



Faculty of
**SOCIAL
WORK**



BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM GUIDE



ADVOCACY UNDERSTANDING EMPOWERMENT



University
of **Regina**

www.uregina.ca/socialwork

WHAT IS SOCIAL WORK?

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.

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 workers find employment in diverse areas, including:

- Health Settings (hospitals, clinics and centres)
- Legal Environments (court systems, law offices, correctional facilities)
- Child Protection & Family Service Agencies
- Services for People with Disabilities
- Private Practice (counselling & consulting)
- Mental Health & Addiction Services
- Youth Facilities
- Women's Shelters
- Educational Institutions (schools)
- Care Facilities for Older Adults
- Advocacy Groups
- Settlement Services
- Employment Services
- Government Ministries (such as Social Services, Health, Justice, Education and Immigration)

WHERE CAN I TAKE THE BSW PROGRAM?

The Faculty of Social Work offers the Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) at our campuses in Regina and Saskatoon.

At our Saskatoon Campus, students have two study path options: the U of R Approach or the Blended Approach. In the U of R Approach, students can complete the entire BSW through the U of R. In the Blended Approach, students have the option to apply to the University of Saskatchewan (U of S) to take the 'general university studies' section of the BSW. In both approaches, all social work courses are taken through the Saskatoon Campus of the U of R.

Some BSW course offerings are also available online live-streamed and at our Prince Albert Campus. Saskatchewan's regional colleges offer a limited number of 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) can be transferred in from other universities.

Transfer Credit is evaluated and granted when a student is admitted to the University and the Faculty of Social Work. Students who are completing their general university studies courses through post secondary institutions other than the University of Regina 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 through supervised practice which is called practicum (SW 348 and SW 448). Practicum involves direct practice in social work agencies and other human service settings. Student will be exposed to helping situations in which they are expected to have direct involvement in the helping role.

Each student will be expected to engage in direct practice while subject to close supervision by the agency. Seminars are conducted to provide students with an additional source of learning to connect theory and ethics with the practicum experience.

WHAT ARE THE BSW COURSE REQUIREMENTS?

COURSE

CREDITS

General University Studies (GUS)

ENGL 100 – Critical Reading and Writing I *	3
INDG 100 – Introduction to Indigenous Studies *	3
PSYC 101 – Introductory Psychology A *	3
SOC 100 – Introduction to Sociology *	3
ENGL 110 – Critical Reading and Writing II	3
INDG 200 Level or higher (<i>INDG 260 or 262 are recommended</i>)	3
WGST 100 – Introduction to Women’s Studies	3
2 SOCIOLOGY 200-level courses or higher	6
10 Open Electives (9 maximum credit hours of SW/INSW courses)	30
TOTAL GUS credit hours	57

Social Work Studies

SW 100 – Foundations in Social Work *	3
SW 202 – Critical Issues/Critical Thought	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 421 – Human Development in Social Context	3
SW 451 – Social Work Research	3
SW 460 – Ethics in Social Work	3
SW 469 – Social Policy	3
Choice of: SW 405, SW 480AI, INSW 414 or INSW 437	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 BSW

120

* Courses are required in Pre-Social Work (see 'How to Apply' below for additional details).

While in the Pre-Social Work program or in another U of R faculty, students will be limited to a maximum of two Social Work courses: SW 100 and SW 202



Volunteering in your community is a great way to start preparing for a career in social work!

HOW DO I APPLY?

There are three admission steps to the Bachelor of Social Work program. The first is to gain admission to the University of Regina; the second is to complete the Pre-Social Work program; and the third is to apply to the BSW Program.

1 Applying to the University

All students who designate social work as their program of study on the application form will be admitted to the Faculty of Social Work in the Pre-Social Work program. Students requesting transfer from another University of Regina faculty to the Faculty of Social Work will also be in Pre-Social Work.

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

- English or English Language Arts A30 and B30
- One approved 30-level math or science
- One approved 30-level language, social science or fine art
- One additional approved 30-level course

**Please see the U of R Undergraduate Calendar for additional admission information, including the list of approved courses. Saskatoon Campus students following the Blended Approach must meet admission requirements for both the U of R and the U of S.*

2 Completing the Pre-Social Work Program

- A minimum of 30 post-secondary credit hours including ENGL 100, INDG 100, PSYC 101, SOC 100 and SW 100.
- Minimum 70% grade point average

3 Applying to the BSW

Application is made online, and is available on the Faculty of Social Work website: www.uregina.ca/socialwork. Admission decisions will be based on a combination of the following:

- Successful completion of the Pre-Social Work program
- Work, volunteer/community experience, and personal statement
- GPA Ranking

Completed Applications must be submitted online to the Faculty of Social Work, U of R by January 15th.

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

FIND YOUR FUTURE, MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

- Affordable Housing & Homelessness Advocate
- Indigenous Housing Advocate
- Substance Abuse Social Worker
- Adoption Services Worker
- Child Protection Worker
- Clinical Social Worker
- Community Care Coordinator
- Community Outreach Coordinator
- Community Service Agency Worker
- Correctional Social Worker
- Crisis Hotline Coordinator
- Crisis Intervention Specialist
- Developmental Care Worker
- Director of Youth Development
- Intimate Partner Violence Survivor's Advocate
- Family Social Worker
- Family Preservation Case Worker
- Family Support Worker
- Foster Care Worker
- Group Home Worker
- Human Rights Activist
- LGBTQ2S+ Services Coordinator
- Medical Social Worker
- Mental Health Community Worker
- Mental Health Social Worker
- Military Officer
- Newcomer Resettlement Worker
- Older Adult Care Worker
- Probation & Parole Officer
- Rehabilitation Counsellor
- Relief Shelter Worker
- School Social Worker
- Sexual Violence Counsellor
- Sexual Violence Educator
- Social Services Coordinator
- Street Outreach Worker
- Transition House Worker
- Wellness Coordinator
- Women's Shelter Staff
- Youth Advocate
- Youth Counsellor
- Youth Care Worker

SOCIAL WORK STUDENT SERVICES

SASKATOON

THE CONCOURSE

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📠 306-664-7131

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Also check out the Faculty of Social Work website: www.uregina.ca/socialwork