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**BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIAL WORK
And A MINOR IN SOCIAL WORK**

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Important websites and other resources for Students:

1) Registrar: <http://www.sjsu.edu/registrar/> 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) Advising Hub: <http://www.sjsu.edu/advising/> for students/ for information for Transfer Students, General Education requirements, etc. *Phone: 408.924.2129 Located in Student Services Center.*

3) The Bursar's Office is 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/undergraduat/basw/> for forms, program information, handbook, academic integrity, notification of academic concern, professional standards, appeal process, FAQ's, etc.

Advising System at SJSU

There is a dual advising system at SJSU. In general, the following guide will help you direct your questions.

Questions to ask a GE Advisor :	Questions to ask your assigned Major advisor
<p>All questions related to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower GE or SJSU Studies courses • Transfer credit for lower GE courses • Any non-major course related questions <p>Students should speak to a GE advisor who can be contacted at the Student Advising Center.</p> <p>http://www.sjsu.edu/advising/</p>	<p>All questions related to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The social work <u>major</u> • Transferring <u>major</u> (i.e. social work) courses • Requests to consider substitute courses for Biology 21, Statistics 95, or 100W • Fields of practice in social work or Career advice • Graduation applications • Undergraduate Social Work Student Association (USWA)

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. Most students met these requirements in California Community Colleges before transferring to the University. Students have Junior standing (60 units) before starting the Social Work major.

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. Please contact Academic Advising and Retention Services webpage for information about **Core General Education** course requirements (<http://www.sjsu.edu/asrs/advising/geadvising/>).

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. Only two lower division courses are required for the social work major: **human biology** (Biol 21 or equivalent upon approval by advisor) and **elementary statistics** (Stat 95 or equivalent upon approval by advisor).

	Units
General Education	39
<u>Core General Education</u> (39 units) [Bio21 and Stat 95 may count toward GE course]	
SJSU Studies (Area R, Area S, Area V, and Area Z).....	12
(See <u>SJSU Studies</u> web page: http://info.sjsu.edu/web-dbgen/narr/soc-fall/rec-263.html)	
Area Z: ScWk100W or another 100W course as approved by your major advisor	
Physical Education	2
Courses Required for the Social Work Major	38
Required: ScWk 110, 111, 112, 120, 121, 130, 131, 140, 141, 142, 170, 175	
Electives	29
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 ELECTIVE COURSE.	
Total Units Required for the Degree	120

SUGGESTED SEQUENCE FOR THE BACHELOR ARTS IN SOCIAL WORK

Junior Year		Senior Year	
Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring
ScWk 110	Take SJSU	ScWk 111*	ScWk 112**
ScWk 140	Studies courses or	ScWk 141*	ScWk 142**
ScWk 120	available ScWk	ScWk 121	ScWk 131
ScWk 130	courses		ScWk 170
			*** ScWk 175
		*Note: ScWk 11 & 141 are only offered in the Fall and must be taken after completing the BASW Core courses.	**Note: ScWk112 & 142 are only offered in the Spring and must be taken after successfully completing 111 & 141.

Entering the BASW Program in the Spring Semester

The BASW Program is not able to guarantee that the four core courses will be available for students who begin the program in the Spring Semester. Therefore we strongly urge that students entering the BASW program in the spring have passed the WST so that in the spring Semester students can take SJSU courses in case there are no core Social Work courses available.

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

COURSE SEQUENCING FOR THE MAJOR IN SOCIAL WORK – PLEASE CONSULT THE BASW BULLETIN ONLINE FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO SEQUENCE MAJOR COURSES

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

Eligibility for enrollment in the field education program: All students must complete ScWk110, 120 and 130 with a passing grade of “C” or better **and** receive a grade of “Credit” in ScWk140 before they can be accepted into the field education program and permitted to enroll in ScWk141.

Capstone Seminar: ScWk175 is the integrative capstone seminar for the social work program. It must be taken as the last social work course. Students can enroll in ScWk175 either: a) concurrently with ScWk112 and ScWk142, or b) in the semester immediately following completion of ScWk142, **and** must have completed all other social work courses. (**Note:** Students cannot plan to take other social work courses after completing ScWk175.)

THE MINOR IN SOCIAL WORK

(UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE: THE SOCIAL WORK MINOR PROGRAM HAS BEEN TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED)

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 SW Minor:

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

FIELD PROGRAM

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.

The Field Practicum (ScWk141 and ScWk142) occurs over two semesters (FALL and SPRING) in one community agency. **Field Placement Application** occurs in the Spring semester prior to entry into the field. 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.

CHANGING YOUR MAJOR TO SOCIAL WORK

Students who want to change their major to Social Work will have to apply to the BASW Program.

Please see the following website for how to apply to the program

(http://www.sjsu.edu/socialwork/docs/BASW_Application_For_Spring_2012_and_Fall_2012.pdf).

There is no guarantee that an application will be approved. Being accepted into the program is based on GPA and whether or not the program has reached its maximum number of students. Also for more information link onto the Impaction link at the bottom of the School of Social Work Webpage

(<http://www.sjsu.edu/socialwork/>).

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

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

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)

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 development of professional relationships, defining issues, collecting data, and assessing individuals and families from diverse backgrounds interacting with their environments. (3 units. Prereq: BASW Core (110, 120, 130, 140). Coreq: ScWk 141. Open to ScWK Majors only.

ScWk 112 - *Generalist Practice II*

Knowledge, values and skills for generalist social work practice with emphasis on groups, organizations and communities. Focus on transactions to optimize social well-being and empowerment of individuals, families, and communities utilizing strengths and transcultural perspectives. (3 units. Prereq: ScWk 111. Coreq: ScWk 142. Open to Social Work majors only)

ScWk 120 - *Social Welfare Institutions and Policies I*

Social work as a profession, including mission, values, and 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)

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: ScWk 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. Human diversity and populations-at-risk emphasized. (3 units. Prereq: Junior standing or permission of instructor)

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

Theories and knowledge about 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: Recommended but not required: ScWk 130)

ScWk 140 - *Introduction to Field Practicum*

Direct involvement with community services to provide the student with exposure to clients/client systems prior to Field Practicum 1. Six to eight hours weekly in community based agencies and on-campus seminars. (3 units. Prerequisites: 1. Must have completed or be currently enrolled in SW 110, or 2. Prior consent of Instructor)

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: ScWk 110, 120, 130, & 140 or equivalent; Corequisite: ScWk 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. CR/NC grading. Prereq: ScWk 111, 141; Corequisite: ScWk 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 research. Evaluation of service delivery systems using qualitative and quantitative research methodologies. (3 units.)

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. Prereq: Must be taken concurrently with SW 112 and SW 142, or in the semester immediately following completion of SW 142, and must have completed all other social work courses. 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

ScWk 192 - *Social Work with Families*

Exploration of various family forms, cultural factors, and dynamics influencing family interaction with agencies and community. Practice strategies include assessment, defining strengths, and focusing on interventions to promote health and well-being. (3 units. An elective)

ScWk 195 - *Social Service for Children and Youth*

Policies, programs, and methods utilized in providing services to children and their families. Child and youth behavior analyzed in relation to interaction with family, peers, schools, community and other institutions. Impact of service structures on individuals from diverse backgrounds considered. (3 units. An elective.)

ScWk 197 - *Alcohol, Substance Abuse and the Family*

An overview of alcohol and substance use and abuse. Effects on client systems, particularly families and children. Identification of symptoms and addictive behaviors, strengths and limitations of interventions, with a special focus on oppressed and marginalized populations. (3 units. An elective.)