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Social Work offers graduate and undergraduate studies leading to the Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Social. The School also offers a Ph.D. in Social Welfare.

This profession requires a high degree of knowledge, skill, and dedication; a desire and ability to work effectively with people and to help solve social problems; a scientific understanding of society and human behavior; skills of social work practice; and identification with values of the profession.

Bachelor of Science in Social Work

Degree Program Hours: 120

The program and courses listed in this catalog are under review and changes may be made without advance notice.

The program offers an integrated educational experience that combines the theoretical and the practical. It is designed to prepare the student for generalist practice as a beginning professional social worker, for entrance into a graduate school of social work, and for participation in society as an informed citizen. The curriculum applies a bio-psychosocial model within the context of a social systems framework to understand client systems, address problems and develop intervention.

The four semester program includes a sequence of academic courses as well as field education under qualified

supervision in social agencies in South Florida. As part of field education, social work students will also participate with students from the Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine and the College of Nursing and Health Sciences in Neighborhood HELP™, an inter-professional team approach in Miami-Dade communities.

The program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

Common Prerequisite Courses and Equivalencies

<u>FIU Course(s)</u>	<u>Equivalent Course(s)</u>
POS 2042	POSX041 or POSX042 or PUPX099
BSC 2023 or PCB 2099	BSCX005 or BSCX085 or BSCX010 or PCBX099
ECO 2013 or ECO 2023	ECOX000 or ECOX023
DEP 2000 or PSY 2012	PSYX012 or PSYX020
SYG 2000 or SYG 2010	SYGX000 or SYGX010

Courses which form part of the statewide articulation between the State University System and the Community College System will fulfill the Lower Division Common Prerequisites.

For generic course substitutions/equivalencies for Common Program Prerequisites offered at community colleges, state colleges, or state universities, visit: <http://facts.org>, See Common Prerequisite Manual.

Common Prerequisites

POS 2042	American Government
BSC 2023	Human Biology
	or
PCB 2099	Foundations of Human Physiology
ECO 2013	Macroprinciples
	or
ECO 2023	Microprinciples
DEP 2000	Human Growth and Development
	or
PSY 2012	Introduction to Psychology
SYG 2000	Introduction to Sociology
	or
SYG 2010	Social Problems

Course required for the degree:

STA 1013	Statistics for Social Services
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Lower Division Preparation

The student desiring to major in Social Work must have completed the Associate in Arts degree at a Florida public community college, or the lower division core requirements of the University.

Required Courses

Before admission to the Social Work program, the student must complete college-level courses in biology (including coverage of Human Biology) and statistics, 12 semester hours in the social and behavioral sciences, which must include one course each in sociology, psychology, economics and American government and eight to ten hours in a foreign language.

To qualify for admission to the program, FIU undergraduates must have met all the lower division requirements including CLAS, completed 60 semester hours, have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 and must be otherwise acceptable into the program.

For additional information regarding the undergraduate social work program of study and degree program requirements, contact the School directly.

Upper Division Program: (60)

Required Courses: (48)

Semester I

SOW 3113	Social Environment and Human Behavior I	3
SOW 3232	Social Welfare Policy and Services I	3
SOW 3203	Introduction to Social Work	3
SOW 3403	Social Work Research Elective	3

Semester II

SOW 3100	Social Environment and Human Behavior II	3
SOW 3233	Social Welfare Policy and Services II	3
SOW 3313	Social Work Practice with Families and Individuals	3
SOW 3620	Social Work and Human Diversity	3
SOW 3350	Interviewing Techniques Lab	3

Semester III

SOW 4322	Social Work Practice with Groups	3
SOW 4511L	Practicum I	7
SOW 4522	Field Seminar I Elective	2 3

Semester IV

SOW 4332	Social Work Practice with Communities and Organizations	3
SOW 4512L	Practicum II	7
SOW 4523	Field Seminar II Elective	2 3

Remarks: Students should be aware that courses in this program are sequenced. Students must check with their advisors for pre and corequisite courses. A grade of 'C' or higher (a grade of 'C-' is not acceptable) in all courses required for the major is necessary for graduation. A passing grade in field courses is required for continuation in the program. Field courses cannot be repeated.

Minor in Social Welfare

A five-course minor in social welfare is available to baccalaureate degree-seeking students who are interested in careers in the human services field or who wish to study how common human needs are addressed within social welfare programs. The courses that comprise the minor will provide students with the opportunity to relate to the special concerns of our region, including poverty, crime and delinquency, child abuse and neglect, and family instability. The minor is available at Modesto A. Maidique Campus.

SOW 3113	The Social Environment and Human Behavior I	3
SOW 3100	The Social Environment and Human Behavior II	3
SOW 3232	Social Welfare Policy and Services I	3
SOW 3233	Social Welfare Policy and Services II	3
SOW 3203	Introduction to Social Work ¹	3
SOW 3350	Interviewing Techniques Lab	3
SOW 3313	Social Work Practice with Families and Individuals	3
SOW 3801	Self-Awareness and Self-Modification for Practice	3

SOW 4272	Comparative Social Welfare Policy	3
SOW 4341	Behavioral Approaches to Social Work Practice	3
SOW 4654	Child Welfare: Policy and Practice	3
SOW 4658	Interventions in Child Maltreatments	3
SOW 4684	Professional Values in the Human Services	3
SOW 5109	Crises in the Lives of Women	3
SOW 5605	Medical Social Work	3
SOW 5641	Understanding the Processes of Aging	3
SOW 5672	Animal Assisted Treatment for Social Work	3
SOW 5155	Social Work Practice with Sexual Problems	3
SOW 5710	Current Issues in Addiction Practices	3
SOW 5932	Seminar in Social Work Practice	3
URS 3005	Service Learning: Social Change and Contemporary Social Issues	3

¹This course is required for the minor in social welfare. The remaining 12 semester hours are to be selected from the social work courses listed above.

Certificate in Child Welfare Services

This certificate is intended to provide specialized training for students working in the arena of child protection and services.

Requirements: (24 Credits)

Admission into Social Work (BSSW) program.		
SOW 4658	Mental Health Services for Children in the Child Welfare System	3
SOW 4654	Child Welfare Practice: Assessment and Planning	3
SOW 4511L	Field Practicum I	7
SOW 4512L	Field Practicum II	7
SOW 4522	Field Seminar I	2
SOW 4523	Field Seminar II	2