

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

The BSW program at A&M-Texarkana seeks to provide students with a quality education and prepare students with entry-level skills to become generalist social work practitioners prepared to address and work with diverse clients dealing with complex social issues.

PROGRAM MISSION

The A&M-Texarkana Baccalaureate Social Work (BSW) Program mission is to prepare students as generalist Social Work practitioners to work with constituents at various systems levels to address regional problems related to poverty, chronic illness, and other social and economic injustices. The program seeks to prepare students with professional knowledge, values, skills, and processes guided by human rights, respect for diversities, and social responsibility and centralized around anti-oppressive, and trauma-informed social work practices essential for working with complex issues faced by individuals, families, communities, and organizations.

PROGRAM GOALS

1. Prepare competent generalist social workers ready to engage with diverse client systems.
2. Engage students in research to better inform their practice and policy advocacy efforts.
3. Prepare students to promote anti-racist and anti-oppressive practices with constituents at various system levels within a variety of professional contexts.
4. Enhance students' problem-solving skills through experiential learning designed to prepare them for complex case work and ethical decision making in their field work and beyond.
5. Engage students to work in partnership with the community to address local and regional concerns.
6. Educate students about person-in-the-environment and ecological frameworks and how each gives context to providing anti-oppressive and trauma-informed care.

Students should refer to their DegreeWorks degree audit in their Web for Students account for more information regarding their degree requirements.

Code	Title	Hours
Major Requirements		
General Education Requirements (http://catalog.tamut.edu/academic-information/university-core-curriculum/)		42
SOCI 1301	Introduction to Sociology <small>satisfies core curriculum; minimum grade of 'B' or higher</small>	3
PSYC 2301	General Psychology <small>satisfies core curriculum; minimum grade of 'B' or higher</small>	3
SOCW 2350	Introduction to Social Work <small>minimum grade of 'B' or higher</small>	3
SOCW 2390	Interviewing and Documentation in Social Work <small>minimum grade of 'B' or higher</small>	3
SOCW 330	Introduction to Trauma	3
SOCW 331	Human Behavior and the Social Environment	3
SOCW 332	Diversity, Oppression, and Social Justice	3
SOCW 333	Child Welfare and Maltreatment	3
SOCW 334	Practice I: Social Work with Individuals	3
SOCW 335	Social Welfare Policy & Analysis	3
SOCW 411	Generalist Field Seminar I	1
SOCW 412	Generalist Field Seminar II	1
SOCW 430	Practice II: Social Work with Families and Groups	3
SOCW 431	Practice III: Social Work with Communities and Organizations	3
SOCW 432	Statistics in Social Work	3
SOCW 433	Research Methods of Social Work	3
SOCW 434	General Field Practice I	3
SOCW 435	Generalist Field Practice II	3
12sch of upper division Social Work Electives <small>SOCW 300 - 400 level</small>		12
Elective - Upper or Lower Division as needed to meet upper division and overall requirement		
Minimum Hours Required for Degree		120

1. Students who are interested in the BSW program must have completed 60 hours of liberal studies coursework as determined by the University undergraduate catalog.
2. Students must also complete the two lower division social work prerequisite courses and passed both with a 'B' or better (SOCW 2350: Introduction to Social Work & SOCW 2390: Interview & Documentation).
3. Students must have taken and earned a B or better in two prerequisite courses which are three credit hour courses – General Psychology & General Sociology (Students may be admitted while enrolled in courses but admission will be contingent on the student earning a B or better in the courses. Course numbers may vary depending on where the student initially took the course).
4. Students must have an overall GPA of 2.6 or higher.

Note: A minimum of 54 upper division hours (300 and 400 level courses) are required for this degree. Resident credit totaling 25% of the hours is required for the degree. A minimum GPA of 2.0 is required in three areas for graduation: Overall GPA, Institutional GPA, and Major GPA.

