

University of Regina

Faculty of Social Work Saskatoon Campus

2025-2026 STUDENT HANDBOOK

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INTRODUCTION

The <u>Faculty of Social Work</u> boasts an exceptional team of more than 30 knowledgeable and approachable faculty, staff and sessional lecturers, all dedicated to the educational and professional success of our students. The Faculty of Social Work is situated on Treaty 4 lands with a presence in Treaty 6. These are the territories of the nêhiyawak, Anihšināpēk, Dakota, Lakota, and Nakoda, and the homeland of the Métis/Michif Nation. The Saskatoon Campus is located in Innovation Saskatchewan at <u>116 Research Drive: The</u> <u>Concourse</u>, Room 111.





This guide intended to support Saskatoon and Distance Social Work students with common questions and concerns. There are clickable links within this document, which will take you directly to the appropriate website location.

FACULTY OF SOCIAL WORK POLICIES & PROCEDURES

STATEMENT ON STUDENT PERFORMANCE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Social Work is a specialized profession, and the Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) is a professional degree. The Faculty of Social Work's <u>Student Performance of Professional Responsibilities</u> policy expects all Social Work students to demonstrate a professional attitude as well as a professional behaviours and interactions both inside and outside the classroom. This expectation adheres to the <u>CASW Code of Ethics</u>, <u>Values and Guiding Principles</u> and <u>SASW Standards of Practice</u>.

ACADEMIC REGULATIONS

Students should be familiar with the Faculty of Social Work's Academic Policies. BSW students must maintain a 70% GPA on their social work courses to remain in the program. In addition, BSW students must obtain a 70% GPA on their program requirements to be eligible for graduation.

The Faculty follows all other U of R Academic Regulations and Information of the U of R and their Important Deadlines and Dates.

GETTING STARTED

Students regularly access specific programs to register for classes, take courses, and communicate with instructors as well as other student matters during their time at the U of R. Please ensure you become familiar with how to use these programs. We also recommend that you also watch the <u>U of R's New Student Videos</u>.

UR SELF-SERVICE

<u>UR Self- Service</u> Login is a secure, web-based program, which enables students to obtain and/or change confidential information as well as register or drop courses and more.

The User ID is your U of R student number (9 digits.) Your PIN is 6 digits. First-time users will have the pin set as birth date in daymonthyear (e.g. 020694). Contact the <u>U of R</u> Information Services Help Desk at: 306-585-4685 or 1-844-585-4685 if you encounter problems.

UR WEBMAIL

Student are assigned a UR email address using <u>UR</u> <u>Webmail</u>. UR webmail is the primary method of communication to students from the U of R. Students should check their email on a regular basis and are responsible for ensuring they are receiving emails.

UR COURSES

<u>UR Courses</u> is the <u>primary Online Learning Environment</u>. Access to courses is available at the start of the semester. Students who enroll after the semester starts will have access to the course approximately 24 hours after enrollment.

If you are missing a course in UR Courses or have questions regarding assignments, exams, or course materials, contact your instructor. If you are registered in a remote or online course, visit tips for remote learning for additional information.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

You can update your personal contact information, mailing address, email address, and telephone number in UR Self-Service. The process to update name, legal name or gender can be viewed <u>here</u>; any questions can be directed to the Registrar's Office.

CONFIRMATION OF ENROLMENT

This can be obtained for a fee of \$10 through UR Self-Service using <u>MyCreds</u>TM (Go to Student > Student Records > Document Requests > Choose Confirmation of Enrolment > Select the appropriate term).

TUITION

<u>Tuition</u> is due on the first day of lectures (Note: tuition does not cover <u>cost of attending undergraduate studies</u>). Use UR Self-Service to obtain amounts owing and pay your tuition using one of the <u>payment options</u>. Refund information can be found in UR Self-Service in "My Refund Schedule."

The Saskatoon Campus general office does not accept tuition payments.

