

Department of Social Work Education (DSWE)

Program Admission Requirements: AY 2025/2026 to Current

B.A. Social Work Program Description

Students pursuing a baccalaureate degree in Social Work enter the university as freshmen in the Pre-Health major, or apply directly as transfer students for the Social Work program. Pre-Health students begin the Social Work program in the Spring semester, while transfer applicants begin the major program each fall semester.

Prerequisites for Entry into the B.A. Social Work Program

Pre-Health students interested in the SWRK program must successfully complete admission requirements and apply at the beginning of the third semester, and will begin courses during the fourth (spring) semester. Transfer students must apply directly to the SWRK program and, if admitted, will begin in the fall semester.

Social Work Major Course Prerequisites (Effective Academic Year 2020/2021 to Current):

Prerequisite Courses	✓	Equivalent Course	GE Area	Units
Oral Communication (COMM 3, 7, or 8)			1C	3
Written Communication (ENGL 5B or 10)			1A	3
Critical Thinking*			1B	3
Quantitative Reasoning*			2	3
Intro to Social Work (SWRK 20)			N/A	3
			Total Units	15

*See G.E. list for approved courses.

Each prerequisite must be completed with a minimum "C" grade. CR/NC grades not accepted (excluding Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate). The DSWE will honor articulation agreements between community college districts and Fresno State for equivalent courses meeting the above requirements.

Social Work Program Admission Requirements:

Prior to Applying for the SWRK Program (End of Semester 2)	Prior to Beginning the SWRK Program (End of Semester 3)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All SWRK Pre-Requisite Courses Completed OR currently in-progress 30 Units Earned 2.0 Pre-Requisite & Cumulative GPA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admission to the SWRK program All SWRK Pre-Requisite Courses Completed 45 Units Earned 2.0 Pre-Requisite GPA & Cumulative GPA

Social Work major change and course sequence enrollment is contingent upon satisfactory fulfillment of these requirements, successful application and capacity. **Students who do not maintain eligibility for admission into the Social Work program will not be allowed to continue within the Social Work program.**

Contact Us

Pre-Social Work Advising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Pre-Health, Social Work and GE Advising •Returning Transfer Inquiries 	Advising and Career Development Center College of Health and Human Services Phone: (559) 278-5027 Email: acdc@csufresno.edu
Social Work Program Coordinator	Department Office Professional Human Services (PHS) 128 Phone: (559) 278-3992

PRE-HEALTH Social Work Option (120 Units) Valid for Catalog Years: 2025/2026 to Present

For assistance or to schedule an
advising appointment, please
contact the **CHHS Advising and
Career Development Center:**
559-278-5027, McLane Hall 194

Student Name: _____

Student ID: _____

Catalog Year: _____

	Year 1 (Freshman)		Year 2 (Sophomore)		Year 3 (Junior)			Year 4 (Senior)		
	Fall	Spring	Fall	TRANSITION INTO SOCIAL WORK MAJOR	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	
Units	16 Units	15 Units	15 Units		15 Units	15 Units	15 Units	15 Units	15 Units	15 Units
Major	Lower Division GE	Lower Division GE	Lower Division GE		SWRK 20 (3 Units)	SWRK 123 (3 Units)	SWRK 136 (MI) (3 Units)	SWRK 181 Field I (6 Units)	SWRK 182 Field II (6 Units)	
	Lower Division GE	Lower Division GE	Lower Division GE		Upper Division GE	SWRK 135 (3 Units)	SWRK 170 (3 Units)			
	Lower Division GE	Lower Division GE	Additional University Grad Req.		Upper Division GE	SWRK 160 (3 Units)	SWRK 161 (3 Units)	SWRK 180 (3 Units)	SWRK 183 (3 Units)	
	Lower Division GE	Lower Division GE	Additional University Grad Req.		SWRK Additional Requirement	Upper Division GE	SWRK Additional Requirement	SWRK 171 (3 Units)	SWRK Additional Requirement	
	Lower Division GE	HHS 18B	Social Work Elective		American Government	SWRK Additional Requirement	UDWS (W Course)	SWRK Additional Requirement	SWRK Additional Requirement	
	HHS 18									
Milestones	HHS 18A Completed	HHS 18B Completed	Apply for SWRK Major		Begin SWRK Program			Start Field Placement		

