

BSW Program Curriculum Revisions

Effective immediately, the following curriculum revisions are being implemented in the Bachelor of Social Work Program. These changes will be visible in the Bulletin and in DegreeWorks beginning in Fall 2020.

CORE REQUIREMENTS

School of Social Work: Foreign Language Requirement

The three-semester "Foreign Language" requirement has been removed.

- BSW Students are no longer required to complete a foreign language through the third level of that language.
- All students are still required to satisfy the [Area IV: World Languages & Culture requirement](#) of Core by completing any 9-credit hours (3 courses) of approved courses.
 - To satisfy Core Area IV, we encourage students to *either*: (a) complete a 3-semester foreign language sequence; *or* (b) take courses specifically related to cultural competence.

Major: Biology Requirement

*The social work major Biology requirement has been renamed to "**Environmental Impact**" and expanded to include additional course options.*

- BSW students may now complete ONE of the following courses, which part of [Area II of Core](#), as well as UGA's [Environmental Awareness Requirement](#).
 - Area II: Life Science courses:
 - BIOL 1103 / P BIO 1210 – Concepts in Biology
 - BIOL 1104 – Organismal Biology
 - ECOL 1000 – Ecological Basis of Environmental Issues
 - FANR 1100 – Natural Resources Conservation
 - FANR(ECOL)(GEOG) 1200 – Natural History of Georgia
 - Area II: Physical Science courses:
 - GEOG 1125 – Resources, Society, and the Environment
 - GEOL 1120 – Environmental Geoscience
 - CRSS(WASR) 1020 – Introduction to Water Resources
- The specified laboratory requirement has been removed.
(Note: All UGA students are still required to complete a lab course as part of Area II of Core.)

Major: Abnormal Psychology Requirement

*The major Abnormal Psychology requirement has been renamed to "**Advanced Social/Psychology Requirement**" and expanded to include additional course options.*

- BSW students may now complete ONE of the following courses:
 - PSYC 3230 – Abnormal Psychology
 - PSYC 3200 – Cultural Psychology
 - PSYC 2101 – Psychology of Adjustment
 - SOCI 3270 – Personality and Social Structure
 - SOCI 3730 – Social Psychology
 - ECHD 4380/6380 – Human Development and Mental Health
 - EPSY 4240 – Abnormal Child Psychology

Area VI: Statistics Requirement

The Area VI: Statistics requirement has been renamed to "Data and Digital Fluency" and expanded to include additional course options.

- BSW students may now complete ONE of the following courses, which satisfy both [Area III](#) and [Area VI](#) of Core:
 - ARTS 2100 – Strategic Visual Thinking
 - BIOS 2010 – Elementary Biostatistics
 - CSCI 1210 – Computer Modeling and Science
 - CSCI 1301/L – Introduction to Computing and Programming
 - MATH 1060 – Mathematics of Decision Making
 - PHIL 2500 – Symbolic Logic
 - STAT 2000* – Introductory Statistics (Note: STAT 2000 also satisfies [Area I](#) of Core)

BSW PROGRAM PROCEDURES

BSW Application

BSW students may now apply to the BSW Professional Program in any semester after they have successfully completed SOWK 2154 with a grade of B- or higher. Students must apply and be accepted into the BSW Professional Program prior to enrolling in field work during senior year.

- Admission into the social work major/BSW Professional Program is no longer a prerequisite to enrollment in 5000-level/upper-division SOWK courses.
- Eligibility to apply in a given semester does not mean that they *must* apply that semester.
- A student could apply to the major as early as their second semester enrolled in social work courses, or as late as the summer before beginning senior year.

Upper-Division Coursework Eligibility

Students who have successfully completed all 2000-level SOWK course requirements are now eligible to enroll in certain 5000-level/upper-division SOWK courses on a space-available basis.

- Upon successful completion of SOWK 2154, SOWK 2154S (or SOWK 2157S), SOWK 2155 and SOWK 2156, students may now enroll in the following courses:
 - SOWK 5326 – Foundations of Social Work Research
 - SOWK 5340 – Human Behavior in the Social Environment
 - SOWK 5390 – Introduction to Military Social Work
 - SOWK 5524 – General Practice of Social Work I
 - SOWK 5701 – Social Welfare Policy and Services
 - SOWK 5757 – Current Issues in Social Work I (by permission of instructor)
 - SOWK 5767 – Current Issues in Social Work II (by permission of instructor)
- Students may enroll in the above courses even if they have not yet applied/been admitted into the major yet.
- BSW students are no longer required (though they are still allowed) to complete their “senior coursework” in the rigid, two semester sequence of 17-credits each semester.

School of Social Work GPA Requirement

The School of Social Work minimum overall GPA requirement of 2.5 has been eliminated.

- Students must still maintain a [minimum GPA of 2.00](#) in order to remain in good standing with the university.
- The BSW Program still requires that students in a grade of B- or higher in all SOWK courses.