

Admissions Criteria

To be admitted to the Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) at USF students should complete most, if not all, of the general education requirements, achieve junior status, and:

- Declared a major in Social Work in the USF College of Behavioral and Community Sciences at <https://intra.cbcs.usf.edu/Forms/DeclareMajor/index.cfm>
- Must have completed all prerequisites and be in good academic standing to get
- Have earned a minimum of a “C” grade in all prerequisites.
- Have taken SOW 3203, Introduction to Social Work course, and earned a minimum of a "B" grade in that course.

To progress in the Social Work program:

- Maintain a minimum Social Work GPA of 2.75.
- BSW students cannot receive any grade of C- or below in the Social Work courses.

USF Pre-requisites (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

Transfer Students

For more information about transfer of prerequisite courses, please contact the advisor on your respective campus.

Structure of the Program

First Semester	Second Semester	Third Semester
SOW 3101- Human Behavior & Social Environment I	SOW 3102- Human Behavior & Social Environment II	SOW 4510C- Integrative Seminar/Field Placement
SOW 4522- Multi-Cultural America in a Global Society	SOW 4233- Social Welfare: Policy & Program	* SOW 4602- Social Work Practice in Mental Health & Health Care or SOW 4930- (Child Welfare Certificate Pathway) or may be replaced by Education Abroad if approved by the School of Social Work (discuss with advisor)
SOW 4341- Multi-Methods of Social Work Practice I: Micro System	SOW 4343- Multi-Methods of Social Work Practice II: Macro System	
SOW 3401 - Research & Statistics for Social Work	SOW 4315- Case Management	
SOW 3210 - The American Social Welfare System	SOW 4414 - Data Management	

* If completing Child Welfare Certificate, it includes paid internship and job placement

Students may start the BSW Program in either spring or fall semester. There are no summer BSW courses. The social work major courses are structured to be taken over a 3-semester period. Students who begin the BSW first semester courses in spring are expected to be in the second semester courses in fall and the third semester courses in the following spring. Students who begin the BSW Program first semester courses in fall are expected to be in the second semester courses in spring and in the third semester courses in the following fall. In the final semester, most students are in their field placements Monday through Thursday, 32 hours weekly. If there are extenuating circumstances, students may apply for a split field placement. A split field placement requires half of the field placement hours to be completed in the third semester, and the remaining half to be completed in the following semester, extending the program to 4 semesters.