Elective Options:

SWRK Additional Major Requirements

- ☐ Select One: GERON 100, GERON 103; PHIL 1, PHIL 20
- ☐ Select One: GERON 134, GERON 139, PHIL 120, PHIL 131, or PHIL 150
- ☐ Cultural Diversity (Select One):
AFRS 104W, 124, 129, 135, 137, 144, 145, 146, 150, 164, 178; AIS 100, 101, 103, 160; ARM 148; ASAM 110, 138, 140, 150, 195; CLAS 114, 120, 126, 141, 154, 156, 158, 160, 162, 170, 195; CSDS 139; FREN 109, 149; GERON 111, 115, 130, 140, 161; HIST 186; SOC 111, 131; SPAN 125, 129; SSCI 110, 180; WS 101, 108, 109, 11, 112, 114, 116, 120, 130, 124, 135, 137; WS 141, 160, 195
- ☐ Select ONE course from TWO of the following areas (6 units):
Anthropology, Criminology, Psychology, or Sociology
- ☐ Select One: SWRK 125, 128, 129, or 137

Advising Notes

- Students who are English category III or IV taking ENGL 5A and 5B should take GE C2 during their third semester
- CR/NC grading is not permitted in courses for the Social Work major, except in those courses which are designated CR/NC grading only.
- A grade of C or higher in all required coursework is necessary for completion of the major. Any course required as a prerequisite must be completed with a grade of C or better before registration in the subsequent courses
- Courses taken within the Social Work major may be used toward general education requirements, a minor (see departmental minors) or a supplemental credential. Consult the appropriate program for further information
- Upper Division Writing Course is highly recommended to be completed prior to beginning field placement courses in the second year of the SWRK program.

SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION

Social Work, B.A. (120 Units)

Valid for Catalog Years: 2021/2022 to Current

Social Work Program Requirements	42 Units □
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The Social Work program is a sequenced program that requires four consecutive semesters to complete. All prerequisite courses must be completed prior to entry into the social work program. Students begin the program in the fall semester of an academic year; no social work student may begin the program in the spring semester. Students must a minimum grade of "C" in each program requirement; students who receive a grade of less than "C" in any course must meet with their program advisor to develop a plan for continuation in the major.

Pre-Health Semester #4	3 Units □
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SWRK 20: Introduction to Social Work (3) _____

[Transfer Applicants must take equivalent course prior to admission]

Junior Year Semester #1 (Fall)	9 Units □	Junior Year Semester #2 (Spring)	9 Units □
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SWRK 123: Social Welfare Policies and Programs (3) _____

SWRK 135: Human Behavior and the Social Environment (3) _____

SWRK 160: Social Work Practice: Professional Identity (3) _____

SWRK 136: Cultural Diversity and Oppression (MI) (3) _____

SWRK 161S: Social Work Processes (3) _____

SWRK 170: Quantitative Research in Social Work (3) _____

Senior Year Semester #3 (Fall)	12 Units □	Senior Year Semester #2 (Spring)	9 Units □
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SWRK 181I: Field Instruction "A" (6) _____

SWRK 180: Seminar in Macro Practice (3) _____

SWRK 171: Qualitative Research in Social Work (3) _____

SWRK 182I: Field Instruction "B" (6) _____

SWRK 183: Seminar in Micro Practice (3) _____

Apply for Graduation: _____

Social Work Additional Major Requirements	18 Units □
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***Note:** Social Work additional major requirements must be completed by the time of graduation and may be taken during or prior to admission to the Social Work program. Social Work additional major requirements may be and are encouraged to be "double-counted" for general education, double major/minor, and certificate requirements. Students who have prior knowledge of Spanish or Southeast Asian languages but lack fluency are encouraged, but not required, to take additional coursework in the languages.*

