# SOCIAL WORK - BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

The BSW program prepares you for a beginning professional level of generalist social work practice with an understanding and appreciation of the cultural diversity of the Southwest.

To be admitted as a BSW candidate, you must formally apply for admission to the program. A 2.5 grade-point average is required for the application. Consult the pre-social work major advisor, located in the Center for Academic Advising and Student Support. The deadline for submitting applications is the last Friday in January. The program is fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE).

## General Education Requirements

Students need to complete the New Mexico State University general education requirements before applying to the Bachelor of Social Work program. The School of Social Work requirements include SOWK 2110G Introduction to Human Services & Social Work.

Once accepted into the program, students also need to meet a Cultural Emphasis requirement. If the cultural emphasis classes are also Viewing a Wider World classes, you still need to complete the total number of specified upper-division credits necessary for graduation. Highly recommended electives for social work students include courses in sociology, history, Spanish, psychology, family life, child development, English, philosophy, anthropology, computer science, criminal justice, government and economics. Electives must be sufficient to bring total credits to 120, including 48 upper-division credits, for graduation.

## Departmental Requirements

Preparation for entry-level professional social work requires a thorough knowledge of theory and skills; therefore, the high number (57) of core social work credits is required. A grade of C- or better is required for all of the required courses.

Students must complete all University degree requirements, which include: General Education requirements, Viewing a Wider World requirements, and elective credits to total at least 120 credits with 48 credits in courses numbered 300 or above. Developmental coursework will not count towards the degree requirements and/or elective credits, but may be needed in order to take the necessary English and Mathematics coursework.

## General Education Requirements

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**Total Credits: 120**

1. See the General Education section of the catalog for a full list of courses
2. Either MATH 1350G Introduction to Statistics, MATH 2350G Statistical Methods or A ST 311 Statistical Applications is required for the degree.
3. See the Viewing a Wider World section of the catalog for a full list of courses
4. Elective credit may vary based on prerequisites, dual credit, AP credit, double majors, and/or minor coursework. The amount indicated in the requirements list is the amount needed to bring the total to 120 credits and may appear in variable form based on the degree. However students may end up needing to complete more or less on a case-by-case basis and students should discuss elective requirements with their advisor.
Second Language Requirement
For the Bachelor of Social Work there is a one year second language requirement. The number of credits that a student needs to take may vary depending on their fluency in another language. Please speak with an advisor for more information regarding the second language requirement for this degree.

Option 1:
Prefix Title Credits
Complete one of the following sequences:
CHIN 1110 Mandarin Chinese I and Mandarin Chinese II 4-8
& CHIN 1120
FREN 1110 French I and French II 4-8
& FREN 1120
GRMN 1110 German I and German II 4-8
& GRMN 1120
JAPN 1110 Japanese I and Japanese II 4-8
& JAPN 1120
SPAN 1110 Spanish I and Spanish II 4-8
& SPAN 1120
PORT 1110 Portuguese I and Portuguese II 3-6
& PORT 1120
For Heritage Speakers:
SPAN 1210 Elementary Spanish for Heritage Learners I and Spanish for Heritage Learners II 3-6
& SPAN 1220 or SPAN 2210 Spanish for Heritage Learners III

A Suggested Plan of Study for Students
This roadmap assumes student placement in either A ST 311 Statistical Applications, MATH 1350G Introduction to Statistics or MATH 2350G Statistical Methods and ENGL 1110G Composition I. The contents and order of this roadmap may vary depending on initial student placement in mathematics and English. It is only a suggested plan of study for students and is not intended as a contract. Course availability may vary from fall to spring semester and may be subject to modification or change.

Course Title Credits
Freshman
Fall
ENGL 1110G Composition I 4
or ENGL 1110H or Composition I Honors
BIOL 1120G Human Biology and Human Biology Laboratory 1 4
& BIOL 1120L
Oral Communication Course 2 3
Second Language Requirement Course 3-4
Elective Course 3 1
Credits 15-16
Spring
One from the following: 4
A ST 311 Statistical Applications 3
MATH 1350G Introduction to Statistics
MATH 2350G Statistical Methods
CEPY 1120G Human Growth and Behavior 5 3
Second Language Course 3-4

Sophomore
Fall
Area V: Humanities Course 2 3
Area VI: Creative and Fine Arts Course 2 3
Select one from the following:
ENGL 2210G Professional & Technical Communication
ENGL 2221G Writing in the Humanities and Social Science
Either an Area III/IV: Laboratory Science Course or Social/Behavioral Sciences Course 2 3-4
Elective Course 3 3
Credits 15-16
Spring
Viewing a Wider World Course 6 3
Viewing a Wider World Course 6 3
Elective Course 3 3
Elective Courses 3 6
Credits 15
Junior
Fall
Elective Course 3 3
SOWK 300 Social Work Practice Skills 3
SOWK 309 Sociocultural Concepts 3
SOWK 311 Human Behavior and the Social Environment I 3
SOWK 331V Introduction to Social Policy: History 3
Credits 15
Spring
Elective Course 3 3
SOWK 312 Human Behavior and the Social Environment II 3
SOWK 313 Social Work Practice with Individuals 3
SOWK 315 Social Work Practice with Families 3
SOWK 316 Social Work Research 3
Credits 15
Senior
Fall
Elective Course 3 3
SOWK 401 Field Experience I 3
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1. BIOL 1120G Human Biology and BIOL 1120L Human Biology Laboratory: must be completed before starting the SWK program and require a grade of C- or better.
2. See the General Education section of the catalog for a full list of courses.
3. Elective credit may vary based on prerequisites, dual credit, AP credit, double majors, and/or minor coursework. The amount indicated in the requirements list is the amount needed to bring the total to 120 credits and may appear in variable form based on the degree. However, students may end up needing to complete more or less on a case-by-case basis and students should discuss elective requirements with their advisor.
4. Either AST 251G Statistics for Business and the Behavioral Sciences/STAT 251G Statistics for Business and the Behavioral Sciences, STAT 271G Statistics for Psychological Sciences or AST 311 Statistical Applications is required for the degree but students may need to take any prerequisites needed to enter the course first.
   *students who choose to take AST 311, will need to take an additional Mathematics General Education course in order to meet the requirement.*
5. CEPY 1120G Human Growth and Behavior and SOWK 2110G Introduction to Human Services & Social Work: must be completed before starting the SWK program and require a grade of C- or better.
6. See the Viewing a Wider World section of the catalog for a full list of courses.

**NOTE:** Students need to submit a formal application packet to the School of Social Work in January and be accepted into program before they may take junior or senior year courses.

A grade of C- or better is required for all social work courses.