



# FSU

## COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK

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### BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM GUIDE

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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 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.



College of Social Work  
University Center, Building C



FSU social work students at NASW Legislative Education and Advocacy Day.

## 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).

# 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 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.

### 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.

## 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.

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





# 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

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

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  
**700,000+**  
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**

**9% increase** from 2021-2031  
*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 AMONG THE 100 BEST

*U.S. News & World Report*

- #31** Substance Abuse and Behavioral Disorder Counselor
- #36** Social and Community Service Manager
- #40** Community Health Worker
- #58** Marriage and Family Therapist
- #86** Clinical Social Worker
- #100** Mental Health Counselor



## STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS



**CONQUALLA SCOTT**

"I chose social work because everyone needs someone. Social work has given me the opportunity to represent and advocate for underserved, underrepresented communities.

The BSW program has allowed me to explore different avenues of social work as a profession and helped me to develop into the person I am today. The program has shown me how I can make a difference and that I am truly passionate about empowerment and advocacy."

"My inspiration to become a social worker stems from my desire to leave a positive impact on the lives of others. Growing up I always knew I wanted a profession where I could help others, and social work allows me to do that. My experiences in the BSW program have broadened my view of social work through in-depth class discussions and by connecting me with professionals working in the field."



**JACK MCGEE**



**MAKAYLA EVANS**

"I wanted to become a social worker to help people like my mom. As an Asian American she struggled with a slew of challenges and needed someone to talk to who had the cultural competencies needed to build rapport with a client.

My experience in the BSW program taught me how to be the change the change I want to see in the world. Even if hundreds of people recognize an issue, it still requires someone to take action to do something about it. This program taught me how to be that person.

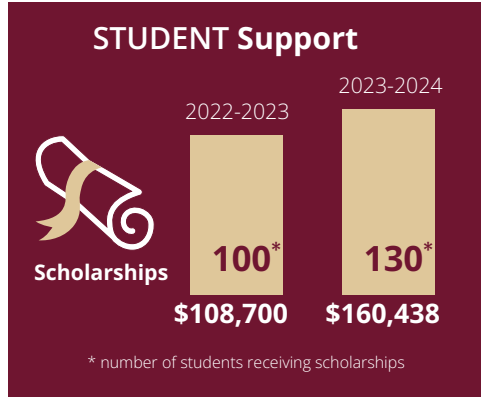


# AWARDS, TUITION, & OPPORTUNITIES

**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)).



## 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 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.



FSU Social Work faculty, staff and students advocating at the FSU Capitol.



## 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 [BSW.FSU.EDU/BSW](https://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. These standards apply in the classroom, field placements, college and university.



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