Select ONE course: GERON 100 ⁽¹⁴⁾ , 103; PHIL 1 ^(3B) , 20 ^(3B) ; ASAM 138	
Select ONE course: GERON 134, 139; PHIL 120 ⁽¹³⁾ , 131, 150 ⁽¹³⁾ ; ASAM 140	
Select ONE course: SWRK 122T, 124, 125, 128, 129, 137, or 152	

Cultural Diversity (Select ONE from the following):	Click for Course Descriptions
AFRS 104W, 129 ⁽¹³⁾ , 135, 137, 144 ⁽¹⁴⁾ , 145, 146, 150, 164, 178; AIS 100, 101, 103 ⁽⁶⁾ , 160; ARM 148 ⁽¹³⁾ ; ASAM 110, 150, 195; CLAS 114 ⁽¹⁴⁾ , 120 ⁽⁶⁾ , 141, 160, 162, 170; CSDS 139; FREN 109 ⁽¹³⁾ , 149 ⁽¹³⁾ ; GERON 111 ^(L/S) , 115, 140, 161; HIST 186; SPAN 125 ⁽¹³⁾ , 129 ⁽¹³⁾ ; SSCI 110 ⁽¹⁴⁾ , 180; WS 101 ⁽¹⁴⁾ , WS 108 ¹ , 109 ¹ , 111 ⁽¹³⁾ , 112, 114, 116 ¹ , 120, 130, 134, 135, 137, 139, 141, 160, 195	_____

Complete TWO COURSES; Must be from TWO different areas: ANTH, CRIM, PSYCH, & SOC		Click for Course Descriptions
Anthropology:	ANTH 100, 102, 104, 105W, 115, 116W ⁽¹⁴⁾ , 117, 118/WS 170, 119, 120 ⁽⁶⁾ , 123, 124, 125, 126W/ASAM 151W, 128, 130, 135, 140, 141, 142, 143, 145 ⁽¹⁴⁾ , 161 ⁽¹²⁾ , 162, 163, 164, 175/ASAM 175 ⁽⁶⁾	I. _____ II. _____
Criminology:	CRIM 100, 101 ⁽¹⁴⁾ , 102, 109, 110, 112, 113, 117, 118, 119, 120/120S ⁽¹⁴⁾ , 126/WS, 127, 133, 134, 135, 137, 138, 140, 141, 150, 152, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178; FBS 114, 153 ⁽¹⁴⁾ , 154, 155, 156, 157	
Psychology:	PSYCH 101, 102, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 132, 133, 136, 143, 144, 145, 149, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 162, 163, 169, 171S, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 182	
Sociology:	SOC 111, 122, 125, 130W, 131 ⁽¹⁴⁾ , 132, 142, 143 ⁽¹⁴⁾ , 144, 147, 148, 151, 152, 153, 157, 158 ⁽¹²⁾ , 161, 162, 163 ⁽¹⁴⁾ , 165, 167, 168, 169, 172, 174, 175, 176, 183S, 184S, 186S, 187S, 188S, 189S	

Total Units Required in Major	42 Units
Total Units Required in Additional Requirements	18 Units
Total Units Required in General Education	49 Units

Advising Notes

- Italicized courses may be approved electives, but require a course substitution. Consult an advisor for assistance in selecting courses for additional requirements
- CR/NC grading is not permitted in the Social Work major, with the exception of SWRK 181I/182I; *SWRK program requirements were not eligible for COVID-19 CR/NC grading*
- Senior year internships are arranged by the field coordinator; required applications and interviews must be completed in the semester prior to beginning field placements

2025-2026 GENERAL EDUCATION (G.E.) REQUIREMENTS

NOTES: A minimum of 43 G.E. units are required. All classes are three or more semester units. Engineering and Liberal Studies majors complete a different G.E. Pattern—consult department advisor. GE courses may change annually. It is recommended to run your Degree Progress Report (DPR) before and after you register to ensure courses you are registered for satisfy the intended GE Area(s).

