

THE CURRICULUM *For students starting at UI in Spring 2027 or Fall 2027*

The Bachelor of Arts with a major in social work requires a **minimum of 120 s.h.**, including at least 54 s.h. of work for the major. **Here's what is required in the major:**

The professional core social work courses can be registered for when

- **Social work is declared** as a Program of Study

And the student has successfully **completed the following pre-social work courses** with a grade of **C or higher**:

PRE-SOCIAL WORK COURSES:

- **SSW:1022** Social Justice and Social Welfare in the U.S. or approved Intro to Social Work course 3 s.h.
- **PSY:1001** Elementary Psychology or transfer equivalent 3 s.h.
- **SOC:1010** Introduction to Sociology or transfer equivalent 3 s.h.

AND MEETS THESE REQUIREMENTS:

- 2.0 G.P.A. minimum overall
- Completion of 45 s.h. or more
- Submits a signed Professional Social Work Agreement form (signed after above criteria is met)

- **9 s.h. of SSW and/or ASP electives**
- **POLI:1100** Intro to American Politics - 3 s.h.

PROFESSIONAL CORE REQUIRED COURSES:

- **SSW:3840** Human Behavior in the Social Environment - 4 s.h.
- **SSW:3841** Fundamentals of Social Work Practice - 3 s.h.
- **SSW:3842** Interpersonal Skills Laboratory - 3 s.h.
- **SSW:3844** Introduction to Social Work Research - 4 s.h.
- **SSW:3845** Social Work Processes - 4 s.h.
- **SSW:3847** Discrimination, Oppression, and Diversity - 3 s.h.
- **SSW:4189** BA Generalist Practicum Seminar - 1 s.h.
- **SSW:4193** BA Generalist Practicum - 8 s.h.
- **SSW:4843** Social Welfare Policy and Practice - 3 s.h.

BA IN SOCIAL PROGRAM

WHEN STUDENTS BEGIN THE PROFESSIONAL CORE REQUIRED COURSES AS **SOPHOMORES**,
THE **SPRING START** PLAN FOR COMPLETION OF SOCIAL WORK COURSES IS:

SECOND YEAR - SPRING SEMESTER

SSW:3840 Human Behav in the Soc Enviro	4 SH
SSW:3847 Discrimination Oppression Div	3 SH
Social Work Elective	3 SH

THIRD YEAR - FALL SEMESTER

SSW:3841 Fund of SW Practice	3 SH
SSW:3842 Interpersonal Skills Lab	3 SH
SSW:4843 Social Welfare Policy & Pract	3 SH
Social Work Elective	3 SH

FOURTH YEAR - FALL SEMESTER

SSW:4189 BA Generalist Practicum Sem	1 SH
SSW:4193 BA Generalist Practicum	4 SH

THIRD YEAR - SPRING SEMESTER

SSW:3844 Intro to SW Research	4 SH
SSW:3845 Social Work Processes	4 SH
Social Work Elective	3 SH

FOURTH YEAR - SPRING SEMESTER

SSW:4189 BA Generalist Practicum Sem	1 SH
SSW:4193 BA Generalist Practicum	4 SH

WHEN STUDENTS BEGIN THE PROFESSIONAL CORE REQUIRED COURSES AS **JUNIORS**,
THE PLAN FOR COMPLETION OF SOCIAL WORK COURSES IS:

THIRD YEAR - FALL SEMESTER

SSW:3840 Human Behav in the Soc Enviro	4 SH
SSW:3847 Discrimination Oppression Div	3 SH
Social Work Elective	3 SH

FOURTH YEAR - FALL SEMESTER

SSW:3841 Fund of SW Practice	3 SH
SSW:3842 Interpersonal Skills Lab	3 SH
SSW:4843 Social Welfare Policy & Pract	3 SH
Social Work Elective	3 SH

THIRD YEAR - SPRING SEMESTER

SSW:3844 Intro to SW Research	4 SH
SSW:3845 Social Work Processes	4 SH
Social Work Elective	3 SH

FOURTH YEAR - SPRING SEMESTER

SSW:4189 BA Generalist Practicum Sem	1 SH
SSW:4193 BA Generalist Practicum	8 SH

WHEN STUDENTS BEGIN THE PROFESSIONAL CORE REQUIRED COURSES AS **SENIORS**,
THE PLAN FOR COMPLETION OF SOCIAL WORK COURSES IS:

FOURTH YEAR - FALL SEMESTER

SSW:3840 Human Behav in the Soc Enviro	4 SH
SSW:3841 Fund of SW Practice	3 SH
SSW:3847 Discrimination Oppression Div	3 SH
SSW:4843 Social Welfare Policy & Practice	3 SH
Social Work Elective	3 SH

FOURTH YEAR - SPRING SEMESTER

SSW:3842 Interpersonal Skills Lab	3 SH
SSW:3844 Intro to SW Research	4 SH
SSW:3845 Social Work Processes	4 SH
Social Work Elective	3 SH

FOURTH YEAR - SUMMER SEMESTER

SSW:4189 BA Generalist Practicum Sem	1 SH
SSW:4193 BA Generalist Practicum	8 SH

WITH A BA IN SOCIAL WORK,
EARN YOUR
MSW DEGREE
AT UIOWA IN 36 SH
TO SAVE TIME & MONEY

VISIT OUR BASW ADMISSIONS WEBPAGE
TO SEE THESE PLANS & LEARN MORE:

[https://socialwork.uiowa.edu/undergraduate/
undergraduate-admissions-process](https://socialwork.uiowa.edu/undergraduate/undergraduate-admissions-process)

QUESTIONS?

Email ssw-admissions@uiowa.edu

SOCIAL WORKERS ARE EMPLOYED IN:

mental health agencies, crisis centers, schools, child and family services, hospitals, governmental agencies, neighborhood and community centers, substance use disorder programs, correctional centers, and so many more.