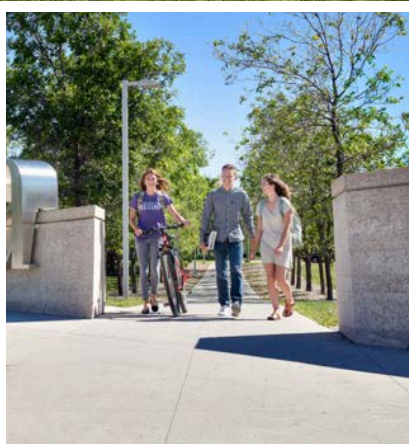




# FACULTY OF SOCIAL WORK

## NEW STUDENT HANDBOOK

2025-2026



**More Information**

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### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The social work program of education, research and community service is designed to prepare students for critical generalist social work practice with diverse peoples. Informed by the principles of indigenization, sustainability and social justice, the social work program encourages students to identify the needs of the disadvantaged, marginalized and oppressed. It supports students in developing the commitment, knowledge, values, attitudes, and skills required to confront structural inequalities, and to empower individuals, families, and communities to realize their full potential.

### More Information

 <https://www.uregina.ca/social-work/>

# SECTION 1: PRE-SOCIAL WORK

Welcome to the Faculty of Social Work! Congratulations on taking the first steps toward earning a Bachelor of Social Work at the University of Regina. This handbook is designed to assist you in your transition to our program and identify your next steps.

## NEW PRE-SW GROUP ADVISING

All new Pre-SW students must attend a New Pre-SW Group Advising session prior to registration. This session will provide an overview of Faculty of Social Work program at the U of R and will cover information about program requirements, course sequencing, admission requirements into the Bachelor of Social Work program, student supports and services, University policies and deadlines as well as registration information. A hold that prevents registration will be placed on your student account until attendance in a session is confirmed. These sessions are facilitated via Zoom and are offered multiple times per month. To register for a session, visit our [Events Calendar](#).

## PREPARING FOR PRE-SW

Before you start this program, we recommend reviewing the following resources on our website

1. [Faculty of Social Work website](#)
2. [Student Central website](#)
3. [Undergraduate Calendar](#)

It is important that you set up your [University of Regina e-mail](#) account. All official communication from the University will be sent to your student e-mail.

## More Information

 <https://www.uregina.ca/social-work/pre-social-work>



# SECTION 1: PRE-SOCIAL WORK

## PRE-SW REQUIREMENTS

Students in Pre-Social work are required to complete 30 university credit hours (10 courses), including ENGL 100, INDG 100, PSYC 101, SOC 100, and SW 100. This includes potential transfer credit equivalents. These Pre-Social Work requirements contribute to the 120 credit hour (four year) Bachelor of Social Work degree program.

## IMPORTANT NOTE

Students in Pre-Social Work are not permitted to take any 300- or 400-level Social Work courses. To register in 300- and 400- level Social Work courses at the U of R, you must first be admitted to the Bachelor of Social Work program. Applications for admission into the Bachelor of Social Work occur after completing the Pre-Social Work requirements. You will need to attain a GPA of at least 70% in your most recent 30 credit hours. For more information on applying to the Bachelor of Social Work, please visit the next page.

## FIRST YEAR COURSE RECOMMENDATIONS

### FALL SEMESTER

English 100  
Indigenous Studies 100  
Psychology 101  
Sociology 100  
Social Work 100

### WINTER SEMESTER

English 110  
Women and Gender Studies 100  
Open Elective  
Open Elective  
Open Elective

### SUGGESTIONS FOR OPEN ELECTIVES

Anthropology 100  
Justice Studies 100  
Philosophy 100  
Political Science 100  
Religious Studies 100  
Social Studies 110

For more information on course sequencing, visit the [Faculty of Social Work's Registration page](https://www.uregina.ca/social-work/pre-social-work)

## More Information

 <https://www.uregina.ca/social-work/pre-social-work>



# SECTION 1: PRE-SOCIAL WORK



## APPLICATION TO THE BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

To gain admission into the Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) program, a separate competitive application process is required. To be eligible for application, any outstanding Pre-Social Work requirement must be completed by April 30<sup>th</sup> of the application year (at the latest). The BSW program application deadline is January 15<sup>th</sup> of each year.

Admission decisions will be based on a combination of: completion of Pre-Social Work academic requirements, admission GPA of at least 70%, assessment of details related to human service experience and community engagement, and a personal statement.

