

SWRK Major

Pre-requisites for the courses below include:

- ◆ ENGL 1010
- ◆ ENGL 1020

In addition, all majors must complete:

- ◆ ANTH 1200
- ◆ SOCI 3311
- ◆ SOCI 3422

Starting with the 2025-2026 academic year, all social work majors are required to select a concentration. Admission to the University and completion of social work core courses do not guarantee placement in a concentration. Students must be competitively admitted in the concentration based on an application completed in SWRK 3011 Professionalism and Social Work Careers course.

The two courses listed immediately below serve as the introduction to the field of social work. They can be taken in the same semester or sequentially. They are pre-requisites to all other courses in the social work curriculum.

- ⇒ SWRK 2010 Introduction to Social Work
- ⇒ SWRK 2011 Writing for Social Work (**Personal Goals Statement**)

The next set of courses include the first pairing of upper division introductory courses for the social work degree program.

- ⇒ SWRK 3011 Professionalism in Social Work Careers (**Program Application & Selection of Concentration**)
- ⇒ SWRK 3010 Social Response to Human Need (Policy I)

Progression to the major of social work with a social work concentration will occur only after the student successfully completes the following courses with a minimum grade of "C-".

- SWRK 2010 Introduction to Social Work
- SWRK 2011 Writing for Social Work
- SWRK 3011 Professionalism in Social Work

Students can take up to 12 core social work courses before applying to the social work major/degree program.

The course listed immediately below is a pre-requisite for moving on to the Practice sequence in the curriculum.

- ⇒ SWRK 3902 Human Behavior and the Social Environment

The course listed immediately below is a pre-requisite for taking the next two courses in the practice sequence.

- ⇒ SWRK 3903 Social Work Practice I -- Individuals

The two courses listed immediately below complete the practice sequence. They can be taken in the same semester or sequentially.

- ⇒ SWRK 3904 Social Work Practice II – Groups and Families
- ⇒ SWRK 3906 Social Work Practice III --Community

Once a student has completed SWRK 2010, 2011, and 3011, the two courses listed immediately below can be taken at the same time as any of the other upper division social work courses. One should, however, plan to take SOCI 3311 concurrently with SWRK 3930.

- ⇒ SWRK 3920 Social Work Policy II
- ⇒ SWRK 3930 Social Work Research

The four courses listed below make up the field internship curriculum. Field I requires 150 hours in the agency; Field II requires 250 hours in the agency. The student also engages in a seminar course concomitant with each of the field courses. The field curriculum usually is taken over the course of two semesters, but in some cases, it can be completed in one semester (which would require 400 hours in the agency).

⇒ SWRK 4830 Field I

⇒ SWRK 4840 Field Seminar I

⇒ SWRK 4831 Field II

⇒ SWRK 4841 Field Seminar II

Social work majors are required to attain a grade of “C-” or above in all courses required for the major. These would be **all** courses listed on this page.

Social Work Concentration Requirements:

All social work majors are required to have a concentration. Admission to the University and completion of social work core courses do not guarantee placement in a concentration. Students must be competitively admitted into the concentration based on an application completed in SWRK 3011: Professionalism and Social Work Careers.

Generalist Concentration

The generalist concentration prepares students for licensure at the Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker (LBSW) in the State of Tennessee. Students wishing to practice in other states should check specific state requirements. No additional course requirements.

Child Welfare Concentration

The Child Welfare concentration prepares students for the Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker (LBSW) in the State of Tennessee and for Child Welfare Certification through the Tennessee Department of Children's Services. Students wishing to practice in other states should check specific state requirements. Additional Course Requirements will be integrated into the graduation plan:

- SWRK 4934 Child Welfare I
- SWRK 4935 Child Welfare II

School Social Work Concentration

The School Social Work Concentration prepares students for licensure as a Licensed School Social Worker (LSSW) at the baccalaureate level and for the Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker (LBSW) in the State of Tennessee. In addition to completing the 41 hours, students must complete their field practice sequence in a school-based setting and complete Teacher Education Program (TEP) admissions for the LSSW credential. Students wishing to receive licensure in another state should check state specific requirements. Additional course requirements will be integrated into the graduation plan:

- SPED 2000 Foundations of Inclusive Education
- SPED 3803 Behavior Management in Special Education
- SWRK 4937 School Social Work