

The primary goal of the Bachelor of Arts in Social Work is to develop the student's knowledge of social work practice including the purpose, focus, objectives, history, knowledge, values, ethical code, and fundamental skills of the profession in order to prepare the student for direct service general practice in a variety of settings.

— Division of Social Work  
School of Urban Affairs  
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## About the B.A. in Social Work

The Division of Social Work offers a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Social Work that is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). The Goal of the B.A. in Social Work is to:

- Train entry-level social workers for generalist practice.
- The program defines “generalist social work” as a comprehensive orientation to all client problems and a comprehensive approach to the range of client systems.

“My social work education at the University of Memphis answered the *why* questions and prepared



me to empower my clients to make needed changes. It inspired me to embrace the vulnerable populations within my community, while also providing me with the tools I need to advocate for social justice. My experience at the University of Memphis continues to guide my practice today.”

—Loretta Beard  
Class of 2010

## Why Study Social Work

The study of social work prepares you to become a professional social worker by helping you develop the knowledge, values, and skills essential to competent social work practice.

The study of social work gives you the opportunity to work with individuals through internships with local agencies, to test what you are learning in the classroom, and to identify where you need more educational experience.

## Degree Requirements

The student must complete **120 undergraduate hours of study**. This requirement is met by having the student complete coursework that fulfills the requirements of various aspects of a liberal arts education.

**The specific number of hours needed are distributed across the following categories:**

- University General Education Program — (41 hours)
- College and Degree (B.A.) Requirements — (18 hours)
- The Major — (39 hours in addition to the requirements of the University General Education Program)
- Electives

\*Students are also required to complete a total of 460 clock hours in a field internship with a social service agency.

## Social Work Major Course Content Includes:

- Human Behavior and the Social Environment
- Social Policy
- Research
- Social Work Practice
- Cultural Competence

For detailed information please visit the Social Work website at:

[www.memphis.edu/socialwork](http://www.memphis.edu/socialwork)





## Make a Difference

The **Student Social Work Organization (SSWO)** coordinates fund raising events, organizes volunteer activities, hosts special events with guest speakers, and sponsors social activities of interest to students.

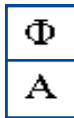
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## NASW Student Membership

The National Association of Social Workers offers a discounted full membership to social work students. NASW is a great resource for students to develop their professional career and gain access to social work information and resources. For more information visit: [www.socialworkers.org](http://www.socialworkers.org).

## Phi Alpha Honor Society



**Epsilon Upsilon Chapter**

“Through Knowledge-the Challenge to Serve”

The purpose of Phi Alpha Honor Society is to provide a closer bond among students of social work and promote humanitarian goals and ideals. Phi Alpha fosters high standards of education for social workers and invites into membership those who have excellence in scholarship and achievement in social work. Learn more by contacting the Division of Social Work.

## Tennessee Child Welfare Certification Program

Anyone interested in working in the field of child welfare in the state of Tennessee is encouraged to consider applying for the BSW stipend program.

**You are eligible to apply for this program if:**

- You are a social work major who has 3-4 semesters of undergraduate coursework remaining for the completion of your degree.
- You desire to work for the Department of Children’s Services upon completion of your degree
- You are able to complete your field placement during daytime working hours.
- You take two additional Child Welfare courses.

**Learn more about the program and application process by contacting the Division of Social Work.**

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## Program

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than  
a Major”*



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