BSW Program
School of Social Work
Portland State University

The School of Social Work offers a Bachelor of Arts or Science degree with a major in Social Work. The BSW Program is the only public baccalaureate social work program in the Oregon University System. This degree prepares you to become a professional entry-level generalist social worker in many settings working with individuals, families, groups, communities and agencies. The BSW Program is a two year, cohort student model built on the foundation of the Liberal Arts. The curriculum is based on acquiring knowledge, values, and skills in generalist social work.

Our graduates are prepared to work in both public and private sectors. Career opportunities include: practitioners in public human and social services agencies serving people of all ages, case managers and consumer advocates in community mental health, substance abuse treatment programs and patient care coordinators in community hospitals, clinics, hospices, home health and long term care facilities and workers in correctional programs serving youth and adult offenders. A generalist social work degree gives you many options for work in direct services in many settings and communities. It is considered a professional, stand alone degree in social work education.

Degree Requirements
In addition to fulfilling the specific program requirements for the major in social work, students must also fulfill all University requirements for a BA or BS degree.

Prerequisites
4 credits 200 level Psychology and 4 credits 200 level Sociology

Undergraduate Social Work Major Requirements

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<td>Introduction to Social Work</td>
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In addition to the professional foundation courses listed above, students admitted to the social work major must take Diversity Electives (12 credits) and Upper Division Program Electives (12 credits). **Total Credits: 75**

Accreditation
The Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited the BSW Program at Portland State University on June 11th, 2011.
Hands on Experience
Students admitted into the BSW Program are required to fulfill 500 practicum hours with one agency in tandem with a yearlong course in generalist social work practice. This practical application teaches students to integrate academic learning with professional experience and helps prepare graduates to successfully enter the workforce. The field experience is supervised by agency social workers.

How to Apply
Students must apply and be admitted to the BSW Program. Applications are available on our website and the applications materials are due by March 1st each year. Students must be of junior standing and officially admitted to PSU to begin the social work program. Please visit [http://www.pdx.edu/ssw](http://www.pdx.edu/ssw) for full application information and materials. Students must be accepted and admitted to both PSU and the BSW Program; these are separate processes and applications.

Scholarships
For a complete listing of Portland State’s scholarships, visit our website at [www.pdx.edu/finaid](http://www.pdx.edu/finaid) and click on scholarships.

Advanced Standing MSW Programs
If you are interested in pursuing Advanced Standing in an MSW Program, please contact the MSW Program directly for application requirements and information.

Advising for the BSW Program
If you have questions about the applying to BSW Program, or would like additional information, please attend an upcoming BSW Information Session. Dates and times can be found here: [http://www.pdx.edu/ssw/events-calendar](http://www.pdx.edu/ssw/events-calendar). The School of Social Work also has an Undergraduate Advisor, Kate Constable, who is available for pre-admissions advising. To schedule an appointment contact: 503-725-5925 or [k.d.constable@pdx.edu](mailto:k.d.constable@pdx.edu).

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