



**FSU**

**COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK**

**BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK  
PROGRAM GUIDE**

[CSW.FSU.EDU](http://CSW.FSU.EDU)

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Florida State University (FSU) is a nationally recognized, student-centric institution that takes pride in offering challenging, yet engaging academic programs, open communication with students and opportunities to assume leadership roles. On FSU's main campus, there are 17 colleges offering more than 270+ undergraduate, graduate, professional and doctorate programs.

The FSU College of Social Work recruits one of the most varied student cohorts on FSU's campus, giving each student the opportunity to learn from colleagues that bring invaluable professional experiences and life histories to the classrooms and field placements. Professors and students collaborate and engage in meaningful discussions and intellectual explorations enriched by a variety of cultural and social perspectives.



College of Social Work  
University Center, Building C

### Student-Centric

- Work and collaborate closely with faculty and staff in a warm, caring environment.
- The FSU College of Social Work ranks as a **Top Graduate Program in Social Work** according to *U.S. News & World Report*:

**No. 36 in National Rankings  
Top 25 Among Public  
Universities** (No. 22)

- More than 44,000+ students are enrolled at FSU each year.

### Legacy of Excellence

- FSU has offered classes on social welfare/social work for 100+ years.
- FSU is the first U.S. university to offer a Master of Social Work online program.
- An emphasis on classroom theory applied to real-world scenarios makes the College of Social Work a top program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.
- According to *U.S. News & World Report*, Florida State University ranks:
  - **No. 8 Best Value College** among public universities
  - **Best National University for Veterans** (No. 30 overall and No. 23 among public universities).
- According to *University Magazine*, FSU is among the **Top 10 Universities for Best Student Life**



A group of College of Social Work faculty and staff 2024



# BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM

Social work is a profession committed to serving individuals, families and communities that reflect a wide cross section of humanity. The FSU College of Social Work places a strong emphasis on a student body that reflects these values as passionate change-makers committed to serving others.

A Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree is most suited for entry-level positions in areas such as family services, child welfare, public health and substance use.

The BSW Program requires you to meet minimum admissions requirements and submit an application (see page 8).

## Programs of Study

The BSW program requires at least four semesters to complete all courses for the major.

A minimum of **50 credit hours** (in social work) is required for graduation.

- 38 credit hours of coursework
- 12 credit hours of field education in a supervised internship. (512 clock hours)

While our program is 50 credit hours, you will need a total of 120 credits to earn a bachelor's degree from Florida State University.

## Locations

### TALLAHASSEE CAMPUS

The BSW Program is in Tallahassee, Florida and is primarily a **full-time program** for students in the last two years of their bachelor's degree following completion of general studies and other prerequisite courses. BSW courses may be taken on a part-time basis, but most are offered during daytime hours.

### PANAMA CITY CAMPUS

Part-time and full-time programs of study are available at the FSU Panama City campus in Panama City, Florida. All policies regarding course sequencing and other educational requirements apply to students at both campuses.

**Visit:** [CSW.FSU.EDU/BSW](http://CSW.FSU.EDU/BSW)



**Visit:** [PC.FSU.EDU/BSW](http://PC.FSU.EDU/BSW)



## Note:

The College of Social Work makes decisions about transfer of credit towards requirements specifically for the social work major and only accepts 1) social work coursework from a CSWE-accredited institution 2) a maximum of 24 social work credit hours and 3) social work course work with a grade of 3.0 ("B") or better.



# WHAT A BSW CAN DO FOR YOU?

## What sets a BSW apart from a degree in another major?

- ★ A BSW makes you eligible for an **advanced standing MSW degree** that can be completed in 1 year. A clinical MSW makes you eligible to become a licensed clinical social worker who provides therapy and assessment services.
- ★ A BSW is a nationally recognized degree by the Council of Social Work Education based upon a rigorous national academic standard.
- ★ A BSW prepares you to enhance human wellbeing with particular attention to empowering people who are vulnerable, oppressed and/or living in poverty.
- ★ A BSW provides an understanding of the social work profession's history, values and ethics along with a respect for dignity and a commitment to work towards social and economic justice.

A BSW prepares students for positions that include case managers, mental health assistants, community outreach workers, and residential counselors along with pursuing graduate school.

Social work professionals work with individuals and families, assist clients in schools and communities, and work to shape policy to improve social conditions.

[SocialWorkLicensure.org](http://SocialWorkLicensure.org)

## DID YOU KNOW?



Social Workers Hold

**750,000+**  
Jobs Nationwide

*U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics*

Social Workers are the Nation's  
Largest Group of  
**MENTAL HEALTH  
SERVICE PROVIDERS**

Social Work is one of the

**FASTEST**  
**GROWING PROFESSIONS**

**7% increase** from 2022-2032

*significantly higher than the 5% average growth rate for all other occupations*



Social Workers are  
**College-Educated,  
Skilled Professionals**  
holding bachelor's,  
master's and doctoral degrees

## TOP SOCIAL SERVICE JOBS JOBS IN 2025

*U.S. News & World Report*

- #1** Substance Abuse and Behavioral Disorder Counselor
- #4** Marriage and Family Therapist
- #6** Community Health Worker
- #7** Social and Community Service Manager
- #9** Mental Health Counselor
- #16** Clinical Social Worker



## STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS



**ELIJAH GARDNER**

"I chose social work because of the emphasis on holistic care; the whole person matters, not just specific symptoms or problems. Through this field, I can best serve the communities I belong to.

