



Bachelor of Social Work Program Guide



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WHAT IS SOCIAL WORK?

Informed by the principles of social justice, the social work program encourages students to identify the needs of the disadvantaged, marginalized and oppressed; to develop the commitment, knowledge, values, attitudes, and skills required to confront structural inequalities; to address personal issues; and to empower individuals, families and communities to realize their full potential.



WHERE ARE SOCIAL WORKERS EMPLOYED?

Social Work is an action-oriented profession. Social workers practice in a wide variety of settings in areas that include direct work with individuals, families and groups; community development; social policy; program planning and research. Social workers find employment in:

- Child and family service agencies
- Mental health and medical centers
- Schools and educational settings
- Non-profit and Non-government organization
- Community outreach
- Crisis intervention and support
- Indigenous agencies
- Services for people living with disabilities
- Services for the older adults
- Justice settings
- Newcomer and settlement agencies
- Supportive services for substance use
- Gender/sexuality organizations

WHERE CAN I TAKE THE BSW PROGRAM?



The Faculty of Social Work offers the Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) province wide and has campuses in **Regina** and **Saskatoon**. At our Saskatoon Campus, students can complete the entire BSW through the U of R. Students may also complete most of the program from a distance. Note: we do not offer an all online program.

Some BSW course offerings are available to take online and remotely, via zoom.

Saskatchewan's regional colleges offer some face-to-face courses toward the BSW as well. Please contact your nearest regional college for details!



WHAT IF I HAVE OTHER UNIVERSITY COURSES?

A minimum of 45 credit hours of the social work portion of the BSW must be completed through the University of Regina. This means that a maximum of 18 credit hours of social work courses and 57 credit hours of general university studies (GUS) could be transferred in from other universities. Transfer Credit is evaluated and may be granted when a student is admitted to the University and the Faculty of Social Work.

If students intend to take courses from another institution, they should check with the Faculty of Social Work before registering to ensure that the courses are transferable.

WHAT IS A PRACTICUM?

Professional social work education involves the acquisition of knowledge and skills, through academic study and supervised practice which is called practicum (SW 348 and SW 448.) Practicum involves direct practice in social work agencies and other human service settings. The student will be exposed to helping situations where they are expected to have direct involvement in a supportive role.

The student will be expected to carry a reduced workload which is closely supervised by the agency. Practicum seminars are conducted to provide students with additional learning, integrating theory and practice as it relates to the practicum experience.

WHAT ARE THE BSW COURSE REQUIREMENTS?

GENERAL UNIVERSITY STUDIES (GUS)

ENGL 100 - Critical Reading and Writing I **	3
INDG 100 - Introduction to Indigenous Studies **	3
PSYC 101 - Introductory Psychology **	3
SOC 100 - Introduction to Sociology **	3
ENGL 110 - Critical Reading and Writing II	3
INDG 200 Level or Higher (INDG 260 or 262 are recommended)	3
WGST 100 - Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies	3
2 SOC 200 Level or Higher	6
10 Open Electives (9 maximum credit hours of SW/INSW Courses)	30
Total GUS Credit Hours	57

SOCIAL WORK STUDIES (SW)

SW 100 - Foundations in Social Work **	3
SW 202 - Critical Issues/Critical Thought	3
SW 345 - Human Development in Social Context (formerly SW 421)	3
SW 346 - SW Practice I	3
SW 347 - SW Practice II	3
SW 350 - Anti-Oppressive SW Practice	3
SW 390 - Communication Skills in SW Practice	3
SW 405 - Social Work with Indigenous Peoples	3
SW 451 - Social Work Research	3
SW 460 - Ethics in Social Work	3
SW 469 - Social Policy	3
3 Social Work Electives (SW/INSW Courses)	9
SW 348 - SW Practicum I	6
SW 448 - SW Practicum II	15
Total SW Credit Hours	63
Total Credit Hours for the BSW	120

** Denotes courses that are required for the Pre-Social Work Program and eligibility to apply into the BSW Program.

HOW DO I APPLY?

There are three admission steps to the Bachelor of Social Work program:

- 1) Gain admission to the University of Regina;
- 2) Complete the Pre-Social Work program;
- 3) Apply to the BSW Program.

1. APPLY FOR ADMISSION

Students who choose social work as their program of study on the application form will be admitted into the Pre-Social Work program with the Faculty of Social Work. University of Regina Students transferring from another faculty to the Faculty of Social Work will also be placed in the Pre-Social Work Program.

For high school students, the requirement for admission to Pre- Social Work is a minimum of 70% on:

- English Language Arts A30* and B30*
- Two courses from Category A (Maths & Sciences) or Category B (Languages & Social Sciences)
- One course from Category A (Maths & Sciences), Category B (Languages & Social Sciences), or Category C (Other Approved Courses)
- * Fransaskois/Immersion students may use one of Français fransaskois A30/B30 or

Français immersion in combination with either one of the English Language Arts courses
Please see the U of R Undergraduate Calendar for additional admission information, including the list of approved courses.

2. COMPLETE THE PRE-SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM

The BSW application is completed online, and admission to the BSW program is done once per year. The application is available on October 1st of each year and must be submitted by January 15th. The online application can be found under 'Admissions Overview' on the Faculty of Social Work website at: www.uregina.ca/socialwork.

- A minimum of 30 post-secondary credit hours including: ENGL 100, INDG 100, PSYC 101, SOC 100 & SW 100
- A minimum 70% grade point average in the last 30 credit hours of any post secondary studies

3. APPLY TO THE BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

Admission decisions will be based on a combination of the following:

- Successful completion of the Pre-Social Work program
- Human service experience (paid and unpaid) and personal statement
- GPA Ranking

For more information, please see the BSW Admissions information on our website and refer to the Undergraduate Calendar.

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