Additional information can be found on the [Faculty of Social Work website](https://www.uregina.ca/social-work/) including the BSW application and admission requirements. Please note that the BSW application is available between October 1<sup>st</sup> and January 15<sup>th</sup> for online submission only. Students successfully admitted to the BSW program will be admitted for the Fall term following the application period.

### More Information

 <https://www.uregina.ca/social-work/admission>

# SECTION 2: BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

Students admitted to the Bachelor of Social Work program through the competitive admission process will be asked to attend a BSW Advising seminar in March and will be required to complete the online SW 099 BSW Orientation modules on UR Courses. Students will gain access to the modules in June and must complete them prior to the Fall term.

**BSW ADVISING SEMINAR****SW 099**

## **BSW STUDENT ADVISING SEMINAR**

Attend a brief advising seminar for newly admitted BSW students. This session will emphasize course sequencing and registration for the upcoming Fall and Winter terms. For further details including how to register, please refer to your admission letter.

## **SW 099**

SW 099 is designed to support your transition into, and success throughout, the BSW degree program. Throughout the modules, you will learn about professionalism and ethics, academic integrity, practicum, program planning, and more! **Completing the SW 099 modules is required of all newly admitted BSW students.** Students who do not complete the modules by the following Fall term will have a registration hold added to their account, preventing changes course registration for the Winter term. Further details about this course will be included in your admission letter.

## **More Information**

 <https://www.uregina.ca/social-work/bachelor-social-work>

# SECTION 2: BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

## BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

These course requirements are reflected in the current Undergraduate Calendar and are subject to change. Courses taken in Pre-Social Work - denoted by an asterisk - are included in the Bachelor of Social Work.

### UNIV 001

UNIV 001 must be completed by all undergraduate students registered with the University of Regina. Students are automatically registered into the class through the University's class registration system. This course is designed to support students' transition to university by enhancing their academic skills essential for success in undergraduate studies, such as time management, note-taking, academic writing and research skills. For more information, consult the [Univ 001 Syllabus](#).

#### GENERAL UNIVERSITY STUDIES

ENGL 100\*  
ENGL 110  
INDG 100\*  
INDG LV 200 OR HIGHER (260 OR 262 RECOMMENDED)  
PSYC 101\*  
SOC 100\*  
SOC LV 200 OR HIGHER  
SOC LV 200 OR HIGHER  
WGST 100  
10x OPEN ELECTIVES

**TOTAL CREDIT HOURS: 57**

#### SOCIAL WORK STUDIES

SW 100\*  
SW 202  
SW 345  
SW 346  
SW 347  
SW 350  
SW 390  
SW 405  
SW 451  
SW 460  
SW 469  
3x SW ELECTIVES  
SW 348  
SW 448

**TOTAL CREDIT HOURS: 63**

### More Information

 <https://www.uregina.ca/social-work/bachelor-social-work>

# SECTION 2: BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

## EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING: PRACTICUM

Practicum is an exciting part of the BSW program that provides practical experience working in your chosen field. Practicum constitutes nearly twenty percent of the BSW and more than a third of the Social Work credit hours you will take during the program. The practicum portion of the BSW consists of SW 348 and SW 448. It is recommended that you take both practica in the final year of the program: Sw 348 in the first semester, and Sw 448 in the second semester. When you are nearing practicum, you will apply for a placement and attend a practicum information session.

Practicum placements are available in a diverse range of practice settings, including direct practice, policy, community development, and research. Within these areas of practice students may be placed in government or community-based agencies across a variety of fields including health care, social service, education, and corrections. As part of the placement process, students will be guided through a series of steps aimed at identifying the types of placement settings that interest them. For application deadlines, visit the [Faculty of Social Work practicum](#) page.

### SW 348 - PRACTICUM 1

#### Prerequisites:

- SW 100, 202, 346, 350, 390, and 460
- A minimum 70% GPA on the SW Studies Section of the BSW

2 days per week for 15 weeks;  
230 hours in placement;  
Bi-weekly seminars;  
Saskatchewan or Out-of-Province  
6 Credit Hours

### SW 448 - PRACTICUM 2

#### Prerequisites:

- SW 100, 202, 345, 346, 347, 350, 390, 451, 460, and 469
- Practicum 1 (Sw 348)
- A minimum 70% GPA on the SW Studies Section of the BSW

4 days per week for 16 weeks;  
470 hours in placement;  
Bi-weekly seminars;  
Saskatchewan, Out-of-Province, International;  
15 Credit Hours

## More Information



<https://www.uregina.ca/social-work/bachelor-social-work/practicum>



# SECTION 3: FACULTY REGULATIONS

The granting of a degree by the University of Regina constitutes acknowledgement that students are deemed qualified and suitable as social work practitioners upon graduation and that they will conduct themselves in a professional and ethical manner.