Student can access resources such as the <u>budget</u> <u>calculator</u> and <u>financial literacy</u> to support their undergraduate studies.

STUDENT PHOTO IDENTIFICATION

<u>U of R Student Photo ID Cards</u> can be used for Confirmation of Enrolment for exam writing purposes and access to many services, including student discounts.

You can request your new Student ID card online through UR Self-Service (under Home Menu select U of R Photo ID Card Request). A digital photo and a copy of valid government issued photo ID are needed for uploading. Allow 3-5 days for processing.

TEXTBOOKS

Saskatoon Campus textbooks can be ordered from the <u>U of</u> <u>R Campus Bookstore:</u> To obtain a textbook list 2 weeks prior to semester start, log in to UR Self-Service. Textbooks purchased from the bookstore will be shipped to you by for a nominal fee for each purchase.

If the textbook is not listed in the Campus Bookstore, refer to the course outline for more information.

REGISTRATION

Students are responsible for independently registering themselves in classes. Advising may be used to discuss course sequencing and planning; however, advisors do not select or register classes for students. The <u>Recommended Course Sequencing</u> should be reviewed on a regular basis and students can check for <u>tentative</u> <u>course offerings</u> for the current and upcoming academic year to help with course planning. Students should become familiar with the Faculty of Social Work <u>registration information</u> and U of R <u>registration information</u>.

Registration begins in March for the full year including Spring/Summer, Fall AND Winter courses; you will register for courses for all these semesters. <u>Course offerings</u> and time tickets (registration date/time) will be viewable approximately a few weeks prior to the registration period opening. Note: You will not be able to register for SW 348 and 448 in advance; the field education team will notify students when they are able to register in their respective SW 348 and SW 448 seminar sections.

Your **time ticket** is your registration date and time, which is based on the total credit hours completed. You can find your time ticket in UR Self-Service; this is viewable a few weeks prior to the registration period opening. Students outside of Regina and Saskatoon are eligible for a time ticket by contacting Special.Registration@uregina.ca to request it.

Courses fill up quickly so students should register as soon as possible to secure a seat!

COURSE OFFERINGS

Students have options to take courses face to face, remotely, and online. Flexible Learning course options can be viewed <u>here</u>. Note: Certain sections of online classes are reserved for students outside of Regina and Saskatoon, and Yukon sections are reserved for BSW Yukon Program students only. Please check for restrictions to prevent registration errors!

These are tools which help students with planning, selecting and registering for classes:

Visual Schedule Builder (VSB)

VSB allows students to search and select classes to visually pre-plan a course schedule. Please take some time to go through the Visual Schedule Builder tutorial when you begin using the program. *Note: The program does not register students in courses; UR Self-Service must be used to register. Students are high recommended to also use UR Self-Service to check for course details, such as pre-requisites, restrictions, location and modality.

WAITLISTS

If a class is full, students can add their name to the waitlist. All courses - except SW 348 & 448 - are scheduled with waitlists. Students must follow the <u>waitlist instructions</u>. Waitlists do not confirm a seat in the class. **Students cannot request overloading a course if there is a waitlist**.

If the waitlist notification email is sent prior to the first day of classes, there will be 24 hours to register for the class.

If the waitlist notification email is sent after 9:00 a.m. on the first day of classes up until the waitlist deletion date (Fall/Winter terms), there will be 12 hours to register for the class.

If the student has not registered within those times, the spot will go to the next student on the waitlist.

Waitlists are deleted at 9:00 a.m. on the seventh calendar day after classes begin; waitlist deletion deadlines can be found <u>here</u>.

Once the waitlist has been deleted, students can then request overloading a class.

Advisor Degree Audit

Advisor Degree Audit tracks your completed courses and how they meet the BSW requirements, which courses you have remaining to take as well as help you plan courses for future semesters. We recommend referring to Advisor Degree Audit to assist with course planning and selection prior to registration and review their program prior to advising appointments. Please view the Advisor Degree Audit tutorial in UR Self-Service before using the program.

