



## Social Work

# CAREER COMPETENCIES

## What are employers looking for?

The National Association of Colleges and Employers has identified eight competencies associated with career readiness. The social work degree will teach you all of these skills to prepare you for a career.

### Career & Self-Development

The social work major will help you develop both personally and professionally through class assignments that focus on self-awareness and growth, networking opportunities with professionals in the field, and extracurricular activities that help you build your resume.

### Communication

Learn how to clearly and effectively exchange information, ideas, facts, and perspectives with people inside and outside of the classroom and in the field. Advocate for others at our annual Legislative Education and Advocacy Days (LEAD) event!

### Critical Thinking

Learn how to identify and respond to needs based upon an understanding of situational context and logical analysis of relevant information. Work with faculty who are researching a variety of different topics and interventions!

### Equity & Inclusion

Learn how to demonstrate the awareness, attitude, knowledge, and skills required to equitably engage and include people from different local and global cultures. Engage in anti-racist practices that actively challenge the systems, structures, and policies of racism. The social work major is a certified Global Pathway through which students can earn the Global Citizens Award!

### Leadership

Learn how to recognize and build upon personal and team strengths to achieve professional goals. Join the Social Work Society or BRIDGE Clinic to get experience!

### Professionalism

Learn how to understand and demonstrate effective work habits and act in the interest of the larger community and workplace by completing a 460-hour field placement with one of the School of Social Work's 300 affiliated agencies!

### Teamwork

Learn how to build and maintain collaborative relationships to work effectively toward common goals, while appreciating diverse viewpoints and shared responsibilities through group class assignments and extracurricular activities.

### Technology

Learn how to understand and leverage technologies ethically to enhance efficiencies, complete tasks, accomplish goals, and create access to services for clients that may have barriers.



## Prepping for Graduation

The BSW program can prepare you to go directly into the workforce upon graduation as a generalist social worker, and it can prepare you to continue your education in a Master of Social Work (MSW) program.

Regardless of the path chosen, USF Career Services can help prepare you to take that next step! They have an online database of employers to help connect you with job opportunities. They also offer career fairs and events.

A career counselor can help you with your resume, cover letter, interview prep, and more!

Visit USF Career Service's website at [usf.edu/career-services/students/index.aspx](https://usf.edu/career-services/students/index.aspx)

For more information, contact

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### Current Students

[https://usf.appiancloud.com/suite/sites/archivum/page/archivum/report/M\\_NuSA](https://usf.appiancloud.com/suite/sites/archivum/page/archivum/report/M_NuSA)

### Prospective Students

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

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