

California State University, Los Angeles
School of Social Work Major Program Guide
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Course Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Social Work (BASW)

Course #	Title	Unit	Prerequisites	Sem./Year	Grade
Required Upper Division Social Work Courses (45 Units)					
SW 3010	Writing and Computers in Social Work (wi)	3	SW Major		
SW 3700	Field of Social Work	3	SW Major		
SW 3710	Culturally Competent Social Work Practice	3	SW Major & SW 3700		
SW 3711	Human Behavior & Social Environment 1	3	SW Major		
SW 3712	Human Behavior & Social Environment 2	3	SW Major, SW 3700 & SW 3711		
SW 3720	Interviewing & Communication Skills for SW Practice	3	SW Major & SW 3700		
SW 3761*	Child Welfare (Option 1)	3	GE		
SW 3762*	Cross-Cultural Practice with Older Adults (Option 2) (cl)	3	GE		
SW 3763*	Forensic Social Work Practice (Option 3)	3	Upper Division Standing		
SW 3820	Community Organization (cl)	3	GE		
SW 3910	Social Work Research Methods	3	MATH/ECON 1090; MATH 1092; HHS 4000; SOC2100; EDFN 4520; EDFN1090; EDFN 1092		
SW 4630	Diversity Issues in Social Work	3	SW Major & SW 3700		
SW 4740	Social Work Practice with Individuals & Families	3	SW Major; SW 3700 & SW 3720		
SW 4750	Social Work Practice with Groups	3	SW Major; SW 3700 & SW 3720		
SW 4780	Social Work Policy & Services	3	SW Major & SW 3700		
SW 4951	Integrated Field Seminar I	3	SW Major; SW 3010; SW 3700; SW 3711; SW 3712; SW 3720 & 90 Units+		
SW 4952	Integrated Field Seminar II	3	SW Major & SW 4951		
Elective Courses (Select two courses, 6 units, from the list below; or from a related field with advance advisor approval only)					
SW 3550	Family Violence & Abuse	3	GE		
SW 3620	From Institutional Racism to Cultural Competence (d)	3	GE		
SW 3630	Immigration & Social Policy (cl) (re)	3	GE		
SW 3650	Social Policy: Aging & Families (d)	3	GE		
SW 3850	The Homeless in Society (cl)	3	GE		
SW 4560	Multidisc Teams, Child Maltreatment & Family Violence	3	Upper Division Standing		
SW 4830	Financial Capability & Asset Building	3	Upper Division Standing		
SW 4840	Community Engagement & Practice with Youth	3	Upper Division Standing		
SW 4850	SW Practice with Military & Veteran Populations	3	Upper Division Standing		
SW 4860	Social Work Practice with LGBT Populations	3	Upper Division Standing		
SW 4870	Forensic Social Work: Focus on Involuntary Clients	3	Upper Division Standing		
SW 4900	Latino Mental Health	3	Upper Division Standing		
SW 4990	Directed Study	3	SW Major; Faculty		

* Only one of the following asterisked courses is required for the BASW degree: SW 3761 or SW 3762 or SW 3763.

* (wi)-Writing Intensive Courses; (d)-Diversity Requirement; (re)-Race & Ethnicity; (cl)- Civic Learning/Community Engagement.

* Students must earn a C or better in SW 3010, 3700, 3720, 3820, 4740, 4750, 4780, 4951 & 4952.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN SOCIAL WORK (BASW)

The total number of units required for the Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Work (BASW) is **120** units, of which **51** units are in the major (45 units in required upper division social work courses; and 6 units of elective courses in social work or other related fields as approved in advance by a Social Work advisor or BPD). Consult with an advisor for the specific number of units required in all areas of the degree including GE and free electives.

School of Social Work Regulations

- Students in the Social Work major must earn a grade of C or higher in SW 3010, 3700, 3720, 3820, 4740, 4750, 4780, SW 4951 and SW 4952. Students who earn less than the required C may repeat a course only once.
- Students who are placed on academic probation are not permitted to enroll in a social work course until an academic advisor from the School of Social work approves a revised academic plan.
- Internships begin in Fall semester only and continue for two consecutive semesters (Fall and Spring of senior year). To be eligible to start internship in the senior year (**SW 4951 & SW 4952**), students are required to complete: 1) SW 3010; SW 3700; SW 3711; SW 3712; SW 3720 & a minimum of 90 Units by the end of Spring before entering field in the Fall, 2) attend required Field Information Meeting, 3) a criminal clearance check, and 4) 420 hours of fieldwork in a social service agency (two full days or 14 hours per week).

BASW ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The School of Social Work has been approved for program impaction status, which means that the number of applications from fully eligible students who can be admitted to the major is limited by space availability. Admission of students for available space will be based on students completing the admission criteria below and on a rank ordering of cumulative GPA.

Freshmen Students:

Incoming freshmen students wishing to major in social work should select Social Work (Freshmen) on their CSU Mentor application. If they are admitted to the University, they will be matriculated as “Undeclared with an Interest in Social Work” and will be eligible to be accepted into the major if they meet the following “Continuing Students” requirements.

Continuing Students:

Freshmen students admitted to the university as undeclared majors, continuing lower division students, and students changing majors are eligible to apply to the Social Work major once they meet all of the following supplementary admissions criteria:

- A minimum college GPA of 2.75 or better.
- Completion of at least 30 semester units of college coursework.
- Completion of one social science prerequisite course (PSY1500 or SOC2010) (or an equivalent course at another institution) with a grade of “C” or better.
- Have completed one statistics prerequisite course (MATH/ECON 1090; MATH 1092; HHS 4000; SOC2100; EDFN 4520; EDFN1090; EDFN1092; or an equivalent course at another institution) with a grade of “C” or better.

Transfer Students:

Upper division transfer and continuing upper division students should select Social Work (Transfer) on their CSU Mentor application, and are eligible to apply to the Social Work major once they meet all of the following criteria:

- A minimum 2.75 college (transferable) GPA or better.
- Completion of at least 60 semester units of college (transferable) coursework.
- Completion of one social science prerequisite course (PSY1500 or SOC2010 or SOC2020) (or an equivalent course at another institution) with a grade of “C” or better.
- Have completed one statistics prerequisite course (MATH/ECON 1090; MATH 1092; HHS 4000; SOC2100; EDFN 4520; EDFN1090; EDFN1092; or an equivalent course at another institution) with a grade of “C” or better.

GENERAL EDUCATION (GE) REQUIREMENTS

Every Cal State LA undergraduate Social Work major student must complete 48 units in GE of which 39 units are Lower Division and 9 units are Upper Division GE courses.

- Students must have [1 diversity (d) and 1 race/ethnicity (re) course] OR [2 race/ethnicity (re) courses]
- Students must have 1 writing intensive course (wi)
- Student must have 2 civil learning courses (cl): 1 lower division and 1 upper division level (cl) courses. Taking SW 3820, a social work major required course, will meet the upper division (cl) course.

Transfer students usually need 1 upper division civil learning course, which will be met by taking SW 3820.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Students are encouraged to explore certificate programs available through the College of Health & Human Services. Some units can be credited toward the major and used as electives for the degree. Please contact the appropriate office for more information.

- **Applied Gerontology Certificate** <https://www.calstatela.edu/hhs/agi> (jmazul@calstatela.edu)
- **Child Maltreatment and Family Violence Certificate** <https://www.calstatela.edu/hhs/cafvi/about-certificate>