OVERLOADING A CLASS

Only when the waitlist has been dropped, a request to overload a class can be made. Requests are first come first serve basis. Requesting an overload/late registration does not guarantee a seat in the class. Instructors or advisors will not grant permission to overload prior to the waitlist drop date; any requests prior to the drop date will not be reviewed or approved.

To overload a class, a student must:

- 1. Ask the instructor for permission (must be done AFTER the waitlist has been dropped);
- If the instructor is willing to take an additional student, complete the Faculty of Social Work <u>Registration</u> <u>Permit/Overload Form</u>. Ensure an instructor signature is included OR an email from the instructor providing permission is attached;
- 3. Email the completed form to <u>SW.StudentServices@uregina.ca</u>

COURSES AT OTHER INSTITUTIONS

Some students at the Faculty of Social Work have taken or are taking courses through other institutions – like University of Saskatchewan – because it is not offered at U of R in a given semester. Students may receive potential transfer credit for these courses. <u>Transfer credit</u> is recognition of a course from another institution which is considered equivalent to a course at the students' home institution (i.e., the course is considered equivalent to an existing U of R course.)

If a student has taken a course at another institution and has a final mark, transcripts with final marks can be submitted to the University of Regina Enrolment Services to receive potential transfer credit. Students can check for U of R equivalents using the <u>Transfer Credit Database</u>. Please be aware that it can take up to 4 weeks to have the transfer credit assessed, and there is a \$100 fee. When the assessment is complete, you will receive email notification from the Transfer Credit office.

If a student wants to take a course at another institution, they can request a <u>letter of permission</u>. A <u>Letter of</u> <u>Permission</u> (LOP) is a letter that permits a student to take a course at another institution as a "Visiting Student" without

having to go through the admissions process at that institution. Please be aware that there is a \$30 fee per approved course. If a student would like to request taking a course at another institution, they must:

- 1. Ensure the class(es) requested are not available at the U of R in that semester.
- 2. Ensure that they are in good academic standing.
- 3. Meet with an advisor first to discuss this option.
- 4. Use the Transfer Credit Database to check for course equivalency and determine if a LOP is appropriate.
- 5. Ensure the form is completed correctly.
- 6. Send the completed form to Student Services.

Forms should be submitted far in advance prior to the start of the semester. Once the form has been completed and the class(s) have been verified and approved for transfer equivalency, the course will be listed as in progress with a grade of TCNR on the student academic record.

Upon completing of a class, students must send transcripts with final marks to the University of Regina to receive potential transfer credit. This should be done after each semester has been completed. Please be aware that there is a \$100 fee to have a transfer credit assessment. Once the transcript has been received and processed, the transfer credit will show on the students' academic record.

Official transcripts with final marks can be sent using MyCreds and can be sent directly from the learning institution to:

Registrar's Office (AH 108) University of Regina 3737 Wascana Parkway Regina SK S4S 0A2

Any inquiries regarding transfer credit can be sent to <u>Transfer.Credit@uregina.ca</u> or 306-585-4591. Expect up to 4 weeks of processing time. Please note that transcripts should not be mailed or dropped off at the Saskatoon Campus.

FINAL EXAMS AND FINAL PAPERS

Final exams are not returned to students. However, students may view their final exams, once the grades show up in UR Self-Service, for a period not exceeding six months. Final papers/projects will be retained at the Social Work Student Services Office for a period not exceeding two months.

STUDENT SUPPORT

ACADEMIC ADVISING

Students are responsible for ensuring they register in courses and meet the requirements of their program. Please review the <u>U of R Undergraduate Calendar</u>.

The Saskatoon Campus has Academic Program Advisors who are available to advise Pre-Social Work and BSW students. Appointments can be booked with our <u>Academic</u> <u>Advising Booking</u>. Drop-in Advising is also available every second Friday from 9am to 12pm CST; this advising is meant for quick inquiries. Watch your e-mail for drop-in advising dates and the link.

