

SOCIAL WORK, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (BS)

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Social work is a profession that applies knowledge about people and society to help persons, groups, or communities meet a diversity of needs, solve a wide range of problems, promote social justice, and assist people in becoming empowered. The baccalaureate program in social work prepares students for generalist social work practice. As beginning professional social workers, graduates typically work in the areas of child welfare, juvenile and adult corrections, public assistance, health and mental health, aging domestic violence, and chemical dependency, among others.

The undergraduate program in social work awards a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Work and is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, the national accrediting agency for social work. Accreditation standards require a solid core of courses on social welfare issues and policies, social work practice skills, basic social science research methods, and a broad background in the liberal arts with special emphasis on psychology, biology, economics, politics, sociology, organization, and diverse ethnic groups. In fulfilling the academic requirements for social work, students must also uphold the values of the profession of Social Work as expressed in the National Association of Social Work's Code of Ethics.

While Pennsylvania requires a master's degree to become a licensed social worker, some states license social workers holding a bachelor's degree. Since requirements vary by state, please check with the licensing board in the state you intend to practice.

Program Learning Outcomes

The six goals of the Social Work Program are as follows:

1. To graduate students with a baccalaureate (B.S.) degree in Social Work who are competent to begin generalist social work practice.
2. To graduate students who are well prepared to enter graduate schools of Social Work, either directly after receiving the undergraduate degree, or after a period of practice.
3. To contribute to the intellectual, ethical, and emotional development of our students in order to enhance their awareness and involvement as citizens in the broad social welfare issues of our times.
4. To sensitize students to the human condition in order that they might develop a respect for human dignity, diversity, and freedom.
5. For students who are uncertain about a career choice, to provide a clear and honest introduction to the responsibilities and rewards of a Social Work career, so that they can make informed career choices.
6. To help meet the human resource needs for baccalaureate level social workers in the diverse mix of rural, small town, and metropolitan areas from which our students come and to which many wish to return.

Related Links

Social Work, BS Program Page (<https://www.sru.edu/academics/majors-and-minors/social-work/>)

Social Work Department Page (<https://www.sru.edu/academics/colleges-and-departments/ches/departments/social-work/>)

Professional Licensure/Certification Page (<https://www.sru.edu/students/student-consumer-information/professional-licensures/>)

Curriculum Guide

GPA Requirement

Major GPA: 2.0 or higher

Overall GPA: 2.0 or higher

Summary*

Code	Title	Hours
	Rock Studies Requirements	42
	Other Basic Requirements	0-3
	Computer Competency	0-3
	Major Requirements	54
	Electives	24

* All undergraduate degree programs require a minimum of 120 credits. Some courses meet multiple requirements, but are only counted once toward the 120 credit total required to graduate.

Rock Studies Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
The Rock		
SUBJ 139	University Seminar ¹	3
ENGL 102	Critical Writing	3
ENGL 104	Critical Reading	3
MATH 117	Quantitative Reasoning	3
Select one of the following:		3
COMM 200	Civil Discourse: Theory & Practice	
PHIL 110	Ethics and Civil Discourse	
POLS 235	Civil Discourse and Democracy	
Subtotal		15

Integrated Inquiry

<i>Creative and Aesthetic Inquiry</i>		
Select 3 Credits (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-quick-guide/)		3
<i>Humanities Inquiry</i>		
Select 3 Credits (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-quick-guide/)		3
<i>Social Science Inquiry</i>		
Select 3 Credits (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-quick-guide/)		3
<i>Natural Sciences Inquiry</i>		
SCI 101	Science of Life	3
<i>Physical Sciences Inquiry</i>		
SCI 102	Understanding the Physical World	3
Subtotal		15

Thematic Thread

Select 12 Credits (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-quick-guide/) ²		12
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Total Hours 42

¹ Course offered in multiple subjects; cannot take course in first major subject.

² From at least 3 categories; no more than 6 credits from one department; 6 credits must be 300-level or above.

Basic Math Requirement

Check with your adviser or a current degree audit report to see if you have been exempted from this course. The credit earned in this course will not be counted toward the 120 credit hour minimum needed to earn a degree.

Code	Title	Hours
Complete one of the following:		0-3
Meet required minimum SAT or ACT math score OR		
ESAP 110	Beginning Algebra	
Total Hours		0-3

Computer Competency

Code	Title	Hours
Demonstrate "computer competency" by one of the following:		0-3
Pass Computer Competency Exam OR		
Select one of the following at SRU or another post-secondary institution:		
CPSC 100	Introduction to Computing for Liberal Arts	
CPSC 110	Computer Concepts	
CPSC 130	Introduction to Computing and Programming	
PE 202	Technology for Wellness	
Total Hours		0-3

Major Requirements

- 27 major credits must be taken at SRU or PASSHE
- 27 major credits must be taken at the 300 level or above
- ACT 34 (Criminal History) and ACT 151 (Child Abuse) clearances are required for admission to the Social Work program.
- Students must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 for admission to the Social Work program.

