

NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY OF LA

Department of Social Work
Catalog **Fall 2021** to present
Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)

Nationally Accredited by the Council on Social Work Education

NAME: _____ ID: _____

FIRST YEAR

SUMMER 2023=SU23
FALL 2023=F23
SPRING 2024=S24
SUMMER 2024=SU24
FALL 2024=F24
SPRING 2025=S25
SUMMER 2025=SU25
FALL 2025=F25

First Semester	Sem. Hrs.	Second Semester	Sem. Hrs.
___ UNIV 1000 The University Experience	1	___ COMM 1010 Fundamentals of Speech	3
___ ENGL 1010 Composition and Rhetoric I	3	___ ENGL 1020 Composition and Rhetoric II	3
___ MATH 1035	3	___ MATH 1060	3
___ FA 1040 Exploring the Arts	3	___ SCI 1010 Concepts of Physical Science I	3
___ PSYC 1010 General Psychology	3	___ SOC 1010 Principles of Sociology	3
___ SOWK 2100 Social Work as Profession	<u>3</u>	___ SOWK 2090 Intro to Policy and Research	<u>3</u>
Total	16	Total	18

SECOND YEAR

First Semester	Sem. Hrs.	Second Semester	Sem. Hrs.
___ SOWK 2010 Crit Thking/Writing in SW	3	___ SOWK 3120 Generalist Practice I*	3
___ ENGL 2110 Intro To Literature	3	___ HIST 2020 History of the United States	3
___ HIST 2010 History of the United States	3	___ PSCI 2020 State and Urban Government	3
___ PSCI 2010 Govt of the United States	3	___ SCI 2020 Concepts of Biological Sci II	3
___ SCI 1020 Concepts of Biological Sci I	3	___ ELEC _____	<u>3</u>
___ ELEC _____	<u>3</u>	Total	15
Total	18		

THIRD YEAR

First Semester	Sem. Hrs.	Second Semester	Sem. Hrs.
___ SOWK 3030 HBSE I	3	___ SOWK 3040 HBSE II	3
___ SOWK 3070 Social Work Val & Ethics	2	___ SOWK 3150 Generalist Practice w/Family	3
___ SOWK 3130 Generalist Practice w/Grps	3	___ SOWK 3180 Techniques of Interviewing	3
___ SOWK 3350 Economics & Social Work	3	___ SOWK 4030 Statistics in Social Research	3
___ SOWK 3090 (4450) Human Diversity	<u>3</u>	___ SOWK 4350 Contemporary Social Policy	<u>3</u>
Total	14	Total	15

FOURTH YEAR

First Semester	Sem. Hrs.	Second Semester	Sem. Hrs.
___ SOWK 4190 ¹Field Work**	6(12)	___ SOWK 4190 ¹ Field Work	6(12)
___ SOWK 3140 Generalist Practice III	3	___ SOWK 4900 Differential Diagnosis	3
___ SOWK 4040 ¹ SOWK Research Methods	<u>3</u>	___ ELEC _____	<u>3</u>
Total	12	Total	12

Total hours required for degree: 120

¹ **Social Work 4190** (field instruction) may be taken over the course of one academic year (6 credits per fall and spring) or in one semester (12 credits in fall **OR** spring). In either case, SOWK 4040 (Research) must be taken concurrently with SOWK 4190.

Please note: To be admitted into, or to remain in, the NSU Social Work Program, a student must make a C or above in any required social work course by the second completed attempt. Withdrawal from a social work course does not count in the two completed attempts.

***SOWK 3120** is the “gateway” course to our upper-level practice courses: SOWK 3070, SOWK 3130, SOWK 3140, SOWK 3150, and SOWK 3180. You must be admitted into the Social Work Professional Program before you can take SOWK 3120. The application is on our program’s webpage. Students must meet the following criteria for admission to the Social Work professional program:

1. Completion of all courses in the pre-professional curriculum. (Provisional admission may be granted if the student has all required 1000 level courses completed and 12 or less hours of University Core courses remaining at the time of application; the student has one semester to meet the remaining requirements.)
2. A cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or above.
3. A minimum grade of C or above in Social Work 2010, 2090, 2100, and English 1010 and 1020 or SCRT 181W.
4. A minimum grade of C or above, by the second completed attempt, in required social work courses taken.
5. Adherence to the values and the ethics of the social work profession.
6. Submission and approval of an Application for Admission to the Social Work Professional Program prior to the pre- registration period for the next regular fall or spring semester

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU COMPLETE SOWK 2100, 2090, AND 2010 BEFORE (OR AS YOU ARE) APPLYING TO THE SOCIAL WORK PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM.

Please note that life experience does not substitute for course work.

****SOWK 4190: Field Work** is your internship or Field Placement, as it is sometimes called. In order to be eligible for this course, you must complete and submit a Field Placement Application (also available on our webpage) the semester before you plan to take field. Due dates are March 1st for fall placements and October 1st for spring placements. Prerequisites: (1) A cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 in all social work courses undertaken and an overall GPA of 2.0. (2) Completion of all required 1000-level courses. (3) Completion of Social Work 2010, 2090, 2100, 3030, 3040, 3070, 3120, 3130, 3150, 3180. (4a) Under Option 1, one-semester field instruction: No more than 18 academic hours remaining in degree requirements. (4b) Under Option 2, two-semester field instruction: No more than 33 academic hours remaining in degree requirements. **Under Option 1, students complete 432 internship hours during one semester. Under Option 2, students complete 216 hours during two consecutive semesters: fall/spring or spring/summer.**

The following are very important pieces/places of information for students in the Social Work Program:

<https://www.nsula.edu/socialwork/>

Student Documents – Student Handbook for Department of Social Work
Professional Program Application
Field Placement Documents - Looking Ahead to Field Placement
Field Placement Application

<https://www.nsula.edu/registrar/> (click on University Catalogs at the bottom of the main page)