LIBRARY

JOHN ARCHER LIBRARY

Students have access to all <u>U of R library borrowing</u> <u>services</u> and online resources. The Faculty of Social Work Librarian is Christopher Read. You can reach him by <u>email</u> or by phone at 306-585-5113.

FIRST NATIONS UNIVERSITY OF CANADA -SASKATOON

Saskatoon Students have access to the FNUC library in Saskatoon. They can be reached at 306-931-1800 ext. 5430 or through email to <u>Hongru Liu</u> or <u>Paula Daigle</u> at the following hours:

Monday to Friday: 8:30am – 12:00pm 1:00pm – 4:30pm

UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN

Students can access to U of S library resources and materials through the <u>Reciprocal Borrowing Program</u>. Students are required to bring their U of R photo identification and log into their U of R library account to show U of S library staff that the account is in good standing.

STUDENT AWARDS AND FINANCIAL AID

U OF R SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

The U of R offers a number of <u>scholarships and awards</u> to Social Work students. Access <u>application tips and help</u> for completing scholarship and award applications. They can also be contacted by <u>email</u>.

STUDENT LOANS

Common questions concerning student loans can be found <u>here</u>. Any other student loans questions can be directed to: <u>safa@uregina.ca</u> or 1-800-644-4756 (toll free).

STUDENT SUCCESS CENTRE

<u>The U of R Student Success Centre</u> provides numerous services to all U of R students to support academic success including:

- 1) Academic Excellence Workshops
- 2) Writing Supports
- 3) Learning Skills Consultation
- 4) Tutoring Options

CENTRE FOR STUDENT ACCESSIBILITY

Students who may require services and support with academic accommodations must register with the <u>Centre</u> <u>for Student Accessibility</u> Office EACH SEMESTER. Common questions regarding the U of R Accommodation and Student Accessibility can be viewed <u>here</u>. For further information, contact <u>accessibility@uregina.ca</u> or 306-585-4631.

STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH

The <u>Mental Wellness Hub</u> was created to support the mental well-being of students. There are numerous supports and services in the hub such as <u>The Online</u> <u>Therapy Unit</u> (free) and <u>mywellness</u> (free), which students are encouraged to access and utilize.

Students may also access <u>Student Mental Health</u>. However, the <u>contact form</u> must be completed prior to receiving services. **Lynn Thera** is the counsellor for the Saskatoon Campus; please indicate that you are located at the Saskatoon Campus and mention Lynn on the contact form. Hours are from Monday to Friday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

CENTRE FOR EXPERIENTIAL AND SERVICE LEARNING

The <u>Centre for Experiential and Service Learning</u> supports students in gaining skills specific to their goals and educational path while obtaining transferable skills, knowledge, and experience to ensure they are career ready. They offer workshops, training, goal setting and selfassessments, as well as career guidance and training in résumé writing and job interview skills. You can contact them at <u>experiential.learning@uregina.ca</u> or <u>student.employment@uregina.ca</u>.

SAFEWALK

Innovation Saskatchewan Saskatoon is partnered with USASK Protective Services. This means that Saskatoon Students can access the safe walk service. To access the service, please contact 306-966-5555.

COMMON QUESTIONS

Can I take the program at the Saskatoon Campus?**

Students have been taking social work courses from this campus for over 30 years and have a full compliment of social work faculty and staff. We have the same number of social work courses in Saskatoon as the Regina campus and offer in-person, remote and online social work courses to our students. We offer a few general university studies courses in person as well.

Where is the Saskatoon Campus located?**

We are located at Innovation Saskatchewan - Saskatoon at <u>116 Research Drive (The Concourse.)</u> The main office is Room 111 and the classrooms are Rooms 121 and 123.

Although we are close to the University of Saskatchewan, our campus is <u>NOT affiliated</u> with this university. The program and the campus are considered a part of the University of Regina, which happens to be in Saskatoon.

