

Social Work

University of Wisconsin-River Falls

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The professional activity of helping individuals, groups, or communities enhance or restore their capacity for social functioning and creating societal conditions favorable to that goal. Helping in the place where the individual and society reach out for each other.

Goals The primary mission of the Social Work Program at UW-River Falls is to provide a learning environment conducive to developing appropriate skills, knowledge, and values necessary to prepare students who are enlightened as citizens, appreciative of diversity, committed to social justice, prepared to be life long learners, and able to serve as entry level generalist social work practitioners.

Program and/or curriculum The UW-RF BSW program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), the nationally recognized accrediting organization in professional social work. The BSW is a professional course of study grounded in a liberal arts foundation. Students pursue a broad area major of course work and engage in a 450-hour internship supervised by accredited social work field instructors. All students conduct individual research as part of their curriculum and may be eligible for advanced standing at graduate programs in social work.

Faculty The Social Work Program consists of three full-time professors who teach and advise within the academic program. Each department member comes from a direct practice background from a wide array of social work experiences. They are committed to helping students become skilled professionals.

The Profession of Social Work Social Work is an active "doing" profession with a long history of caring for persons and social change. Social workers are involved in wide-ranging tasks in many different public and private services. Some of the kinds career paths include:

- child protection, school social work, family welfare services, youth social recreation
- health care practice in hospitals, long term care facilities, community clinics
- counseling and mental health services, developmental disabilities, crisis and violence intervention
- criminal justice practice in probation and parole, juvenile justice diversion and pre-trial forensics
- international practice with public or international humanitarian organizations such as Peace Corps, Red Cross or others
- business or industry practice in employee assistance programs, substance abuse, organizing
- social action or social change practice with community organizations, religious work, political advocacy and policy change groups.



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Bachelor of Social Work Degree. Academic Advising Plan.

Semester 1 (Fall)

General Education CW (ENGL 100).....	3
General Education SB (POLS 114).....	3
General Education HF	3
General Education S	3
SOWK 150 Introduction to Social Work Services.....	3
Total semester credits	15

Semester 2 (Spring)

General Education CS (CSTA 101).....	3
General Education HW (PE activity course).....	.5
General Education SL (BIOL 100).....	3
General Education SB (PSYC 101).....	3
ECON 100 Modern Economics.....	3
SOCI 100 Introduction to Sociology.....	3
Total semester credits	15.5

Semester 3 (Fall)

General Education CA (ENGL 200).....	3
SOWK 205 Introduction to Social Work and Social Welfare	3
SOWK 250 Use, Abuse and Addiction.....	3
Liberal Arts (BIOL 253)	3
Liberal Arts/Language	3
General Education HW (PE activity course).....	.5
Total semester credits	15.5

Semester 4 (Spring)

SOWK 215 Human Behavior and Social Environment	3
SOWK 260 Practice with Diverse Populations.....	3
General Education HF	3
General Education HW (P ED 108).....	1
General Education M (PSYC 201).....	3
Global Perspectives Course.....	3
Total semester credits	15

Semester 5 (Fall)

SOWK 324 Theory and Practice of Social Work I.....	3
SOWK 350 Social Welfare Policy	3
General Education MD	3
Directed Elective Course	3
Liberal Arts Course	3
Total semester credits	15

Semester 6 (Spring)

SOWK 300 Research Methods.....	3
SOWK 325 Theory and Practice of Social Work II	3
SOWK 389 Special Topics	3
Elective Course	3
Liberal Arts Course	3
Total semester credits	15

Semester 7 (Fall)

SOWK 424 Advanced Interviewing and Crisis Intervention	3
SOWK 472 Social Work Field Instruction.....	6
SOWK 480 Senior Integrative Seminar	3
SOWK 389 Special Topics	3
Total semester credits	15

Semester 8 (Spring)

SOWK 426 Theory and Practice of Social Work III	3
SOWK 472 Social Work Field Instruction.....	6
SOWK 481 Integrating Practice and Research.....	3
Elective Course	2
Total semester credits	14

Summary of Degree Requirements

General Education.....	29-33 cr.
Major Required Courses.....	54 cr.
Required Supporting Courses	8 cr.
Directed Electives	3 cr.
Credits to Degree.....	121 cr.