♦ FOUNDATION

Four courses: One in 1A, one in 2A, one in 3A, & one in Area 2 for a minimum of 12 units.

FOUNDATION courses must be satisfied with a minimum of "C" grade.

Area 1&2 - English Communication & Mathematical Concepts/Quantitative Reasoning

[1A] English Composition: (Pre-Requisite for English 5B is Passing 5A) English 5B, 5BML, 10, 10ML

[1B] Critical Thinking: Africana Studies 20; Agricultural Science 10, Anthropology 30; Asian American Studies 88; Chicano & Latin American Studies 30; Child and Family Sciences 3, College of Science and Math 10; Communication 5; Computer Science 1, Geography 25; Interdisciplinary 50; Natural Science 4; Philosophy 25, 45; Sociology 3, 3S; Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies 12

[1C] Oral Communication: Communication 3, 7, 8

[2] Mathematical Concepts & Quantitative Reasoning: (Co-Requisite or Pre-Requisite Math Courses May Be Required; Check with an Advisor) Criminology 50; Decision Science 71, 72; Mathematics 6, 10A, 10AL, 11, 11L, 45, 45L, 70, 75A; Psychology 42; Public Health 92

Course/
Units/Grade

1A _____

1B _____

1C _____

2 _____

♦ BREADTH

Area 3 - Arts and Humanities

Two Courses: One in 3A, one in 3B

[3A] Arts: Armenian Studies 20; Art 1, 20, 40, 50; Art History 10, 11, 12; Chicano & Latin American Studies 9; Drama 22, 62; English 41, 43, 44; Italian 15; Media, Communications & Journalism 9; Music 9 (not for music majors), 9A, 74, 75

[3B] Humanities: Arabic 1A, 1B; Armenian 1A, 1B, 2A; Chinese 1A, 1B; Communicative Sciences & Deaf Studies 90, 92; English 20, 30; French 1B, 2A, 2B; German 1B, 2A, 2B; Greek 1A, 1B; Hebrew 1A; Hmong 1A, 1B; Humanities 10, 11, 15, 20; Italian 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B; Japanese 1A, 1B; Latin 1A, 1B; Linguistics 10, Persian 1A, 1B; Philosophy 1, 2, 10, 20; Portuguese 1A, 1B; Spanish 1B, 2A, 2B, 3, 4A, 4B

3A _____

3B _____

Area 4 – Social and Behavioral Sciences

One course in each sub-area

[4A] American History: History 11, 12

[4B] Social Science: Africana Studies 36; Agricultural Business 1; American Indian Studies 50; Anthropology 2, 3; Armenian Studies 10; Asian American Studies 7, 166; Child & Family Science 31; City & Regional Planning 80; Communicative Sciences & Deaf Studies 98; Criminology 10; Economics 25, 40, 50; Geography 2, 4; History 20, 21; Industrial Technology 20; Italian 20; Jewish Studies 10; Media, Communications & Journalism 1; Middle East Studies 10; Political Science 1; Psychology 10; Sociology 1 or 1S; Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies 10, 11, 166

4A _____

4B _____

Area 5 – Physical and Biological Sciences

Two Courses for minimum 7 Units: One in 5A and one in 5B; Lab may be embedded within 5A/5B course

[5A] Physical Sciences: (Pre-Requisite: Completion of Area 2) Chemistry 1A, 3A, 10; Earth & Environmental Sciences 1, IV, 4, 5; Geography 5*, 7*; Physical Science 21; Physics 2A, 4A & 4AL, 10

[5B] Biological Sciences: Biology 1A, 10, 11, 12, Earth & Environmental Sciences 6

[5C] Physical or Biological Laboratory B1 or B2 must have a lab (*Courses do not have a lab component)