## STUDENT PROFESSIONAL SUITABILITY

Unprofessional conduct by students may have direct repercussions for the people social workers service, the profession of social work, as well as the Faculty of Social Work and the University. Action may be taken any time a student is suspected of unsatisfactory performance of professional responsibilities. If an instructor, faculty member, field member, staff, or student identifies a student demonstrating unsatisfactory performance of professional responsibilities a complaint can be made in writing and submitted to the Dean of the Faculty of Social Work. All procedures for handling such complaints are outlined in our policy on [Student Professional Suitability](#).

## ETHICAL USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

Social Work students and professionals are increasingly using and relying upon social media; therefore, guidelines are necessary in order to protect us and those with whom we work from potentially harmful consequences. Please refer to our policy on [Ethical Use of Social Media](#) for guidelines.

## ATTENDANCE POLICY

It is a program expectation that Pre-Social Work and BSW students will attend all of their Social Work classes. When absenteeism is unavoidable, students are requested to communicate in writing their absence to the instructor prior to class, or as soon as possible in the case of unavoidable emergencies. Students may not miss more than 23% of class time, the equivalent of 3 classes. Students who miss three classes, excused or unexcused, may be asked to withdraw from the course. Please read the Faculty's full [Attendance Policy](#) for further details.

## More Information

 <https://www.uregina.ca/social-work/professional-ethics>

# SECTION 3: FACULTY REGULATIONS

At the University of Regina, students in Saskatoon who wish to complete the Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) or Master of Social Work (MSW) degree may enroll in Social Work courses at the Saskatoon Campus. The Saskatoon Campus is housed within Innovation Saskatchewan in the Concourse Building at 116 Research Drive. Our Saskatoon Campus is equipped with a full complement of faculty and staff, including academic advisors and practicum personnel. For details on the Saskatoon Campus, please refer to our website and the [Saskatoon Campus Handbook](#).



## SASKATOON CAMPUS



### OFF-CAMPUS LEARNING

In our Faculty, we strive to make our social work programs accessible. Distance delivery of the BSW is generally available on a part-time study basis, but may be available full-time depending on course offerings. There may be semesters in which it is possible to find a full-time course load of distance courses that fit into your programming, but there may also be semesters in which only 1-2 courses fit your program needs as a distance students. Currently, the majority of the courses in our program can be obtained via distance; however, we do not officially offer an 'online program'. Notably, practicum placements and SW 390 are not available online. In the case that courses are not available at your study location, you have the option of commuting to our Regina or Saskatoon campuses. It may also be possible to take courses online through other institutions. Our team of Academic Advisors will work closely with you to find all possible options for timely program completion.

### More Information

 <https://www.uregina.ca/social-work/study-locations>

# SECTION 3: FACULTY REGULATIONS

## DISTRIBUTING PERSONAL INFORMATION

Social Work Student Services does not distribute contact information for instructors or students. Instructors may be contacted via information provided to students in course syllabi online. Student information can only be provided with written consent from the individual student, using the University's [authorization form](#).

## MAXIMUM COURSE LOAD

A maximum course load is 5 classes per semester in Fall and Winter. Students have the option of taking courses in the Spring/Summer semesters with a maximum of 2 classes in Spring and 2 classes in Summer. To remain on track to complete the degree in 4 years, 10 courses (or 30 credit hours) would need to be taken per year; however, it is not required to complete the program within this timeline. Many students take fewer than 10 courses per year. An Academic Advisor in the Faculty of Social Work can help you determine the best option and timeline for you.

## FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME STUDIES

Students may choose to pursue the Bachelor of Social Work full-time or part-time:

- Full-time (9-15 credit hours per term); or
- Part-time (3-6 credit hours per semester)

Full- and part-time study equivalencies differ within the Spring/Summer term. For further details, refer to the [Student Award and Financial Aid](#) website.

## TRANSFER CREDIT

Any courses previously completed through a different institution are assessed for transfer credit. Any courses not in the University's database may require detailed course syllabi for a full assessment to be completed. Syllabi will be requested as needed and therefore may take a number of weeks to be completed.