Bachelor of Science- Social Work 4 Year Plan

First Year

Code	Title	Hours
Fall		
ENGL 1301	Composition I <small>requires minimum grade of 'C' ; satisfies core curriculum</small>	3
Mathematics Core Curriculum Requirement (http://catalog.tamut.edu/academic-information/university-core-curriculum/)		3
SOCI 1301	Introduction to Sociology <small>satisfies core curriculum; minimum grade of 'B' or higher</small>	3
HIST 1301	United States History I	3
UNIV 1100	University Foundations	1
Elective - Upper or Lower Division as needed to meet upper division and overall requirement		3
Fall Total Semester Credit Hours		15-16
Spring		
ENGL 1302 or ENGL 2311	Composition II <small>satisfies core curriculum</small> Technical Writing & Communication	3
Life and Physical Sciences Core Curriculum Requirement (http://catalog.tamut.edu/academic-information/university-core-curriculum/)		3-4
HIST 1302	United States History II <small>satisfies core curriculum</small>	3
Language, Philosophy and Culture Core Curriculum Requirement (http://catalog.tamut.edu/academic-information/university-core-curriculum/)		3
PSYC 2301	General Psychology <small>satisfies core curriculum; minimum grade of 'B' or higher</small>	3
Spring Total Semester Credit Hours		15-16
Total First Year Semester Credit Hours		30-32

Second Year

Code	Title	Hours
Fall		
Life and Physical Sciences Core Curriculum Requirement (http://catalog.tamut.edu/academic-information/university-core-curriculum/)		3-4
PSCI 2305	U.S. Government and Politics <small>satisfies core curriculum</small>	3
SOCW 2350	Introduction to Social Work <small>minimum grade of 'B' or higher</small>	3
Elective - Upper or Lower Division as needed to meet upper division and overall requirement		3
Elective - Upper or Lower Division as needed to meet upper division and overall requirement		3
Fall Total Semester Credit Hours		15-16
Spring		
SPCH 1315 or COMM 1307 or COMM 1311	Public Speaking <small>satisfies core curriculum</small> Introduction to Mass Communication Introduction to Communication Studies	3
PSCI 2306	State and Local Government <small>satisfies core curriculum</small>	3
SOCW 2390	Interviewing and Documentation in Social Work <small>minimum grade of 'B' or higher</small>	3
Creative Arts Core Curriculum Requirement (http://catalog.tamut.edu/academic-information/university-core-curriculum/)		3
Elective - Upper or Lower Division as needed to meet upper division and overall requirement		3

Spring Total Semester Credit Hours	15
Total Second Year Semester Credit Hours	30-31

Third Year

Code	Title	Hours
Fall		
SOCW 330	Introduction to Trauma	3
SOCW 331	Human Behavior and the Social Environment	3
SOCW 332	Diversity, Oppression, and Social Justice	3
Upper Division Social Work Elective (300-400 level)		3
Elective - Upper or Lower Division as needed to meet upper division and overall requirement		3
Fall Total Semester Credit Hours		15
Spring		
SOCW 333	Child Welfare and Maltreatment	3
SOCW 334	Practice I: Social Work with Individuals	3
SOCW 335	Social Welfare Policy & Analysis	3
Upper Division Social Work Elective (300-400 level)		3
Elective - Upper or Lower Division as needed to meet upper division and overall requirement		3
Spring Total Semester Credit Hours		15
Total Third Year Semester Credit Hours		30

Fourth Year

Code	Title	Hours
Fall		
SOCW 430	Practice II: Social Work with Families and Groups	3
SOCW 432	Statistics in Social Work	3
Upper Division Social Work Elective (300-400 Level)		3
SOCW 434	General Field Practice I	3
SOCW 411	Generalist Field Seminar I	1
Elective - Upper or Lower Division as needed to meet upper division and overall requirement		3
Fall Total Semester Credit Hours		16
Spring		
SOCW 431	Practice III: Social Work with Communities and Organizations	3
SOCW 433	Research Methods of Social Work	3
SOCW 435	Generalist Field Practice II	3
SOCW 412	Generalist Field Seminar II	1
Upper Division Social Work Elective (300-400 Level)		3
Elective - Upper or Lower Division as needed to meet upper division and overall requirement		1
Spring Total Semester Credit Hours		14
Fourth Year Total Semester Credit Hours		30
Minimum Hours Required for Degree		120

Note: A minimum of 50 semester credit hours of upper division hours (300 and 400 level courses) are required for this degree. Resident credit totaling 25% of the hours is required for the degree.