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 that help them develop leadership skills. On FSU’s main campus, there are 18 colleges offering more than 300 undergraduate, graduate, professional and doctorate programs.

The FSU College of Social Work recruits one of the most diverse 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 embrace the robust conversations and intellectual adventures that cultural and social diversity bring.

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 (No. 42) according to U.S. News & World Report.
- More than 45,000 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.
- FSU is a recognized 2022 Diversity Champion and received a 2022 Higher Education in Excellent Diversity Award from INSIGHT Into Diversity.
Social work is a profession committed to serving individuals, families and communities that reflect a wide cross section of humanity regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, political belief, mental or physical handicap, or any other preference or personal characteristics or conditions.

The FSU College of Social Work places a strong emphasis on a student body that reflects these values. 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 liberal studies and other prerequisite courses. BSW Courses may be taken on a part-time basis, but most are offered during daytime hours.
Visit: CSW.FSU.EDU/BSW

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: 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 course work 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 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 can also make you eligible to be a licensed clinical social worker to provide 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.

- You gain an understanding of the profession’s history, values and ethics, a respect for dignity and a commitment to work aiming for social and economic justice.

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

Social Workers help people challenge their circumstances and change their lives and pushes institutions to value and support people in need.

DID YOU KNOW?

Social Workers Hold 700,000+ Jobs Nationwide

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

Social Work is one of the FASTEST GROWING PROFESSIONS 9% increase from 2021-2031

Social Work is Ranked Among the 2021 BEST SOCIAL SERVICE JOBS

#3 Substance Abuse and Behavioral Disorder Counselor

#12 Clinical Social Worker

#22 Marriage and Family Therapist

#28 Child and Family Social Worker

Social WorkLicensure.org
“I chose the social work profession because I would like to narrow disparities in healthcare and advocate for wellness for all people. I believe that social workers are the bridge that can lead underrepresented populations to a better life.”

NAKAYCIA BREWTON

“I chose social work because I wanted to better the human experience. My experiences in the BSW program taught me that if I continued to approach life with the mindset of placing a higher value on my wellbeing instead of another individual, I would not leave this world as a better place than when I entered it.”

CHRISTOPHER GUTIERREZ

“I chose social work because my entire mind and body marches for social justice, it marches until all of my neighbors have what they need to live full and joyful lives. Social work prepares you to see what your role is in creating that positive change and it’s gives you the tools you need to step into that role.”

TAYLOR BIRO
Tuition information: 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).

Social Work Undergraduate Research Award introduces undergraduates to the discipline and rewards of scholarly research. Awardees work with a faculty member on their research, allowing them to make significant contributions to social work research. The opportunity also provides conceptual and practical skills to develop independent research projects.

Garnet and Gold Scholars Society

The society recognizes engaged, well-rounded undergraduate students who excel within and beyond the classroom in the areas of: Leadership, Internship, Service, International, Research garnetandgoldscholar.fsu.edu

Certificate Programs
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 education social work students about gerontological theory and practice as well as provide students with gerontological internship and service-learning opportunities.

Honors in the 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. honors.fsu.edu/honors-major

International Programs

csw.fsu.edu/ip

- Study Abroad in Prague, Czech Republic (Summer)

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

- Alternative Spring Break volunteer service project in Grenada, West Indies in the East Caribbean supporting local agencies.

- International Field Placements are available for BSW students in Canada, United Kingdom, and the Republic of Ireland to gain a great understanding of international social work.
The College of Social Work offers a Minor in Social Work available to non-social work majors interested in exploring the wide range of opportunities in social work.

**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 Work 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

1. Application to FSU (admissions.fsu.edu)
2. Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better
3. All general education requirements (minimum of 60 credit hours)
4. BSW Program Application (csw.fsu.edu/bsw)
5. Successful completion of prerequisite (or their equivalent) courses with a B- or better.

BSW APPLICATION DEADLINE DATES

Fall Semester - June 1
Spring Semester - November 1

Apply online at BSW.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, oppressed, 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. Students must adhere to the Professional Standards with or without reasonable accommodations. These standards apply in the classroom, field placements, college, and university.

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