

# SOCIAL WORK

## **Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Social Work**

On campus and online options

## **Master of Social Work (MSW)**

Full-time on campus and part-time  
online options; advanced standing options

## **Stipend Programs**

- California Social Work Education  
Center Title IVE Child Welfare Training  
Program - MSW

- California Social Work Education  
Center Title IVE Child Welfare Training  
Program - BASW

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## **THE PROGRAM**

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Students completing this program will have demonstrated the ability to:

- demonstrate ethical and professional behavior; particularly with respect to work with indigenous and rural communities
- engage diversity and difference in practice, particularly with respect to work with indigenous and rural communities
- advance human rights and social, economic, and environmental justice, particularly with respect to work with indigenous and rural communities
- engage in practice-informed research and research-informed practice, particularly with respect to work with indigenous and rural communities
- engage in policy practice, particularly with respect to work with indigenous and rural communities.
- engage with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities, particularly with respect to work with indigenous and rural communities

- assess individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities, particularly with respect to work with indigenous and rural communities

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- evaluate practice with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities, particularly with respect to work with indigenous and rural communities

The BA program is a professional preparation program rooted in the liberal arts. Students develop knowledge, values, and skills to work with people from diverse cultural, ethnic, and personal backgrounds. The program is fully accredited with the Council on Social Work Education.

Social work students have opportunities to work with local agencies through a highly individualized field experience program. Students find this helpful in building skills and obtaining jobs following graduation. The program emphasis is work with rural and indigenous communities.

Potential careers: services to children, families, and the elderly; rehabilitation; health care; community practice; youth work; corrections; employment services; substance abuse, mental health, and residential treatment.

## **Generalist Social Work Practice**

Generalist social work practitioners work with individuals, families, groups, organizations, social policies, and communities in a variety of settings in pursuit of social and economic justice. Generalist practitioners view people and systems from a strengths perspective in order to recognize, support, and build upon the innate capabilities of all human beings. They engage, assess, broker services, advocate, counsel, educate, and organize with and on behalf of individuals, families, and collections of people. Generalist practitioners engage in community development, organizational development, and evaluation in order to ensure that services are useful, effective, and ethical.

## **Program Admission Requirements**

Lower division GE courses required for the major can be taken at a community college and can be taken CR/NC. Program faculty can advise students on courses preparing them for their transfer to Humboldt's Social

Work program. For information and/or appointments, call 707-826-4448.

To be eligible to register for junior-level courses in the social work major, students must have completed, or be in the process of completing, all prerequisites. A cumulative 2.00 GPA and a 2.00 in all social work courses is necessary to be fully accepted to the program.

Students who meet the prerequisites need to submit a "Social Work Major Application Form" with a personal statement to the department. **Applications to begin the fall sequence of courses are due no later than the last Friday in January for continuing students. Transfer applicants should follow the Office of Admissions schedule due to program impaction for transfers only. Applications received after this date may not be reviewed in time for placement in the appropriate major courses.** Notification of acceptance will be made prior to the registration period for fall classes. ***Please note that all accepted students will be required to attend a two day on campus orientation the first week of fall semester.***

Full acceptance into junior year coursework requires students to meet all of the admission standards and to submit the formal application. Provisional status may be granted to any student who does not meet requirements. Students who are given a provisional status must work out a plan with their faculty advisor that identifies those areas requiring improvement and how each area will be addressed in order to be accepted as a social work major.

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR SOCIAL WORK (BA)**

*For a description of degree requirements to be fulfilled in addition to those listed below for the major, please see "The Bachelor's Degree" section of the catalog, pp. 67-82."The Master's Degree" section of the catalog, pp. 83-84.*

## **Modifications to General Education Requirements**

*The upper division general education area D requirement is met by the coursework within the Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Social Work.*

## **Unit Requirements**

**Total units in the major: 60**  
**Total units required for the degree: 120**

Courses prepare students for professional generalist social work and are sequenced to best facilitate learning and acquisition of skills. Major coursework (300-level) always begins in fall.

**Prerequisite courses for acceptance to the Social Work BA Major:**

- NAS 104 (3) Introduction to Native American Studies, **or**
- ES 105 (3) Introduction to Ethnic Studies, **or**
- CRGS 108 (3) Power/Privilege: Gender & Race, Sex, Class, **or** a course that is centrally organized around a theme related to the experiences of marginalized groups.
- STAT 108 (3) Elementary Statistics, **or**
- STAT 108i (3) Elementary Statistics with Integrated Support [Coreq: STAT 8], **or**
- PSYC 241 (4) Psychological Statistics
- SW 101 (3) Introduction to Social Work & Social Work Institutions
- SW 255 (2) Beginning Social Work Experience

**Upper Division Courses**

**Juniors — Fall**

- SW 340 (3) Social Work Methods I
- SW 340L (1) Social Work Methods I Lab
- SW 350 (4) Human Behavior & the Social Environment I
- SW 355 (2) Social Agency Experience [may be taken in spring or fall]
- SW 382 (4) Social Work Research

**Juniors — Spring**

- SW 330 (4) Social Work Policy
- SW 341 (3) Social Work Methods II
- SW 341M (1) Social Work Methods II Lab
- SW 351 (4) Human Behavior & the Social Environment II
- SW 355 (2) Social Agency Experience [may be taken in fall or spring]
- SW 356 (1) Social Work Field Preparation

**Seniors — Fall**

- SW 455 (5) Field Experience
  - SW 456 (2) Field Experience Seminar
- plus 3 units of advanced social work methods courses (see below).

