

Social Work (BSW)

Degree Requirements

General Education Requirements (53-57 Hours)

Area I - Written Composition (2 Courses, 6 Hours)

- A. 3 hours: EH 101
- B. 3 hours: EH 102

Area II - Humanities & Fine Arts (5 Courses, 15 Hours)

- A. 3 hours: CA 110
- B. 3 hours from: EH 215, EH 216, EH 225, EH 226, EH 235, EH 236
- C. 3 hours from: ARH 100, ARH 103, ARH 123, ARS 101, DRA 110, MUL 101
- D. 6 hours from: AFR 101, ARH 100, ARH 103, ARH 123, ARH 203, ARS 101, CLA 110, DRA 110, EH 215, EH 216, EH 225, EH 226, EH 235, EH 236, LG 101, LG 102, LG 111, LG 112, LG 121, LG 122, LG 131, LG 132, LG 141, LG 142, LG 151, LG 152, LG 153, LG 171, LG 172, LG 173, LG 201, LG 202, LG 211, LG 212, LG 213, LG 221, LG 222, LG 231, LG 232, LG 234, LG 241, LG 242, 251, LG 252, LG 271, LG 272, LG 273, LGS 101, LGS 102, LGS 106, LGS 107, LGS 110, LGS 111, LGS 131, LGS 141, LGS 142, LGS 161, LGS 162, LGS 171, LGS 172, LGS 181, LGS 182, LGS 201, LGS 202, LGS 206, LGS 207, LGS 210, LGS 211, LGS 241, LGS 242, LGS 261, LGS 262, LGS 281, LGS 282, MUL 101, PHL 110, PHL 120, PHL 121, PHL 131, PHL 231, PHL 240, REL 100, REL 200, REL 201

Area III – Natural Sciences & Mathematics (3 Courses & Labs, 11-14 Hours)

- A. 3 hours from: MA 110, MA 112, MA 113, MA 115, MA 120, MA 125, MA 126, MA 227, MA 237, MA 238
- B. 4 hours from: BLY 101 & BLY 101L or BLY 121 & BLY 121L,
- C. 4 hours from: AN 121 & AN 121L, BLY 102 & BLY 102L, Lor BLY 122 & BLY 122L, CH 101 & CH 101L, CH 103 & CH 103L, CH 131 & CH 131L, CH 132 & CH 132L, GEO 101 & GEO 101L, GEO 102 & GEO 102L, GY 111 & GY 111L, GY 112 & GY 112L, MAS 134 & MAS 134L, PH 101 & PH 101L, PH 104 & PH 104L, PH 114 & PH 114L, PH 115 & PH 115L, PH 201 & PH 201L, PH 202 & PH 202L

Area IV – History, Social & Behavioral Sciences (4 Courses, 12 Hours)

- A. 3 hours from: HY 101, HY 102, HY 135, HY 136
- B. 9 hours from: *AN 100, AN 101, CA 100, CA 211, CJ 105, ECO 215, *ECO 216, GEO 114, GEO 115, GS 101, HY 101, HY 102, HY 135, HY 136, IS 100, IST 201, NAS 101, PSC 130, PSY 120, PSY 250, SY 109, SY 112

Area V (3 Courses, 9-10 Hours)

- A. Foreign Language. 6 hours from any one group:

LG 101 & LG 102, LGS 106 & LGS 107, LGS 110 & LGS 111, LG 111 & LG 112 or proficiency test or LG 113, LG 121 & LG 122, LG 131 & LG 132 or proficiency test or LG 134, LGS 131 & LGS 132, LG 141 & LG 142, LGS 141 & LGS 142, LG 151 & LG 152 or proficiency test or LG 153, LGS 161 & LGS 162, LG 171 & LG 172 or LG 173, LGS 171 & LGS 172, LGS 181 & LGS 182

Students may fulfill the foreign language requirement by passing a proficiency test offered by the Department of Modern and Classical Languages at the level equivalent to the second semester of the foreign language sequence, or by passing another test (e.g., AP (Advanced Placement) or CLEP (College Level Examination Program) at the equivalent level). Students who pass a proficiency test at the level equivalent to first semester of the foreign language sequence are required to complete only the second semester and will fulfill the foreign language requirement with 3 credit hours of course work.

- B. 3 hours: ST 210

Students must complete a 6 credit hour sequence either in literature (Area II – EH 215 & EH 216, EH 225 & EH 226, or EH 235 & EH 236) or history (Area IV – HY 101 & HY 102 or HY 135 & HY 136)

All undergraduates must complete two designated writing credit (W) courses, at least one of which must be in the student's major or minor.

