

# Social Work

## 2025-2026 Catalog Year

Social Workers help individuals to find resources, within themselves and within their environment, so that they can meet their needs, accomplish their goals, and resolve their problems. Social workers also work with social groups and organizations, striving to make them more responsive and helpful to the individuals they serve. Check out the Social Work Website at [sowk.hps.unt.edu](http://sowk.hps.unt.edu) for more information about faculty, course descriptions, employment opportunities, and links to other related sites (such as licensing). The HPS Office of Student Services assists students with degree planning.

The Bachelor of Social Work degree from the University of North Texas consists of 120 college credit hours, of which at least 42 are advanced. The degree requires 42 hours of general academics, 9 pre-major hours, 45 hours in major, and 24 hours of general electives.

### Possible Service Areas for Social Workers:

- Addiction Treatment Centers
- Community Living Centers
- Child Welfare Agencies
- Aging Programs
- State/Federal Rehabilitation Programs
- Independent Living Facilities
- Hospitals
- Placement Services
- Mental Health/Mental Retardation Centers
- Assisted Living/Nursing Home Facilities
- Veterans Administration
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Post Acute Care Facilities
- Private Human Services
- University/School Settings
- Insurance Companies

## Major Requirements

### Social Work Pre-Major Courses (9 Hours):

Students must complete these pre-major courses & have at least a 2.50 cumulative GPA to apply to the BSW program. Acceptance into the program *is* conditional. Satisfying the GPA requirement & completing the pre-major courses *does not* guarantee admission to the program.

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| SOWK 1450 | Introduction to Social Work                 | SOWK 3000 | Foundations of Interviewing |
| SOWK 2430 | Policies, Issues, & Programs in Social Work |           |                             |

### Formal Application and Acceptance into the Program is Required

Completed application packets are due to the Department of Community & Professional Programs within 30 days from the first day of the fall or spring semester. Students *must* meet with faculty advisor & follow a specific course sequence. See advisor for more details.

### Social Work Required Courses (45 hours):

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| SOWK 3500     | Human Behavior & the Social Environment I   | SOWK 4400 | Social Work Practice II         |
| SOWK 3610     | Social Work Practice I                      | SOWK 4610 | Social Work Practice III        |
| SOWK 3870     | Social Work Research & Practice             | SOWK 4000 | Professionalism & Ethics        |
| SOWK 4430     | Applied Social Welfare Policy               | SOWK 4870 | Social Work Integrative Seminar |
| SOWK 4500     | Human Behavior in the Social Environment II | SOWK 4875 | Social Work Field Practicum (9) |
| SOWK 4540     | Diversity for the Helping Professions       | SOWK 4880 | Quantitative Methods            |
| SOWK Elective | See Advisor for Current Options             |           |                                 |

### Optional Minor (18 Hours, 6 Adv. Hours):

Suggested Minors: Behavior Analysis, Criminal Justice, Gerontology, Nonprofit Leadership Studies, Psychology, Sociology, Spanish, Substance Abuse & Addiction Studies.