

SOCIAL WORK (PRE-PROFESSIONAL)

The Social Work program prepares students academically, professionally and spiritually for quality educational and professional Christian service by providing knowledge and training in generalist social work and related disciplines. Students learn basic foundations, knowledge, research skills, policies, issues, practice methods, and social service delivery systems coupled with an understanding of a Christian perspective and ministry-related community outreach faith-based endeavors. This degree is part of the overall University academic program which is accredited by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. Program accreditation is a separate commendation from an entity outside of SAGU's regional accreditation. While SAGU pursues this additional acclaim, the degree now offered enables students to have a strong academic foundation for entry-level social work positions as well as admission to graduate social work professional programs. Available upon student request, the Department Chair can provide material identifying such entry level positions as well as graduate schools where SAGU students have been accepted into MSW programs. Students anticipating a professional career in social work should plan on pursuing a graduate degree in Social Work (MSW).

Knowledge – Students should be able to:

1. Demonstrate competency in the general education core of the curriculum.
2. Demonstrate competency in the knowledge of Scripture and general theological terms and concepts.
3. Describe the significant personalities, events, and developments of Pentecostal history and explain the distinctive of Pentecostal doctrine.
4. Describe the significant personalities, events, and developments in church history and discuss their significance for the contemporary church.
5. Write a philosophy of ministry in keeping with a biblical view of the Church and its mission.
6. Take an exam for credentials for ministry related to their chosen field of service that results in a passing score.

Attitudes – Students should be able to:

1. Subscribe to a high view of the authority and inspiration of Scripture.
2. Acknowledge the Lordship of Christ over their personal lives and ministries and the fellowship of the Church.
3. Relate a personal commitment of the Church, its varied ministries and its mission within contemporary culture.
4. Accept the challenges and opportunities of ministry within their chosen major after leaving college.
5. Report a refined and deepened sense of calling in keeping with a defined awareness of giftedness.

Pre-professional skills – Students should be able to:

1. Integrate the knowledge and principles of social work into a biblical worldview.
2. Articulate a proper relationship between social work and Christian faith.
3. Demonstrate academic competence in preparation for advanced study related to this field.
4. Successfully apply knowledge and techniques of social work in supervised field experiences.

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GENERAL EDUCATION STUDIES 58 Hours

General Education: 14 hours

COM 1143 Fundamentals of Speech Communication

ENG 1113 Composition and Rhetoric I

ENG 1123 Composition and Rhetoric II

3 hours from the following:

ENG 2233 American Literature I

ENG 2243 American Literature II

ENG 2273 Introduction to Literature

GES 1122 Strategies for Student Success

Social/Behavioral Sciences: 9 hours

GOV 2213 National and State Government

HIS 1113 American History I

PSY 1153 Introduction to Psychology

Natural Science/Mathematics: 7 hours

BIO 1113 Biological Science and BIO 1111 Lab

3 hours from the following:

MTH 1113 College Math

MTH 1123 College Algebra

Physical Education: 4 hours

PED 2232 Wellness and Lifestyle

2 hours from activity courses without duplication: PED 1101-PED 2291

General Biblical Studies: 24 Hours

BIB 1143 The Church in Mission

BIB 2213 Bible Study

CMN 2213 Foundations of Church Ministries

REL 1133 Authentic Christianity

REL 1153 New Testament Literature

REL 1163 Old Testament Literature

The Bachelor of Social Work prepares students academically, professionally, and spiritually for quality educational and professional Christian service by providing training in generalist social work and related disciplines, accompanied by appropriate elective studies.

Upon completion of this program, students will:

1. Demonstrate in-depth understanding and apply the knowledge, values, and skills of generalist social work.
2. Demonstrate understanding of principles, theory, knowledge, values and skills of applied social research.
3. Demonstrate proficiency in critical thinking skills within the context of generalist social work practice.
4. Apply knowledge of bio-psycho-social variables that affect individual development and behavior, and use of theoretical frameworks to understand the interactions among individuals and social systems.
5. Understand the history of the social work profession, its current structures and issues.
6. Analyze the impact of social policies on clients systems, workers and agencies.
7. Understand forms and mechanisms of oppression and discrimination and the strategies to advance social and economic justice.

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THE 2113 Introduction to Theology and Apologetics

THE 2333 Pentecostal Doctrine and History

MAJOR STUDIES 51 Hours

PSY 3313 Abnormal Psychology

SWK 2113 Introduction to Social Work

SWK 2123 Social Work Practice I

SWK 2133 Social Welfare Policies, Programs and Issues

SWK 2143 Human Behavior in the Social Environment I

SWK 2213 Counseling Children and Adolescents

SWK 2233 Abuse and Neglect

SWK 2413 Statistics for Behavioral Sciences

SWK 2423 Cultural Issues in the Helping Professions

SWK 3113 Church and Community Social Work

SWK 3143 Human Behavior in the Social Environment II

SWK 3213 Social Work Practice II

SWK 3443 Crisis Intervention and Management

SWK 4313 Behavioral Science Research

SWK 4413 Methods and Techniques in Marriage and Family Counseling

SWK 4483 Social Work Field Practicum I

SWK 4583 Social Work Field Practicum II

GENERAL ELECTIVES 18 hours

Note: A student may choose a minor in various areas from the general elective category approved by the Program Coordinator for Social Work or the Department Chair.

TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS 127 Hours

8. Understand structures of organizations and service systems, and understand the necessity of organizational change.
9. Demonstrate the use of biblical values and ethics in the generalist social work practice.
10. Demonstrate the ability to establish rapport with clients from diverse backgrounds.
11. Demonstrate professional behavior.

Additional Program Stipulations

1. All full-time students are to include one Bible, theology, or religion course each semester until degree requirements have been satisfied.
2. First-year students enrolled full-time are to include GES 1122 in their first semester schedule.
3. First-year students are to enroll in activity physical education courses each of their first two semesters at SAGU. Exceptions will be granted only with approval of the College Dean.