The BSW program has proven itself to be the best of what education can be. Every part is tailored to be practical, useful and purpose-driven. Faculty, staff and students alike have committed to a program where learning and growth are the expectations, and excellence is the standard."

"I always wanted to do something that would help make the world a better place for everyone, and finding social work has turned out to be an amazing fit.

The professors in the social work program genuinely care about their students and have supported me throughout my time in the program. They have shown me that even small actions can lead to social change, and that my voice and impact will be meaningful!"



**ISABELLE MERTES**



**DESEAN CRITTENDEN**

"My mother being an LCSW showed me the power of compassion and perseverance in social work. It lit a spark in me to follow a path of serving others with the same resoluteness. Drawn to macro practice, I aspire to foster resilient communities where everyone has the opportunity to succeed.

The BSW program has been a meaningful and empowering experience. The faculty and hands-on learning opportunities have helped me grow personally and professionally. I've gained the knowledge and confidence I need to step into the field and make a difference."

"I chose to major in social work because growing up I did not have the best life. I would like to pay it forward and help those in the same situation I was in once as a way to give back to everyone that helped me throughout my life.

I was not expecting the amount of love and respect that everyone in the BSW program shows. I recommend this program to as many people as I possibly can because this program is filled with nothing but love, patience, non-judgment and respect!"



**SHANIECE  
STANLEY-QUIZON**



# AWARDS, TUITION, & OPPORTUNITIES

**Tuition information:**  
[studentbusiness.fsu.edu/tuition-fees](http://studentbusiness.fsu.edu/tuition-fees)

## Scholarships

College of Social Work scholarships are available annually through an application process during the spring semester ([csw.fsu.edu](http://csw.fsu.edu)).

**STUDENT SUPPORT**  
2024-2025



**131** Scholarships

 **94** Students

**\$109,625**  
\$ Amount for Scholarships

## HONORS IN THE MAJOR

[honors.fsu.edu/honors-major](http://honors.fsu.edu/honors-major)



Students earning an Honors in the Major complete a **research thesis or creative project in their major** area under the guidance of faculty. Students with a GPA of 3.2 or higher can apply for the Honors Program.

## CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

[csw.fsu.edu/certificates](http://csw.fsu.edu/certificates)



The **Child Welfare Practice Certificate** is designed for social work students who wish to develop knowledge and skills in child welfare practice and children's mental health.



The **Gerontology/Aging Studies Certificate** is designed to educate social work students about gerontological theory and practice as well as provide students with gerontological internship and service-learning opportunities.

## INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS [csw.fsu.edu/ip](http://csw.fsu.edu/ip)



**Study Abroad in Belfast**  
Northern Ireland, United Kingdom (Summer).



**Exchange Program in Sweden**  
(Fall, Spring, Summer)



**Alternative Spring Break**  
program is a volunteer service project in **Grenada, West Indies** in the East Caribbean supporting local agencies. (Spring)



**International Field Placements**  
opportunities for BSW students to complete their internships abroad may include Canada, United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland (\*Placement availability varies each semester).



FSU Social Work faculty, students in Grenada, East Caribbean for the 2025 Alternative Spring Break Program



## MINOR IN SOCIAL WELFARE

The College of Social Work offers a Minor in Social Welfare available to non-social work majors interested in exploring the wide range of opportunities in social welfare.

### **Minor in Social Welfare Requirement**

The minor requires 12 hours in social work courses with a grade of C- or better in each course (at least 6 hours completed at Florida State University).

### **Courses**

SOW 3203: The Social Work Profession (3 credits)

SOW 3350: Interviewing and Documentation (3 credits)

Two Social Work Electives (6 credits)

***\*\*The Minor in Social Welfare does not qualify you for a social work internship, advanced standing graduate program in social work or professional certification or licensure.***

# BSW PROGRAM ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

## Application to FSU ([admissions.fsu.edu](https://admissions.fsu.edu))

1. Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better
2. All general education requirements (minimum of 60 credit hours)

## BSW Program Application ([csw.fsu.edu/bsw](https://csw.fsu.edu/bsw))

3. Successful completion of prerequisite (or their equivalent) courses with a C or better.

## BSW APPLICATION DEADLINE DATES

Fall Semester - June 1

Spring Semester - November 1

Apply online at [CSW.FSU.EDU/BSW](https://csw.fsu.edu/bsw)

## Social Work Professional Standards

Given the ethical responsibilities of professional social work practice to enhance human well-being and help meet the basic human needs of all people, with particular attention to the needs and empowerment of people who are vulnerable and living in poverty (NASW Code of Ethics, 2020).

The College of Social Work has established Professional Standards for students that not only focus on academic performance but that also emphasize the abilities and attributes essential for the profession. This document describes the Professional Standards each student must satisfy, with or without reasonable accommodations, to enroll in, fully participate in, progress through and graduate from any College of Social Work program. These standards apply in the classroom, field placements, college and university.



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