## More Information

 <https://www.uregina.ca/social-work/>

# SECTION 3: FACULTY REGULATIONS

## ACADEMIC ADVISING

Academic advisors are available in all faculties/colleges at the University of Regina. We are here to assist with your success during your time within the Faculty. Academic Advisors provide invaluable information regarding your academic program, and connect you to other available student services and resources to foster success. Advisors are your first line of contact when you have questions, problems in a class, difficulties balancing work, life, and school, or if you need a friendly ear. Advisors can help keep you connected to the University and its systems.

Academic Advisors in the Faculty of Social Work are available to discuss:

- Course selection that aligns with your individual interests and aspirations
- Course sequencing, registration, and planning a balanced schedule
- Preparation for applying to the Bachelor of Social Work
- University of Regina policies, procedures, and academic regulations
- Strategies for academic success including returning to good academic standing if you are on/at risk of academic probation, or returning from a period of discontinuance
- Academic options surrounding personal emergencies
- Convocation application deadlines and processes
- Services to help ease transition to the University of Regina

Academic advising for students in social work is shared between the Faculty of Social Work, the Student Success Centre (SSC), as well as regional colleges throughout Saskatchewan. As your advising team, we are available to support you throughout the duration of your program, and we look forward to working with you!

**FACULTY OF SOCIAL WORK  
ACADEMIC ADVISING**

**BOOK ONLINE**

**STUDENT SUCCESS CENTRE  
ACADEMIC ADVISING**

**DROP-IN INFORMATION**

**REGIONAL COLLEGE  
ACADEMIC ADVISING**

**MORE INFORMATION**

## More Information

 <https://www.uregina.ca/social-work/advising-student-support>

# SECTION 4: GENERAL INFORMATION

## **SOCIAL WORK STUDENT SOCIETY**

The Social Work Student Society is a non-profit student run organization operating out of the University of Regina's Faculty of Social Work.

There are two Social Work Student Societies (SWSS), one in Regina and the other in Saskatoon, which function as a venue for social work students to gather and pursue common goals and interests. For more information, please visit the website on SWSS.

## **STUDENT MEMBERSHIP IN SK ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS**

The Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers (SASW) is a professional association and regulatory body. Upon graduation, students are able to register with the SASW to work in Saskatchewan as a Registered Social Worker. Student members of the SASW join a network with social work professionals and future employers.

As a student member, students can access downloadable information from the Canadian Association of Social Work (CASW), receive the Canadian Social Work online journal, have the opportunity to attend and help plan events, have access to the SASW Mentoring Program, plus many other benefits. For more information, please see [www.sasw.ca](http://www.sasw.ca).

## **ORIENTATION AND OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS**

University of Regina's New Student Orientation aims to help new undergraduate students familiarize themselves with the U of R and improve their first experiences at this University. Orientation is held in Regina, Saskatoon, and virtually via UR Courses. For more information, please visit the [Orientation page](#).

For Faculty of Social Work events, please see our [Coming Events page](#).

### **More Information**

 <https://www.uregina.ca/social-work/get-involved>



# IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

## FEATURED CAMPUS SERVICES

<b><u>COUNSELLING SERVICES</u></b>	<b>306-337-2200</b>
<b><u>CENTRE FOR STUDENT ACCESSIBILITY</u></b>	<b>306-337-2200</b>
<b><u>STUDENT SUCCESS CENTRE</u></b>	<b>306-585-4076</b>
<b><u>INFORMATION SERVICES</u></b>	<b>306-585-4685</b>
<b><u>TA-TAWÂW STUDENT CENTRE</u></b>	<b>306-337-3153</b>
<b><u>UR INTERNATIONAL</u></b>	<b>306-585-5082</b>
<b><u>STUDENT AWARD AND FINANCIAL AID</u></b>	<b>306-585-4591</b>
<b><u>CENTRE FOR EXPERIENTIAL AND SERVICE LEARNING</u></b>	<b>306-585-4899</b>

**More Information**

 <https://www.uregina.ca/students/>

# IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

## FACULTY OF SOCIAL WORK, STUDENT SERVICES OFFICES

For general information, academic advising appointments, and course registration inquiries.

### REGINA CAMPUS



3737 Wascana Parkway,  
Education Building, University of Regina,  
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306-585-4554

### SASKATOON CAMPUS



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The Concourse, Innovation SK,  
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### More Information

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work/contact-us](https://www.uregina.ca/social-work/contact-us)