Is there a place to study?**

Students can quietly study or do their work in the Computer Lab and AV Lab, which are Rooms 123.2 and 121.3, respectively. These rooms are open from 8:30am to 4:30 pm. After business hours, students will be limited to the common areas of the Concourse Building; however, most of the other tenants will not be in the building after 5:00pm. Note: Please use earphones if you are using these rooms to attend remote courses.

Is there parking?**

There is paid parking near the Concourse building and nearby buildings at Innovation Place. You may use the metered parking spots using the PayByPhone App (\$2/hr+tax). You can also request a day pass for \$12+tax or monthly student parking pass for \$50+tax by emailing <u>saskatoon@innovationsask.ca</u>, then picking up the pass at <u>210-15 Innovation Boulevard, Galleria Building (2nd floor.)</u> Student proof of enrolment or a valid student ID is required. The <u>Innovation Saskatchewan interactive map</u> lists both visitor parking (metered) and student parking. The student lot is in pink below.



How can I access the building after hours?**

To access the building after 5:30pm an access card must be obtained. Access cards can be requested by emailing <u>saskatoon@innovationsask.ca</u> and picking up the card at <u>210-15 Innovation Boulevard, Galleria Building (2nd floor.)</u> Proof of enrolment or a valid student ID is required.

As a U of R student in Saskatoon, will there be recreational facilities for me to use?**

Saskatoon Students can access Saskatchewan Polytechnic's Fitness Facilities, intramurals, In-person or remote Group Fitness Classes, personal consultations, and entry into wellness challenges for free. The Fitness Centre is in Rm 116, the weight room and main office is in Rm 118, and the gymnasium is in Rm 110.

U of R Saskatoon students interested in obtaining a fitness membership must first create an account by clicking <u>here</u>. After creating an account, students are required to email <u>wellness@saskpolytech.ca</u> to notify them of the account creation. Saskatchewan Polytechnic will generate a membership. Students can then download the Sask Polytech Fitness & Rec App to obtain a barcode, which allows you to scan into the facilities.

Your U of R Confirmation of Enrolment and photo identification will also allow you to purchase a reduced, monthly membership at the U of S Physical Activity Centre.

Do I get a bus pass?**

City of Saskatoon Transit Semester Bus Passes: U of R students are eligible to purchase a <u>City of Saskatoon post-</u> <u>secondary semester student bus pass</u>. Note: Route #13 makes regular trips in front of the Concourse Building. Route #4 also has a stop close to Preston Crossing and Research Drive.

Access Transit: Provides services, upon individual request.

Do I have medical and dental coverage?

Saskatoon Campus students are provided <u>URSU Health</u> and <u>Dental Plan</u> through <u>mystudentplan.ca</u> and new insurance carrier, Canada Life (policy number 177841.) Policies are effective on September 1st or January 1st (depending on opt in date) and ends on August 31st for both periods. Your student ID number is your plan ID number.

Students who do not wish to receive this service must opt out prior to a deadline date (approx. one month into start of semester) by completing and submitting the <u>Opt Out Form</u>.

Is there somewhere to print assignments?

Student printer is in Student Lounge: Suite 119, Concourse. Printing fees will be charged to your U of R account and can be paid through U of R Self-Service. Printing is not permitted at the front desk.

Will the General Office give me contact information for one of my instructors?

The Social Work Student Services Office (Room 111) does not distribute contact information for instructors or students. Instructors may be contacted via information provided to students in course syllabuses only. Student contact information can only be provided with consent from the individual student.

STAY CONNECTED

SASKATOON SOCIAL WORK STUDENT SOCIETY (SWSS)

Saskatoon Campus SWSS meets regularly to arrange upcoming events, community activism, job postings and other relevant information for students. You can find the student society on:

<u>Facebook</u> : University of Regina - Saskatoon Social Work Student Society (SWSS) <u>Instagram</u> : swss.saskatoon <u>Email</u> : swss.saskatoon@gmail.com

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