Major Requirements (42 Hours)

Social Work (BSW) Core (14 Courses, 42 Hours)

- A. 42 hours: SW 200, SW 201, SW 214, SW 220, SW 301, SW 302, SW 401, SW 402, SW 412, SW 414, SY 220, SY 381, SY 382, and 1 Field of Practice Elective (SW 300, SW 340, SW 350, SW 360, SW 360, SW 420, or SY 372)

Minor Requirements (18-24 Hours)

A minor is required for this degree program

*If Sociology (6 Courses, 18 Hours): SY 109, SY 220, SY 381, SY 382, and 2 Electives (at least 1 sociology elective must be 300-level or higher)

Notes:

Additional Information

Social Work Admission Policy And Procedures

The social work program has policies and procedures for admission that are consistent with the goals of our national accrediting agency, the Council on Social Work Education. The policies and procedures ensure that students have a liberal arts base, demonstrate a beginning knowledge of social work and identification with the profession, have content in diversity, populations-at-risk, social and economic justice, and can demonstrate effective communication skills prior to entry into the professional program

Admission Policy

Students who want to major in social work are admitted to the pre-professional social work major and remain in the pre-professional major until they meet requirements to be admitted into the social work major. Prior to entering the major, please consider consulting with a pre-professional social work advisor from Academic Advising and Transfer Services at the earliest opportunity. The admission policy is applicable to all students: new freshmen, transfer students, students seeking a second bachelor's degree, and students changing their major. In order to be admitted into the social work major, students must meet the following criteria:

- Have a 2.60 overall GPA in courses taken at USA.
- Have completed SW 200, SW 214, and SW 220 with a grade of "C" or better.
- Have completed the BLY 101/BLY 102 or BLY 121/BLY 122 and a second natural science course with lab earning a grade of "C" or better in both courses and labs.
- Have completed EH 101 and EH 102 with a grade of "C" or better.
- Have completed the Math requirement.
- Have completed the Statistics requirement (ST 210).
- Have completed a minimum of 56 credit hours.
- Meet all requirements specified by the program for demonstrating behavior consistent with the NASW Code of Ethics.

Students entering the pre-professional social work major who have 45 or more credit hours are strongly encouraged to take SW 200, SW 214, and SW 220 in their first semester. Students who have not been admitted to the major may not enroll in SW 201, SW 300, SW 301, SW 302, SW 401, SW 402, SW 412, or SW 414.

Admission Procedures

Once the specified requirements are complete, the student must submit an application for admission to the social work major. Students who meet the minimum prerequisite requirements are not guaranteed admission into the social work major. The application process is competitive and admission is dependent upon available space. Students are encouraged to consult with their advisor prior to submitting this application.

The student's application for admission to the major will be reviewed by the BSW program faculty and a determination will be made on whether or not the student will be admitted to the major. Following this determination, students will be notified in writing concerning the faculty decision.

Once the student is admitted to the major, the program will initiate a change of major to the university. The criteria for continuation as a major include:

- Maintain a 2.50 grade point average in social work courses.
- Maintain an overall 2.60 grade point average at USA.
- Demonstrate acceptable professional conduct, personal integrity and emotional stability requisite for effective social work practice.
- Demonstrate identification with the profession of social work.
- Demonstrate behavior consistent with Code of Ethics for the National Association of Social Workers.

Transfer Students

Social work course credit will only be granted for courses transferred from programs accredited by the Council on Social Work Education or in CSWE Candidacy. In order to receive a degree in social work from the University of South Alabama, students must complete SW 401, SW 402, SW 412, and SW 414 and meet the university residency requirements. The program director will evaluate social work transfer credits to determine equivalency. No credit will be given for life or prior work experience.

