

SOCIAL WORK (B.S.S.W.) - ONLINE

Important: This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2024 through summer 2025. This degree plan will remain in effect for students who do not break enrollment or who do not change degree programs, concentrations, or cognates.

General Education/Foundational Skills Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Communication & Information Literacy ¹		
ENGL 101	Composition and Rhetoric	3
	Communications Elective	3
	Information Literacy Elective	3
	Information Literacy Elective	3
Technological Solutions & Quantitative Reasoning ¹		
UNIV 104	Instructional Technology for Successful Online Learning	0-3
	Math Elective MATH 114 or higher	3
Critical Thinking ¹		
RLGN 104	Christian Life and Biblical Worldview ²	4
	Critical Thinking Elective	3
Civic & Global Engagement ¹		
	Cultural Studies Elective	3
Social & Scientific Inquiry ¹		
	Natural Science Elective	3
	Social Science Elective	3
Christianity & Contexts ¹		
BIBL 104	Survey of Old and New Testament	4
THEO 104	Introduction to Theology Survey ²	4
Total Hours		39-42

¹ Refer to the list of approved general education electives before enrolling in foundational skill requirements

² Students transferring in 45 or more UG credit hours will have the requirement of RLGN 104 waived; Students transferring in 60 or more UG credit hours will also have the requirement of THEO 104 waived

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Major Foundational Courses		
BIOL 102	Principles of Human Biology ¹	3
ENGL 102	Composition and Literature ¹	3
GLST 220	Intercultural Communication and Engagement ¹	3
GLST 290	Cultural Anthropology ¹	3
	Math Elective MATH 115 or higher ¹	3
PHIL 201	Philosophy and Contemporary Ideas ¹	3
PSYC 101	General Psychology ¹	3
Total Hours		21

¹ Course may fulfill select general education requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Major Core		
PSYC 255	Introduction to Research	3
PSYC 354	Statistics for the Social Sciences	3
SOWK 101	Introduction to Social Work	3
SOWK 135	Social Work Professional Exploration	3
SOWK 250	Health of the Social Worker	3
SOWK 260	Chemical Dependency	3
SOWK 270	Ethics in Professional Helping	3
SOWK 294	BSSW GATE 1 & Approval Process ¹	0
SOWK 300	Human Behavior and the Social Environment	3
SOWK 325	Social Welfare and Policy	3
SOWK 350	Social Work Practice with Individuals and Families	3
SOWK 355	Social Work Practice with Groups ²	3
SOWK 365	BSSW GATE 2 & Junior Field Enrollment ¹	0
SOWK 370	Junior Field Experience and Seminar ³	4
SOWK 410	Social Work Macro Practice	3
SOWK 431	Social Work in Mental Health	3
SOWK 450	Social Work Practice with Diverse Populations	3
SOWK 465	BSSW GATE 3 & Senior Field Enrollment ¹	0
SOWK 470	Senior Field Experience and Seminar ⁴	11
SOWK 494	BSSW GATE 4 & Comprehensive Exam ¹	0
	Social Work Elective ⁵	3
	Human Services, Psychology, or Social Work Elective ⁶	3
Total Hours		63

¹ These Gate Courses house the application process for each of the 4 program Gates. All students must apply for and be approved through all 4 program Gates to be eligible to graduate from the program

² SOWK 355 is a required virtual intensive course

³ This course includes 100+ hours of field experience, course work, and synchronous seminar

⁴ This course includes 400+ hours of field experience, course work, and synchronous seminar

⁵ Choose one course from the following: SOWK 425, SOWK 432, SOWK 435, SOWK 439, SOWK 495, or SOWK 497

⁶ Choose a 300-400 level HSER, PSYC, or SOWK course not already required in the major

Code	Title	Hours
Free Electives		
	Choose 0-18 credit hours of Free Electives	0-18
Total Hours		0-18

All applicable prerequisites must be met

Graduation Requirements

- 120 Total hours
- 2.5 Overall grade point average
- 30 Hours must be upper-level courses (300-400 level)
- **Grade of 'C'** Minimum required for all major and major foundational courses

- **25%** Of major taken through Liberty University
- **30 Hours** must be completed through Liberty University
- **Grad App** Submission of Degree Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date

Course Sequence

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
First Semester		
ENGL 101	Composition and Rhetoric	3
RLGN 104	Christian Life and Biblical Worldview	4
UNIV 104	Instructional Technology for Successful Online Learning	0-3
Social Sciences Elective (PSYC 101) ¹		3
SOWK 101	Introduction to Social Work	3
Hours		13-16
Second Semester		
Communications Elective (GLST 220) ¹		3
Critical Thinking Elective (PHIL 201) ¹		3
Information Literacy Elective (ENGL 102) ¹		3
SOWK 135	Social Work Professional Exploration	3
SOWK 250	Health of the Social Worker	3
Hours		15
Second Year		
First Semester		
Natural Science Elective (BIOL 102) ¹		3
PSYC 255	Introduction to Research	3
SOWK 260	Chemical Dependency	3
SOWK 270	Ethics in Professional Helping	3
SOWK 294	BSSW GATE 1 & Approval Process ²	0
SOWK 300	Human Behavior and the Social Environment	3
Hours		15
Second Semester		
BIBL 104	Survey of Old and New Testament	4
Cultural Studies Elective (GLST 290) ¹		3
MATH Elective (MATH 115 or higher) ¹		3
SOWK 350	Social Work Practice with Individuals and Families	3
SOWK 355	Social Work Practice with Groups ³	3
SOWK 365	BSSW GATE 2 & Junior Field Enrollment ²	0
Hours		16
Third Year		
First Semester		
Information Literacy Elective ¹		3
SOWK 325	Social Welfare and Policy	3
SOWK 370	Junior Field Experience and Seminar ⁴	4
SOWK 431	Social Work in Mental Health	3
Elective		3
Hours		16
Second Semester		
PSYC 354	Statistics for the Social Sciences	3

Course	Title	Hours
SOWK 450	Social Work Practice with Diverse Populations	3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Hours		15
Fourth Year		
First Semester		
THEO 104	Introduction to Theology Survey	4
SOWK 410	Social Work Macro Practice	3
SOWK 465	BSSW GATE 3 & Senior Field Enrollment ²	0
SOWK Elective ⁶		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Hours		16
Second Semester		
SOWK 470	Senior Field Experience and Seminar ⁷	11
SOWK Elective ⁸		3
SOWK 494 ²		0
Hours		14
Total Hours		120-123

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³ SOWK 355 is a required virtual intensive course.

⁴ This course includes 100+ hours of field experience, course work, and synchronous seminar.

⁵ CSWE states this must be taken before or concurrently with Senior Field Experience.

⁶ Choose from: SOWK 425, SOWK 432, SOWK 435, SOWK 439, SOWK 495, or SOWK 497.

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⁸ Choose a 300-400 level course from HSER, PSYC, or SOWK not already required in the major.