

**Social Workers**

- Feed those who are hungry
- Shelter individuals and families who are homeless
- Protect the children
- Advocate for people with disabilities and chronic illnesses
- Empower those who have been victimized
- Research best practices
- Inform government
- Protect vulnerable populations
- Challenge discrimination

Bachelor of

**SOCIAL WORK**

The University of South Florida offers a program leading to a **Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)** degree in the School of Social Work within the College of Behavioral and Community Sciences. The BSW Program is fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, the national accrediting body for social work education programs.

**The primary objective of the BSW Program is the preparation of the graduate for beginning level practice as a social work generalist.**

Students can expect to develop an understanding of the following:

- Dynamics of human behavior in individual, group, community and organizational contexts
- Influences of the social cultural environment upon those behaviors
- Social welfare systems and institutions
- Social, economic, and political processes affecting policy development and program implementation
- Utilization of basic social work research skills

The BSW degree is certified as a USF Global Pathway major. Global Pathways are undergraduate majors that include significant global content, and provide students with the opportunity to practice and apply global competencies throughout the degree program. Students receive a special designation on their official transcript if they meet all the requirements for the USF Global Citizens Award.

For more information, contact

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**Current Students**

[usf.appiancloud.com/suite/sites/home/page/favorite-tab-1](https://usf.appiancloud.com/suite/sites/home/page/favorite-tab-1)

**Prospective Students**

[usfweb.usf.edu/escheduler/NonStudentlogin.aspx](https://usfweb.usf.edu/escheduler/NonStudentlogin.aspx)



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School of Social Work

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## Admissions

To be admitted to the BSW program at USF a student should complete most, if not all, of the general education requirements, achieving junior status, and the following:

- Be accepted to USF Tampa campus as a degree-seeking student
- Declare a major in Social Work in the USF College of Behavioral and Community Sciences
- Earn a minimum 2.75 USF GPA and 2.75 overall GPA
- Earn a minimum 2.0 GPA (“C” grade) in all prerequisites
- Earn a minimum 3.0 GPA (“B” grade) in SOW 3203, Introduction to Social Work
- Submit the BSW application, which includes a reference from the SOW 3203 Instructor and a personal essay. The reference and personal essay must show evidence of a minimum satisfactory rating.

## USF Pre-requisite Courses (*one from each area*)

### Human Biology

BSC 1005 Principles of Biology

BSC 1020 Human Biology

BSC 2085 Anatomy and Physiology

### Political Science

POS 2041 American Government

### Psychology

PSY 2012 Psychological Science I

### Economics

ECO 1000 Basic Economics

ECO 2013 Economics Principles (Macro)

ECO 2023 Economics Principles Micro)

### Sociology

SYG 2000 Introduction to Sociology

SYG 2010 Contemporary Social Problems

Equivalents may be taken elsewhere. Often, transfer students have some or all of these prerequisites completed prior to coming to USF but the course names may be different. For information about transfer of these prerequisite courses, please contact Amy Weisz, advisor in the School of Social Work.

## BSW Core Courses

First Semester	Second Semester	Third Semester
<b>SOW 3101</b> – Human Behavior & Social Environment I	<b>SOW 3102</b> – Human Behavior & Social Environment II	<b>SOW 4510C</b> – Integrative Seminar/Field Placement
<b>SOW 4522</b> – Multi-Cultural America in a Global Society	<b>SOW 4233</b> – Social Welfare: Policy & Program	<b>*SOW 4602</b> – Social Work Practice in Mental Health & Health Care
<b>SOW 4341</b> – Multi-Methods of Social Work Practice I: Micro System	<b>SOW 4343</b> – Multi-Methods of Social Work Practice II: Macro System	* May be replaced by Education Abroad if approved by the School of Social Work (discuss with advisor)
<b>SOW 3401</b> - Research & Statistics for Social Work	<b>SOW 4315</b> - Case Management	
<b>SOW 3210</b> - The American Social Welfare System	<b>SOW 4414</b> - Data Management	

## Application Process

Students are admitted to begin the BSW Program in the fall or spring semester. There are no summer admissions. The application is available to students enrolled in the SOW 3203 Introduction to Social Work class. Students who complete all admissions requirements are admitted into the program.

## Structure of the Program

The BSW Program is a full-time, daytime, classroom based program on the Tampa USF campus. The Social Work major is structured to be completed in 3 semesters (with no summer classes). Students attend classes 3 days a week on campus for the first two semesters of the program.

In the final semester, students are in their field placement Monday through Thursday, 32 hours weekly, with classes that meet on Fridays. If there are extenuating circumstances, students may apply for a split field placement, which extends the BSW major to 4 semesters.