

San José State University

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School of Social Work College of Applied Sciences and Arts

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIAL WORK, and A MINOR IN SOCIAL WORK

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ADMINISTRATION

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Advising System at SJSU

There is a dual advising system at SJSU.

Questions to ask a GE Advisor :	Questions to ask your assigned Major advisor
For all questions related to Lower GE courses, questions related to transfer credit for lower GE courses, or any non-major course related questions, students should speak to a GE advisor who can be contacted at the Advising Hub. http://www.sjsu.edu/advising/	All questions related to the social work major, questions related to transferring major courses, and requests to consider substitute courses for Biology 21, Statistics 95, or 100W should be directed to your major advisor. Also included are issues related to career advice, questions about fields of practice in social work, and the Undergraduate Social Work Association (USWA).

Student Advisor Assignments: (All students are assigned by their last name to a Major advisor)

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Important websites and other resources for Students:

- 1) Registrar: <http://www.sjsu.edu/registrar/Index.htm> for information on important Registration dates, Forms, Open University, Graduation application dates, Change of Major, Petition for Reinstatement, etc. *Phone number: 408-283-7500 1st Floor in the Student Services Center on the corner of 9th Street and San Fernando.*
- 2) Student Advising Center: <http://www.sjsu.edu/sac/faq/transferinfo/> for information for Transfer Students, General Education requirements, etc. *Phone: 408.924.2129 Located in Student Services Center.*
- 3) The Bursar's Office: Responsible for the billing and collection of tuition, fees, campus housing and other university related charges. See <http://www.sjsu.edu/bursar/> to find out about important dates and deadlines, recent changes and updates and answers to your frequently asked questions. *Phone: 408.924.1601 Located in Student Services Center.*
- 4) BASW Program: <http://www.sjsu.edu/socialwork/programs/undergraduate/basw/> for forms, program information, handbook, academic integrity, notification of academic concern, termination from the program, appeal process, FAQ's, etc.
- 5) To get updated information relevant to students in the BASW program, we strongly recommend that you sign up for the Social work email list serve maintained the *Undergraduate Social Work Student Association*. Many important deadlines and issues are communicated through that list serve. More information will be provided in the class and on the website on how to join the yahoo group.

THE SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM SERVICE AREA

BASW graduates are employed in many different work settings under public and private agencies and programs that may include:

family service agencies	children and youth services	aging services
juvenile justice agencies	elementary and/or secondary schools	nursing homes
ethnic service agencies	residential treatment programs	hospices
substance abuse programs	domestic violence programs	homeless shelters
mental health services	income maintenance programs	hospitals
community action agencies	vocational rehabilitation services	home care agencies
legal services agencies	child and adult day care centers	public health agencies
mental retardation services	developmental disabilities services	

BASW CURRICULUM

The Bachelor of Arts in Social Work Degree requires 120 units for graduation. All students must satisfy the General Education (GE) requirements mandated by the CSU system. **Generally, students have Junior standing (completed 60 units) before enrolling for the major requirements.**

GENERAL EDUCATION

All students must complete a minimum of 51 units of approved GE courses in letter grades. If a requirement is waived without unit credit, additional approved GE courses must be taken to complete the total required. Most students in the social work major are transfer students from California Community Colleges and have completed comparable **Core General Education** courses which may be acceptable to San José State University. The **SJSU Studies** (formerly known as **Advanced General Education**) coursework must be taken in residence at San José State University, and **students must pass the (WST) Writing Skills Test before they are permitted to enroll in the SJSU Studies courses.** Below are courses recommended, however, **human biology** (Biol 21 or equivalent) and **elementary statistics** (Stat 95 or equivalent) **are required** for social work majors.

	Units
General Education (Lower or core GE and SJSU Studies or Upper GE.....)	39
Core General Education (39 units) Suggested courses for the degree	
Area A: Basic Skills -- COMM 20 or MAS 74; ENGL 1A; HIST 50 or PHIL 57.	9
Area B: Science & Math -- BIOL 21 (<i>human biology</i>) and STAT 95 (<i>Introduction to Statistics</i>) are required ; 3 other science units	9
Area C: Humanities & the Arts -- AMS 1A/B; or 6 other humanities and arts units; ENGL 1B	9
Area D: Social Science -- SOCI 1, PSYCH 1, ECON 1A, SOC 80.	9
Area E: Human Understanding & Development -- HUP 69, GERO 99	3

American Institutions (<i>may also satisfy Core GE areas</i>): American History	3
U.S. Constitution & California Government	3

