SOCIAL WORK

CAREER INFORMATION

Social Work is the study of helping people function the best they can in their environment. This can mean providing direct services or therapy directly to people or working for change to improve social conditions. To be a social worker one must have a degree in social work from a college or university program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. The undergraduate degree is the Bachelor of Social Work (BSW). Graduate degrees include the Master of Social Work (MSW) and the Doctorate in Social Work (DSW) or Ph.D. An MSW is required to provide therapy. It is important to have good communication skills and complete classes in sociology. The majority of social workers are employed in community organizations, hospitals, non-profit organizations and for-profit organizations such as private nursing homes and rehabilitation centers. To be successful in this field, you need to have a high tolerance for frustration and a real desire to help people. The average wage for social workers holding master’s degrees is $35,000 a year, while bachelor’s degree holders earn about $25,000 accordingly to the Bureau of Labor.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Not all universities with this major are listed below. The lower division core preparation is listed for universities with which LBCC has established articulation agreements. The first course listed is the LBCC course; the course in parentheses immediately after is the university equivalent. It is generally recommended to take as many lower-division major courses as possible prior to transfer. Please check www.assist.org for the most current articulation information and information regarding minimum grade for each course, impacted major recommendations, application procedures, etc. Moreover, you must see a counselor to develop an accurate educational plan to ensure your competitiveness for admissions for your school(s) of choice. To thoroughly understand admissions and general education requirements please check the catalog of the transfer university. CSU/UC admissions and general education requirements are outlined on a separate curriculum guide.

*** Schools are listed in alphabetical order ***

CAL POLY POMONA

- B.A. Degree – Sociology: Social Work Option
  Engl 3 or 3H (Eng 105); Psych 1 or 1H (Psy 201 or 202); Psych 2 (BHS 204); Socio 1 (Soc 201)

CSU CHICO

- B.A. Degree – Social Work
  Psych 1 (Psy 1A); Socio 1 (Soci 1); Stat 1 (Math 5)
  One course from: Physi 1 (Biol 4) or a human biology course
  One course from: Econ 1A (Econ 2) or 1B (3) or lower-division course at CSUC
  (No LBCC equivalents to the following CSUC courses: Econ 1; Sosc 10; Swrk 70)

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CSU LONG BEACH

• B.A. – Social Work
Since this major is impacted, applicants are subject to supplemental criteria in addition to the requirements for admission to the university. Applicants for admission will be given a pre-major code (2-8554). Acceptance into the pre-major category does not imply or assure subsequent acceptance into the major. Admission is on a competitive basis and is determined on the basis of meeting all of the following supplemental criteria.

1. Complete a minimum of 56 semester units including the following five prerequisite courses:
   - Anthr 2 (Anth 120);
   - Anat 41 or Bio 60 & 60L (Biol 205);
   - Psych 1 or 1H (Psy 100);
   - Socio 1 (Soc 100);
   - Stat 1 or 1H (C/St 210, Hdev 250, Math 180, Psy 110, Soc 250)
   (No LBCC equivalents to the following CSULB courses: SW 220, 221)
2. Earn a minimum GPA of 2.5 in the above courses and an overall cumulative GPA of 2.0
3. Declare Social Work as a pre-major

To apply for admission to the “Pre-Social Work” major, after meeting the criteria above, a matriculated (fully accepted by and enrolled at the University) student must apply by March 1 for the following Fall and complete the following:

1. Submit a departmental application, which includes statements of biographical and educational background, and community and/or social work experience
2. Submit two letters of reference (one academic and one personal)
3. Submit transcripts of all previous college work

In determining eligibility of an applicant for admission to the program, the admission committee will consider the following:

A. All the information in the supplemental application
B. All college/university academic work completed with emphasis on the prerequisite courses
C. Documented exposure to the field of social work in a variety of settings such as work or volunteer experience
D. An interview of the applicant (at the discretion of the admission committee)
E. By end of the first fall semester in departmental courses, the following must be completed successfully:
   1. Psych 370;
   2. CSULB Writing Proficiency Exam (WPE) requirement
   3. Minimum GPA of 2.0 in the first level of Social Work departmental courses with a grade no lower than a C (or CR in practicum) in each course.

Students will be permitted to declare Social Work as a major and enroll in subsequent levels of courses after they have successfully completed all of the requirements noted above. For an application or additional information, please contact the Department of Social Work at (562) 985-5658 at CSULB.

CSU LOS ANGELES

• B.A. Degree – Social Work
Engl 3 or 3H (Engl 102); Stat 1 (Soc 210A); Psych 1 (Psy 150) or Socio 1 (Soc 201)
(No LBCC equivalent to the following CSULA course: Soc 202)

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SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY

- **B.A. Degree – Liberal Arts and Sciences: Social Work Major**
  Bio 41 (Bio 100) or any three units in a human biology course; Econ 1A or 1AH or 1B; Psych 1 or 1H (Psych 101); Socio 1 (Socio 101); one level three foreign language course
  (No LBCC equivalents to the following SDSU courses: CHE 101; Psych 270; SW 110, 120, 130; Socio 201; Stats 250)

SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY

- **B.A. Degree – Social Work**
  Bio 60 & 60L (Biol 21); Stat 1 (Stat 95); Polsc 1 (Pols 1); Psych 1 or 1H (Psyc 1)
  One course from: Econ 1A or 1AH (Econ 1A) or 1B (1B) or Socio 1 (Soci 1) or 2 (80)

UC BERKELEY

- **A.B. Degree – Social Welfare**
  Psych 1 or 1H (Psych 1); Socio 1 (Sociol 1); Stat 1 (Stat 2)
  Recommended: Anthr 2 (Anthro 3); Econ 1A & 1B (Econ 1); Polsc 1 or 1H (Pol Sci 1)

UC DAVIS

- **A.B. Degree – Sociology: Social Services Option**
  Psych 1 or 1H (Psych 1); Socio 2 (Sociol 3)
  One course from: Hist 27 (Af-Amst 10) or lower-division courses at UCD
  (No LBCC equivalents to the following UCD courses: A A Std 1, 2; Af-Amst 15; Chicano 10, 50; N A Std 10; Sociol 2, 46A, 46B)