Graduation Plan

Social Work (BSW) : (120 Total Hours)

First Year - Fall Semester

Course ID	Course Description	Hours
EH 101	English Composition I	3
Math	MA 110 or higher	3
SY 109	Introductory Sociology	3
CAS 100	First Year Experience-College Success	3
BLY 101 with Lab	Life Science I with Lab (min grade C	4
Total Hours		16

First Year - Spring Semester

Course ID	Course Description	Hours
EH 102	English Composition II	3
SW 200	Intro to SocWork-SocWelfare	3

History	*US History or Western Civ	3
ST 210	Statistical Reasoning and Applications	3
Fine Arts Elective		3
Total Hours		15

Second Year - Fall Semester

Course ID	Course Description	Hours
PSY 120	Intro to Psychology	3
SW 220	Power, Privilege, & Oppression	3
Natural Sci with Lab	Area III, B	4
***Sociology Minor Elective		3
Foreign Language I	Area V	3
GPA required: 2.60		
Total Hours		16

Second Year - Spring Semester

Course ID	Course Description	Hours
Social/Behavioral Elective	Area IV, B	3
CA 110	Public Speaking	3
SW 214	Social Work Skills & Field Experience	3
SY 220	Marriage & Family	3
Foreign Language II	Area V	3
Total Hours		15

Third Year - Fall Semester

Course ID	Course Description	Hours
SW 201	Human Behav/Social Environ I	3
SW 300	Ethical Decision-Making (W)	3
SW 401	Generalist Practice I	3
SY 381	Social Research Design (Fall only)	3
Humanities Elective	Area II	3

Total Hours 15

Third Year - Spring Semester

Course ID	Course Description	Hours
SW 301	Social Welfare Policy	3
SW 302	Human Behav/Social Environ II	3
SW 402	General Practice II (Spring only)	3
SY 382	Social Research Analysis (Spring only)	3
Humanities Elective	Area II	3

Total Hours 15

Fourth Year - Fall Semester

Course ID	Course Description	Hours
SW Electives	SW 300, SW 310, SW 340, SW 350, SW 360, SW 370, SW 380, SW 420, or SY 372	3
English Literature	Area II, B	3
***Sociology Minor Elective	300 level or higher	3
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Elective		1

Total Hours 13

Fourth Year - Spring Semester

Course ID	Course Description	Hours
SW 214	Field Instruction	12
SW 414	Senor Seminar (W) (Taken concurrently with SW 214)	3

Total Hours 15

Notes

**See Degree Requirements

**Must have one history elective and one literature elective. In addition, students must choose a second history or literature to complete a two-part sequence.

***All Arts and Sciences majors require a minor between 18 and 24 hours. This plan incorporates a sociology minor (18 credit hours).

Department Information

Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work website
<https://www.southalabama.edu/colleges/artsandsci/syansw/>

Departmental Mission Statement

The Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work seeks to equip students with conceptual tools to enhance their social and cultural awareness and with methodological tools to obtain empirical knowledge to empower them to engage in improvement of social conditions. Acknowledging the inextricable link between teaching and scholarly research, we strive for excellence in both areas to unite students and faculty in a common experience of learning and discovery through pure and applied research to prepare students for service through careers and civic engagement.

Undergraduate Programs

Sociology is the scientific study of social behavior and social phenomena. Our program seeks to provide students with knowledge and insight about why groups, institutions, organizations, and societies (and the people in them) behave in the ways they do. Popular courses within the program address such diverse social phenomena as Drug Use, Marriage and Family, Culture, Religion, Crime and Deviance, Medicine, Disasters, Race, Gender, and Aging. We also focus on equipping students with the tools of social research methods and statistics - two very highly-sought-after skills in today's labor market.

Anthropology is the study of humans, past and present. To understand the full sweep and complexity of cultures across all of human history, anthropology draws and builds upon knowledge from the social and biological sciences as well as the humanities and physical sciences. A central concern of anthropologists is the application of knowledge to the solution of human problems. Historically, anthropologists in the United States have been trained in one of four areas: archaeology, biological/physical anthropology, sociocultural anthropology, and linguistic anthropology. Anthropologists often integrate the perspectives of several of these areas into their professional lives.

Social work is a social science and a profession devoted to helping people solve problems and issues in their lives. Social workers, help individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities to achieve an effective level of psychosocial functioning and seek social reform to improve societal well-being, with an emphasis upon marginalized and oppressed communities. Social work is founded upon the ethical principles of service; social and economic justice; personal dignity and worth; the importance of human relationships; integrity; and competence.

All first-time freshmen must successfully complete CAS 100: First Year Experience as a degree requirement. Students must enroll during their first term at USA, except for summer-entry students who must enroll in the fall semester following entry.

- SY 382 will fulfill the technology proficiency requirement for Social Work majors.
- SY 409 will fulfill the technology proficiency requirement for Sociology majors.
- AN 454 will fulfill the technology proficiency requirement for Anthropology majors.

The Department also offers an accelerated bachelor's to master's degree in sociology. For general information see the Graduate School, Admission Requirements and Procedures, Accelerated Bachelor's to Master's Program