SJSU Studies [formerly known as Advanced General Education]	12
Courses below are suggested: <i>PLEASE CONSULT THE SJSU CATALOG FOR CHANGES TO THESE COURSES AS THE UNIVERSITY MAY ADD, DELETE, OR RECLASSIFY THESE COURSES</i>	
Area R: Earth & Environment -- CHEM 103, NUFS 139, NUFS 139, OR NUFS 163	3
Area S: Self, Society, & Equality in the U.S. -- COMM 174, MAS 130, MAS 160, WOMS 101	3
Area V: Culture, Civilization, & Global Understanding -- ANTH 146; MAS 175; MUSC 117,	3
Area Z: Written Communication -- SCWK 100W, SOCS 100W; ENGL 100W; ANTH 100W; CHAD 100W, PSYC 100W, AfAM 100W, SOCI 100W, HP&f 100W, COMM 100W	3

Physical Education	2
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REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SOCIAL WORK MAJOR

Requirements in the Social Work Major	38
Required: SCWK 110, 111, 112, 120, 121, 130, 131, 140, 141, 142, 170, 175	

Electives **Variable units – whatever you need to get to a minimum of 120 units needed to graduate**

Electives may be chosen in other disciplines to complement a student's major interest in social work: psychology, sociology, health science, gerontology, etc. These are considered “free electives.” **NOTE:** You may already have enough units to qualify as electives. We do not require you to take any specific courses in this area.

Total Units Required for the Degree..... 120

SUGGESTED SEQUENCE FOR THE MAJOR IN SOCIAL WORK

Track I - Entry in Fall Semester

Junior Year		Senior Year	
Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring
SCWK 110	SCWK 131	SCWK 111*	SCWK 112**
SCWK 140	SCWK 170	SCWK 141*	SCWK 142**
SCWK 120		SCWK 121	*** SCWK 175
SCWK 130			

Note: If you can get into SCWK 110, sign up for SCWK 140.

* Note: SCWK 111 & 141 are only offered in the Fall and must be taken after completing the BASW core

** Note: SCWK 112 & 142 are only offered in the Spring and must be taken after successfully completing 111 and 141.

Track II - Entry in Spring Semester

Junior Year		Senior Year	
Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall
SCWK 110	SCWK 111	SCWK 112	Remaining electives
SCWK 120	SCWK 141	SCWK 142	SJSU studies
SCWK 130	SCWK 131	SCWK 121	
SCWK 140	SCWK 170	*** SCWK 175	
Note: You must enroll in and pass all these courses to be eligible for SCWK 141 in the next Fall.	* Note: SCWK 111 & 141 are only offered in the Fall and must be taken after completing the BASW core	** Note: SCWK 112 & 142 are only offered in the Spring and must be taken after successfully completing 111 and 141.	

***** SCWK 175 is open to Social Work majors only and must be taken concurrently with SCWK 112 and SCWK 142, or in the semester immediately following completion of SCWK 142, and must have completed all other social work courses.**

COURSE SEQUENCING FOR THE MAJOR IN SOCIAL WORK

BASW core: SCWK 110, 120, 130, & 140 comprise the BASW core. Students must complete the core before moving on to other advanced practice courses and the field education program.

Eligibility for enrollment in the field education program: **All students must complete SCWK 110, 120, and SCWK 130 with a passing grade of “C” or better and receive a grade of “Credit” in SCWK 140 before they can be accepted into the field education program and permitted to enroll in SCWK 141.**

Capstone Seminar: SCWK 175 is the integrative capstone seminar for the social work program. It must be taken as the last social work course. Students can enroll in SCWK 175 either: a) concurrently with SCWK 112 and SCWK 142, or b) in the semester immediately following completion of SCWK 142, and must have completed all other social work courses for either option. (Note: students cannot plan to take other social work course after completing SCWK 175).

Overview of sequencing issues:

- SCWK 110 is a prerequisite or corequisite for SCWK 140.
- SCWK 120 is a prerequisite for SCWK 121.
- SCWK 130 is a recommended but not required prerequisite for SCWK 131.
- SCWK 170 has the following prerequisites: ScWk 110, ScWk 120, ScWk 130. And the following Pre/Corequisite: Stat 95.
- ***Passing Grades in the BASW core (as described earlier) are required for entry into the Field Education program.***
- SCWK 111 is a corequisite for SCWK 141. ***Students must pass SCWK 111 with a C or better to move on to SCWK 112. Students must receive a grade of “Credit” in SCWK 141 prior to enrolling in SCWK 142.***
- SCWK 112 is a corequisite for SCWK 142.
- SCWK 175 must be taken concurrently with SCWK 112 and SCWK 142, or in the semester immediately following completion of SCWK 142, **and** must have completed all other social work courses.
- Courses are organized differentially for students entering the major in the Fall or in the Spring semester.