**Seniors — Spring**

- SW 455 (5) Field Experience
  - SW 456 (2) Field Experience Seminar
- plus 3 units of advanced social work methods courses (see below).

**Advanced Social Work Methods Courses**

Complete 6 units of advanced social work methods courses are to be taken in the senior year:

Courses include:

- SW 411 [1.5] Distributed Learning Community
- SW 431 [4] Juvenile Delinquency
- SW 442 [3] Advanced Social Work Methods
- SW 480 [.5-4] Special Topics
- SW 499 [1-3] Directed Study

**Field Experience**

Field experience courses are restricted to social work majors. Academic credit for life experience or previous work experience shall not be given, in whole or in part, in lieu of any required social work courses.

**MSW PROGRAM**

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**Program Admission Requirements**

You must complete the following requirements before being considered for admission:

- Baccalaureate degree from an accredited four-year liberal arts institution.
- GPA of 3.00 or better on a 4.00 scale for the last 60 hours of academic coursework [*recommended*].
- Completion of the following courses (with a grade of "C" or better): elementary statistics (math, psychology, or sociology; MATH 103 does not count); a course related to Native American studies. The course must include a general introduction to the history of Native peoples of America and the unique and sovereign relationship between tribal nations and local, state, and federal governments.

- Complete the California State University graduate application via [calstate.edu/apply](http://calstate.edu/apply).

Consult the department website for additional information: [humboldt.edu/socialwork](http://humboldt.edu/socialwork).

**Conditional Program Admission**

Students who lack adequate undergraduate preparation may receive conditional program admission. Conditionally admitted students must complete all undergraduate coursework prior to beginning the master's program, including the elementary statistics and Native American studies prerequisites with a "C" or better.

**Program Schedule Options**

The full-time master's program schedule consists of 60 units over two years of study. Students who have a bachelor's degree in social work from a CSWE accredited program can apply for the **Advanced Standing Program** which consists of 36 units taken over 3 semesters of study, beginning with 6 units offered through the College of Extended Education & Global Engagement in the summer.

### **Part-Time Distributed Learning MSW Program**

The department offers a part-time (3.5 year) Distributed Learning MSW Program through the College of Extended Education & Global Engagement. The program is delivered through online coursework, an annual on-campus intensive, and other learning methodologies. Foundation coursework is completed over the first 5 semesters, while advanced coursework is completed over the final 5 semesters. A Part-Time Advanced Standing Distributed Learning MSW program (2 years) is also offered, which adds 6 units of summer bridge courses before advanced coursework. Distributed Learning MSW students enroll in an additional 1.5 unit "Distributed Learning Community Seminar" each semester they are in the program. For more information, contact the MSW Programs Office at 707-826-4443.

### **REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEGREE MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK**

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#### **Unit Requirement**

**Total units required for the degree: 60**

#### **Foundation Coursework (30 units)**

SW 530	(3) Social Policy & Services
SW 540	(3) Generalist Social Work Practice
SW 541	(3) GSWP: Native American & Rural
SW 543	(3) GSWP II: Macro Practice
SW 550	(3) Human Development, Diversity & Relationships
SW 555	(6) Foundation Internship
SW 570	(3) Dynamics of Groups, Agencies, Organizations
SW 582	(3) Research I: Philosophy & Methods
SW 583	(3) Research II: Qualitative & Indigenous Research Methods

#### **Advanced Coursework (30 units)**

SW 640	(3) AGP: Child & Family Welfare
SW 641	(3) AGP: Integrated Clinical Practice
SW 643	(3) AGP: Community & Organization
SW 648	(3) AGP: Adv. Clinical Practice
SW 649	(3) AGP: Wellness & Sustainability
SW 651	(3) AGP: Indigenous Peoples

SW 655	(6) Advanced Internship
SW 682	(3) Masters Project Development
SW 683	(3) Masters Project Implementation

#### **Culminating Experience**

Prior to graduation students must successfully complete a comprehensive exam.

#### **Pupil Personnel Services Credential – Social Work (PPSC-SW)**

Two social work courses are required in the summer after completion of the MSW program requirements. These courses are offered online through the College of Extended Education & Global Engagement. Contact the PPSC Coordinator for more information.