5A _____

5B _____

5C _____

Area 6 - Ethnic Studies One course

Africana Studies 10, 15, 27, 40, 68; American Indian Studies 5, 10, 103; Anthropology 120, 175; Asian American Studies 10, 15, 20, 50, 108, 120, 143, 175, 185; Chicano & Latin American Studies 3, 5, 120, 128, 163; English 143; Media, Communications, & Journalism 6; Philosophy 108

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UPPER DIVISION "INTEGRATION" G.E. CONSISTS OF 9 UNITS

UD2/UD5, UD 3, & UD 4 courses can be taken no sooner than the term in which 60 units of coursework are completed.

♦ INTEGRATION Three Upper Division – One in Each Area

I2/I5 – Mathematical Concepts & Quantitative Reasoning/ Physical & Biological Sciences

(Pre-Requisite: Completion of FOUNDATION and Area 5)

Anthropology 161, 165; Chemistry 170; Civil Engineering 121; Computer Science 100, 100N; Earth & Environmental Science 102S, 112, 167, 168; Geography 115, 128, 129; Liberal Studies 121; Mathematics 123; Natural Science 115, 120, 121, 125; Physical Science 131, 168; Physics 100; Plant Science 105; Public Health 161; Sociology 158

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I3 - Arts & Humanities: (Pre-Requisite: Completion of FOUNDATION and Area 3)

Africana Studies 129; Architectural Studies 145; Armenian 148; Art 102; Art History 140; Arts & Humanities 105; Asian American Studies 148; Chicano & Latin American Studies 130; Dance 171; Drama 163; English 101, 102, 103, 112, 113, 114, 174; French 109, 124, 125, 149; Humanities 104, 108, 110, 118, 120, 129; Interdisciplinary Art Studies 108; Italian 110, 130; Jewish Studies 108; Linguistics 115, 130, 138; Media, Communications, & Journalism 183; Music 170A, 171, 187; Philosophy 120, 150, 151; Portuguese 101, 102, 103; Spanish 125, 129; Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies 110, 111

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I4 – Social and Behavioral Sciences: (Pre-Requisite: Completion of FOUNDATION, Area 4, and PLSI 2)

Africana Studies 144; Agricultural Business 155; Anthropology 116W, 145; Art History 143; Asian American Studies 111, 121, 122, 155; Chicano & Latin American Studies 114, 115; City & Regional Planning 125; Civil Engineering 161; Construction Management 124; Criminology 101, 120, 120S; Curriculum & Instruction 152; Earth and Environmental Sciences 115S; Economics 146, 167, 176, 183; Electrical & Computer Engineering 118; Forensic Behavioral Science 153; Geography 133, 173; Gerontology 100; History 101, 154; Jewish Studies 122; 154; Kinesiology 111; Media, Communications & Journalism 101, 175, 178, 180; Peace & Conflict Studies 100, Social Science 110; Sociology 131, 143, 163; Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies 101, 124, 149, 155

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Advising Notes:

- Foundation courses must be completed with a grade of C or better to satisfy the General Education requirement.
- A maximum of two General Education courses from one department or program may be applied to satisfy Breadth requirements.
- Subject Area 4 shall be completed in at least two different disciplines among the nine units required in Area 4, and Area UD 4.

Total Units: _____

Graduation Requirements

BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

A student must complete the following requirements in order to earn a Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Fine Arts, or a Bachelor of Music degree:

- ☐ A minimum of 120 semester units, comprised of:
 - ☐ 43 General Education Units
 - ☐ Academic Major Requirements
 - ☐ Specific course/skill requirements: (a) English Composition; (b) United States History; (c) United States and California Constitution (PLSI 2 or equivalent); (d) Upper division writing skills
 - ☐ Additional University Graduation Requirements: (a) Arts/Humanities; (b) Lifelong-Understanding and Self-Development; Multicultural/International; **requirements may vary by major**
- ☐ A minimum of 30 residence units, of which 24 must be upper division, 12 in the major, and 9 in General Education
- ☐ A minimum of a C average [2.0] for units in the major, all California State University, Fresno units, and total units