THE MINOR IN SOCIAL WORK

The minor in Social Work consists of 18 units and is designed to enrich a student's major area of study by providing an understanding of the values and structures of current human service programs within a historical and developmental framework.

Requirements in the Minor	18
Required: SCWK 10, 110, 120, and 130	12
Electives: Two courses from SCWK 121, 131, 140, 170	6

NOTE for SCWK Minor:

- SCWK 110 is a prerequisite or corequisite for SCWK 140.
- SCWK 120 is a prerequisite for SCWK 121.
- SCWK 130 is a recommended but not required prerequisite for SCWK 131

FIELD PRACTICUM

The Field Practicum provides practical, service oriented experiences in which students can apply abstract, generalized knowledge to concrete, specific situations. Learning emerges from involvement with individuals, families, small groups, organizations and community. The BASW degree prepares its graduates for entry-level human service professional positions. Bilingual ability is highly desired by agencies seeking to hire professionals to serve the diverse populations in California.

Students **must have completed** the BASW core, SCWK 110, 120, and 130, with a **grade of C or better and must receive a grade of Credit in SCWK 140** in order to enter the field education program. *Students will need to complete the application for the field education program early in the spring semester and must show proof of eligibility (passing grades in the BASW core) before they can be assigned a field placement.* The Field Practicum (SCWK 141 and SCWK 142) occurs over two semesters in one community agency.

Students spend two days (16 hours) per week in the agency learning about and participating in the functions of that agency. A minimum of 480 hours (240 per semester) of agency direct practice experience is required. Experience with client groups from an ethnic group different from that of the student is desirable. Students planning to enter field practicum should have their schedule and personal affairs arranged to enable them to devote 16 hours per week for field education in a program-approved agency. A valid California driver's license and use of a vehicle is strongly recommended.

If the student's performance is marginal, then more than the minimum number of hours may be required to develop competency in designated areas of social work practice. The Field Practicum is taken concurrently with SCWK 111 during the Fall semester and SCWK 112 during the Spring semester. **If a student receives NO CREDIT for either of the field practicum courses, the student will be disqualified from the major.**

POLICY ON REPEATING A COURSE IN THE BASW CORE:

Students are allowed to re-take any course in the social work major to improve their grade (except practice and field education courses - see policy outlined earlier). If a student is unable to meet the requisite grade requirement (C or better) for any Core BASW course (110, 120, 130) after two attempts, they will be not be allowed to enroll in any other social work courses until they have received approval from their advisor. Depending on the circumstances, the advisor may recommend options that include, but are not limited to: 1) Passing the Writing Skills Test (WST), and completing an approved 100W course before returning to the social work program; 2) Completing the SJSU Studies (Advanced GE) courses before returning to the social work program; 3) Addressing other issues that interfere with the student's ability to successfully complete the requirements of the social work program including the possibility of an alternative major more suited to the student's aptitude and skills.

Calendar of Important Dates for the Major
(May be changed – so please look out for announcements)

Event	Date
Bridging the Gap (Career & Internship Fair)	Third week of January, 2010
Application package due for Field Education placement (Juniors only) (Students cannot obtain a field placement for SW 141 without this)	mid-February, 2010
Matching Day Event (Juniors only) (Students get to meet prospective field placement agencies)	mid-March, 2010
Application for Graduation (Seniors only) (You should apply for graduation <u>at least one year in advance</u> , after completing at least 90 semester units. See http://www.sjsu.edu/registrar/docs/grad_app.pdf for details.	Spring 2010
Annual Awards & Open House Event	Mid-May, 2010
Orientation for Field Placement (Seniors only)	August, 2010 (3rd week)

Note: Please make it a habit of checking the BASW webpage for updates, and subscribe to the yahoo group list serve (see below).

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

SCWK 010 - *Introduction to Social Welfare and Social Work*

An introduction to social welfare institutions and the social work profession. Its development, knowledge base, value system, and specific areas of direct practice. (3 units) (Required for SW minor)

SCWK 110 - *Foundations of Generalist Practice*

Introduction to the history, mission, values, skills and knowledge base of generalist social work practice within a transcultural perspective. Focus on social work practice with emphasis on those populations at-risk who are disenfranchised and marginalized. (3 units) Prerequisite/ Corequisite: SCWK 140.

