (IAI M1 902) (3)

Required Courses (51 Hours)

The following courses must be taken at the lower-division level:

- Sociology (3)**
- Macroeconomics (3)

The following courses can be taken at either the lower or upper-division level:

- SOCW 320 Introduction to Social Work (3)

The following courses must be taken at the upper-division level:

- ADDS 550 Substance Abuse: Current Concepts (3)
- SOCW 325 Social Welfare Policy I (3)
- SOCW 330 Interviewing Skills (3)
- SOCW 335 Diversity and Social Justice (3)
- SOCW 340 Human Behavior in the Social Environment I (3)
- SOCW 341 Generalist Social Work Practice I (3)
- SOCW 342 Human Behavior in the Social Environment II (3)
- SOCW 343 Generalist Social Work Practice II (3)
- SOCW 425 Social Welfare Policy II (3)
- SOCW 465 Social Work Research (3)
- SOCW 496 Field Practicum I (3)
- SOCW 497 Field Integrative Seminar I (3)
- SOCW 498 Field Practicum II (3)
- SOCW 499 Field Integrative Seminar II (3)

Upper-Division and Social Work Selectives (15 Hours)

Select fifteen hours from among the following courses or other courses that support student interests, with approval of advisor:

- SOCW 459 Social Work and the Law (3)
- SOCW 500 Topics in Social Work:... (Taken 3 times) (3)
- SOCW 530 Urban Dynamics (3)
- SOCW 565 Interprofessional Teamwork in Health and Human Services (3)
- SOCW 570 Social Work in Health Care (3)
- SOCW 575 Children and Families: Problems, Issues, and Services (3)
- SOSW 576 Child Welfare Practice: Knowledge, Skills, and Values (3)
- SOSW 578 Aging: Policies, Problems, and Services (3)
- SOCW 595 Management and Supervision in the Human Services (3)

Child Welfare Electives

Students interested in generalist practice in the field of child welfare have an opportunity to select a particular cluster of courses. To complete the cluster of child welfare courses B.S.W. majors must include these courses in their study plan, which is developed in consultation with the faculty advisor.

For students interested in child welfare based generalist practice the following courses must be completed:

- SOCW 575 Children and Families: Problems, Issues, and Services (3)
- SOCW 576 Child Welfare Practice: Knowledge, Skills, and Values (3)

In addition to the above courses, the required Field Practicum I & II must be completed in a child welfare agency.

Electives (17 Hours)

Total – 120 hours

** May be used to meet the general education requirements and will increase the number of electives required.

* This information is for reference only. For complete information about College of Health and Human Services' degree programs or certificates, please refer to the current approved Governors State University Catalog.



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