Specific Course/Skill Requirements:

Required by all degrees; may be completed in general education or by exam credit:

- ☐ **English Composition** (Area 1A – ENGL 5A/5B, 10, or equivalent)
- ☐ **United States History** (Area 4A – HIST 11 or 12, or equivalent)
- ☐ **US and California Government:** _____

Courses: Political Science 2, 101, or equivalent course

- ☐ **Upper Division Writing Skills (UDWS):** _____

Courses: **Africana Studies 104W**; Agricultural Business 170WS; American Indian Studies 105WS; **Anthropology 105W, 116W, 126W**; Asian American Studies 151W, 161W; Aerospace Studies 105AW*, 105BW; Biology 118W; Business Administration 105W; Chemistry 161W*; Chicano & Latin American Studies 102W; Economics 102W; Earth & Environmental Sciences 104W, 135W; English 106W, 115W, 117W*, 160W, 170W; Engineering 105W*; Health & Human Services 116W; History 100W*; Industrial Technology 198W; Jewish Studies 100W; Literacy & Early Education 180W; Linguistics 110W*, 111W; Media, Communications & Journalism 102W*, 114W*, 155SW, 158WS; Philosophy 125W, 133W; Plant Science 110W; Political Science 100W; **Sociology 130W, 130WS**; Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies 118W

Note: Majors may require a specific "W" course; see catalog requirements for your major

*Enrollment may be restricted or have additional pre-requisites. Check the course description in the catalog or class search

Additional University Graduation Requirements (AUGR):

Please Note: Major programs may be exempt from part or all Additional University Graduation Requirements; if a major is exempt from only part of these requirements students may select which area(s) to fulfill this requirement in either Arts/Humanities, Lifelong Understanding and Self-Development, or Multicultural/International; **please consult the Fresno State catalog or your major advisor for your specific program requirements.**

- ☐ **Arts/Humanities (A/H):** _____ N/A ☐

Courses: See catalog for course requirements.

- ☐ **Lifelong-Understanding and Self-Development (L/S):** _____ N/A ☐

Courses: Agricultural Science 15; Animal Science 67; Art 13; Asian American Studies 8; Child & Family Sciences 38, 39; College of Science and Math 15; Dance 16, 70; Drama 32; Finance 30; Gerontology 105, 18, 111; Kinesiology 32 & Concurrent Enrollment in any KAC; Linguistics 30; Nutrition 53; Peace and Conflict Studies 110; Psychology 61; Public Health 90, 91, 110; Recreation Administration 80; University 1; Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies 18

- ☐ **Multicultural/International (M/I):** _____ N/A ☐

Courses: Africana Studies 143, 150, 164; Anthropology 105W, 120, 123, 125; Art History 141, 142; Asian American Studies 110, 110S, 138, 140; Business Administration 104; Capstone 177, 188S; Chicano & Latin American Studies 160, 170; Communication 164; Child & Family Science 134; Communicative Disorders & Deaf Studies 139; Economics 181; Geography 167, 174; Gerontology 161; History 186; Humanities 105, 140; Italian 100; Jewish Studies 143; Linguistics 147; Media, Communications & Journalism 176, 179; Marketing 100S; Music 171A; Nursing 141, 141LS; Public Health 104, 128S; Philosophy 131, 132; Political Science 120; Recreation Administration 130; Social Sciences 180; Sociology 111, 142; **Social Work 136**; Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies 120, 122, 135, 138

Degree Application

To receive the degree, a student files an online application for graduation via the Student Center by one of the published deadlines. After paying the fee online, your application is submitted to Undergraduate Degree Evaluations. Honors are awarded as follows, based in the **campus** GPA earned:

Summa Cum Laude (highest honors) 3.90 to 4.00; Magna Cum Laude (high honors) 3.70 to 3.89; Cum Laude (honors) 3.50 to 3.69