SCWK 111 - *Generalist Practice I*

Knowledge, values and skills for generalist social work practice utilizing problem-solving methods with systems of all sizes. Focus on developing professional relationships, defining issues, communication skills, collecting data and assessing individuals from diverse backgrounds interacting with their environments. (3 units) Prerequisite: ScWk 110, Scwk 120, Scwk 130, Scwk 140. Corequisite: ScWk 141. Open to SW Majors only.

SCWK 112 - *Generalist Practice II*

Knowledge, values and skills for generalist social work practice with emphasis on families, groups, organizations, and communities. Focus on transactions to optimize social well-being and empowerment of individuals, families and communities utilizing strengths and transcultural perspectives. Prerequisite: ScWk 111 (Students must pass SCWK 111 with a C or better to move on to SCWK 112.) Corequisite: ScWk 142. Open to Social Work majors only

SCWK 120 - *Social Welfare Institutions and Policies I*

Development of social work as a profession, including mission, values, ethics. Development and changes in the philosophy, legislative base and structures for social services as these affect social and economic justice and impact health and well-being. (3 units) Prerequisite: Junior standing.

SCWK 121 - *Social Welfare Institutions and Policies II*

Methodology and frameworks for analyzing social policy and understanding institutional discrimination, particularly related to populations-at-risk and other disenfranchised groups. Political and organizational processes to influence policy development. (3 units. Prereq: SW 120)

SCWK 130 - *Human Behavior and the Social Environment I*

Theories and knowledge of bio-psycho-social development from birth to old age. The dynamics of interacting social systems and culture on human development. Theories and research on risk and resilience. Human diversity and populations-at-risk emphasized. (3 units. Prereq: Junior standing)

SCWK 131 - *Human Behavior and the Social Environment II*

Theories and knowledge about families, groups, organizations and communities from a systems perspective. The impact of discrimination, economic deprivation and oppression on populations-at-risk. Emphasis on the promotion of optimal health and well-being. (3 units. Prereq: SW 130 Recommended but not required)

SCWK 140 - *Introduction to Field Practicum*

Volunteer experience with a community service organization that will provide the student with exposure to clients/client systems prior to Field Practicum I. Six to eight hours weekly in community based agencies and on-campus seminars. (3 units)

Prerequisite or Corequisite: SCWK 110 or consent of Advisor

SCWK 141 - *Field Practicum I*

Generalist Social Work Practice with individuals, families, and communities from a transcultural perspective in an agency under supervision. Sixteen hours per week required in placement. (4 units. CR/NC grading. Prereq: SW 110, 120, 130, & 140; Corequisite: SW 111)

SCWK 142 - *Field Practicum II*

Generalist Social Work Practice in an agency setting continued. Emphasis on individuals, small groups and communities from a transcultural perspective. Sixteen hours per week required in placement. (4 units.) C/NC Prerequisite: SW 111, 141; Corequisite: SW 112

SCWK 165 - *Community Field Practicum*

Assignment to various community projects, programs, or agencies with emphasis on children and youth to focus on group development and empowerment. Data collection, problem identification, and community analysis to identify resources for problem resolution. (1-4 units)

SCWK 170 - *Introduction to Research Methods*

Scientific and analytic approaches to building knowledge for social work practice, including ethical issues in social work research. Evaluation of service delivery systems using qualitative and quantitative research methodologies. (3 units) Prerequisite: ScWk 110, ScWk 120, ScWk 130. Pre/Corequisite: Stat 95.

SCWK 175 - *Social Work Senior Seminar*

An integrative capstone seminar reviewing current trends, problems and issues confronting the profession. Developments and challenges in California and in the country for BA level generalist practitioners evaluated in light of the student's own personal and professional goals.

(3 units.). Prerequisite/ Corequisite: SCWK 175 is open to Social Work majors only; must be taken concurrently with SCWK 112 and SCWK 142; or taken in the semester immediately following completion of SCWK 142, and all other social work courses must have been completed. Open to Social Work majors only.

SCWK 180 - *Individual Studies*

Individual work on special topics by arrangement with a faculty member. Social Work majors only. (CR/NC grading. Repeatable for credit. 1-4 units.)

SCWK 107 - *Aging and Society*

(Course Description) See Gero 107