Social Work is 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. UW-River Falls offers students a Bachelor of Social Work degree (“BSW”- a major in Social Work). At the undergraduate level, this liberal arts course of study prepares a student for beginning, generalist, and professional practice. The program is competitive, and students holding an accredited BSW may receive recognition by Graduate Programs in Social Work, leading to advanced standing toward a Master’s of Social Work degree (MSW), the terminal practice degree in the profession. State licensing boards in Social Work recognize the UWRF BSW as meeting requirements to sit for licensure examinations.

The University of Wisconsin-River Falls Social Work program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), the nationally recognized accrediting organization in a professional social work. The BSW is a professional course of study grounded in a liberal arts foundation. Students pursue a broad area major of a course work and engage in a 450 hour internship supervised by accredited social work field instructors.

**Experience**
UW-River Falls BSW students engage in a two-semester fieldwork experience in their senior year. The experience is at least a 450 hour internship supervised by accredited Social Work field instructors. Over 60 agencies located in the Twin Cities of Minneapolis-St. Paul, Western Wisconsin and Eastern Minnesota participate to provide opportunities for real-world practice. The two senior seminars, Advanced Interviewing, and Theory and Practice II are designed to make a complete experience covering all curriculum objectives. These courses each utilize field placement experiences to facilitate integrating the knowledge, values and skills learned in the classroom with practice.

**Involvement**
There are plenty of clubs and organizations to get involved with within or related to the BSW field. The Student Social Work Association is a club specifically for BSW majors, these students partake in various charity events, fundraisers, and group activities. Another popular organization is the Student United Way. This organization continually looks for the most effective ways to help people gain access to educational, economic and health-related opportunities. Lastly, Big Brothers Big Sisters is another organization that is popular in this field.