Code	Title	Hours
Core Course (Other Disciplines)		
Select one of the following:		3
PSYC 105	Introduction to Psychology ^{1,2}	
INDP 201	Principles of Sociology ^{1,2}	
Subtotal		3
Required Core Courses – Social Work		
SOWK 105	Human Diversity ¹	3
SOWK 251	Introduction to Social Work ¹	3
SOWK 328	Human Behavior and the Social Environment ¹	3
SOWK 340	Social Welfare Institutions ¹	3
SOWK 355	Social Work Practice with Individuals ¹	3
SOWK 356	Social work Practice with Groups & Families ¹	3
SOWK 357	Social Work Practice with Organizations and Communities ¹	3
SOWK 407	Social Policy Issues ¹	3
SOWK 450	SOWK Internship ¹	12
SOWK 460	Social Work Integrative Seminar ¹	3

Subtotal		39
Research Methods		
SOWK 318	Research Methods ¹	3
SOWK 319	Statistical Methods ¹	3
Subtotal		6
Social Work Electives		
Select two of the following:		6
SOWK 200	Introduction to Child Welfare ¹	
SOWK 230	Social Justice and Equality ¹	
SOWK 300	Crisis Intervention ¹	
SOWK 310	Animal Assisted Interventions	
SOWK 311	Clinical and Academic Documentation for Social Work	
SOWK 321	Forensic Social Work	
SOWK 334	Clinical Perspectives on DSM Diagnoses	
Subtotal		6
Total Hours		54

¹ Course counts for 50% of Major requirements and Major GPA

² Course can be counted as a Rock Studies Requirement, but earns credit only once toward your 120-credits total.

* Some courses may require pre-requisites. Please see course descriptions to determine if there are any pre-requisites for that specific course.

Co-curricular and Experiential Learning

Students are encouraged to explore additional curricular and co-curricular opportunities. There is a strong correlation between long-term student success and participation in the following types of programs and activities:

1. Field trips
2. Career Education
3. Internships
4. High-Impact Practice (HIP) designated classes
5. Job shadowing

Important Curriculum Guide Notes

This Curriculum Guide is provided to help SRU students and prospective students better understand their intended major curriculum. Enrolled SRU students should note that the My Rock Audit may place already-earned and/or in progress courses in different, yet valid, curriculum categories. Enrolled SRU students should use the My Rock Audit Report and materials and information provided by their faculty advisers to ensure accurate progress towards degree completion. *The information on this guide is current as of the date listed. Students are responsible for curriculum requirements at the time of enrollment at the University.*

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SOCIAL WORK - BS (6181)

This program is effective as of Fall 2019.

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Recommended Four-Year Plan

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Fall		
SOWK 105	Human Diversity	3
INDP 201 or PSYC 105	Principles of Sociology or Introduction to Psychology	3
ENGL 102	Critical Writing	3
SUBJ 139	University Seminar ¹	3
INDS 101	FIRST Seminar	1
Creative & Aesthetic Inquiry (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-quick-guide/)		3
Hours		16
Spring		
SOWK 251	Introduction to Social Work	3
Select one of the following:		3
COMM 200	Civil Discourse: Theory & Practice	
PHIL 110	Ethics and Civil Discourse	
POLS 235	Civil Discourse and Democracy	
MATH 117	Quantitative Reasoning	3
ENGL 104	Critical Reading	3
Humanities Inquiry (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-quick-guide/)		3
Hours		15
Second Year		
Fall		
SOWK 328	Human Behavior and the Social Environment	3
SOWK 318	Research Methods	3
SOWK 355	Social Work Practice with Individuals ²	3
SCI 101	Science of Life	3
Social Science Inquiry (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-quick-guide/)		3
Declare a Thematic Thread ³		
Hours		15
Spring		
SOWK 319	Statistical Methods	3
SOWK 356	Social work Practice with Groups & Families ²	3
SCI 102	Understanding the Physical World	3
Elective		3
Thematic Thread Requirement (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-quick-guide/)		3
Hours		15
Third Year		
Fall		
SOWK 340	Social Welfare Institutions	3
SOWK 357	Social Work Practice with Organizations and Communities ²	3
Social Work Elective or Rock Studies Elective		3
Rock Studies Thread course or Elective		3
Rock Studies Thread course or Elective		3
Hours		15

Spring		
SOWK 407	Social Policy Issues	3
Social Work Elective		3
Thematic Thread Requirement (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-quick-guide/)		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Hours		15
Fourth Year		
Fall		
Social Work Elective or Rock Studies Elective		3
Thematic Thread Requirement (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-quick-guide/)		3
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Elective		3
Elective		3
Hours		15
Spring		
SOWK 450	SOWK Internship (S or summer)	12
SOWK 460	Social Work Integrative Seminar (S or summer)	3
Hours		15
Total Hours**		121

* Students are encouraged to take INDS 101 as a Free Elective.

¹ Course offered in multiple subjects; cannot take course in first major subject.

² Course requires a grade of B or better

³ Work with your Academic Adviser to declare a Thematic Thread by the end of your fall semester in your second year. Click [here](#) to declare a thread.

Major Code: 6181

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**** This document is meant to serve as a guide. Some planners may show more than 120 credits because faculty have created flexibility in choosing courses. However, only 120 credits are required to obtain a degree. Please consult with your academic adviser and refer to your curriculum guide prior to registering for courses. This plan should be reviewed, and verified, by you and your academic adviser at least once each academic year.**