

## ***Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)***

### **INFORMATION**

- The Social Work program at Cleveland State University is nationally accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.
- Completion of the Bachelor of Social Work degree is the only avenue for meeting the requirements to obtain Social Work Licensure in Ohio
- All full-time faculty members have Doctoral degrees and many are well-known at the local, state, national, and international levels.

### **CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, social work is one of the nation's fastest growing careers, with the need for social work services expected to increase 30 percent by 2014. Ohio's social work field employment rate is forecasted to increase 19.5 percent by 2014.

Graduates with a degree in social work are qualified to work in various fields of practice in public and private health and human services agencies. Students have the opportunity to work with individuals, families,

small groups, neighborhoods, large communities, and government entities.

Cleveland State University Bachelor of Social Work graduates are employed in many fields of practice including health, mental health, substance abuse, child welfare, courts, corrections, schools, recreational facilities, and corporations in Northeast Ohio and throughout the state.

Large numbers of our graduates with Bachelor of Social Work degrees obtain their Masters of Social Work (MSW) degree.

### **PROGRAM**

Students who are formally admitted to Cleveland State University may declare social work as their major at any time. Faculty members are available to provide advising for students in academic achievement, professional development, and social work career planning.

Newly declared social work majors take Introduction to Social Work (SWK 200) and Contemporary Social Welfare (SWK 201) courses during their sophomore year. These courses, along with other prerequisites prepare students for the junior

and senior years of professional training.

During the senior year, social work majors complete two semesters of an internship at a health or human services agency, specializing in an area of interest to the student..

Cleveland State University School of Social Work courses are offered during the Fall, Spring, and Summer terms in day, evening, and online formats., ,

Transfer students who are at the junior or senior level must have completed social work courses at an accredited school of social work. Field experiences may not be transferred. No credit is given for work experience.

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Social work majors are required to complete 128 hours of course work that includes University, College and major requirements. A total of 48 credit hours are required for the major, not including 15 credit hours of prerequisites (that are also GenEd courses). All degree seeking students are required to complete approximately 60 semester credit hours of General Education (GenEd) courses. Students are responsible for ensuring that they select the appropriate courses to satisfy these requirements. It is strongly urged that students consult with their academic advisor in the social work major to discuss their academic achievement, professional development, and career planning. A comprehensive description of Cleveland State University's General Education Requirements for undergraduate students is available online at <http://www.csuohio.edu/academic/gened>

### **Suggested Sequence for the Social Work Major:**

<b>First Semester</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Second Semester</b>	<b>Credits</b>
GenEd Requirements (including SOC 101)	15	GenEd Requirements (including PSY 101)	15
<b>Third Semester</b>		<b>Fourth Semester</b>	
SWK 200 Introduction to Social Work	3	SWK 201 Contemporary SWK	3
Gen Ed Requirements (including BIO 102 or 106 w./ lab)	13	GenEd Requirements	9
		PSC 111 American Government	4
<b>Fifth Semester</b>		<b>Sixth Semester</b>	
SWK 300 Social Policy	3	SWK 305 SWK Research II	3
SWK 302 HBSE-Micro	3	SWK 350 Basic Generalist Practice	3
SWK 304 SWK Research I	3	SWK 303 HBSE – Macro	3
Gen Ed Requirements	6	Gen Ed Requirements	6
<b>Seventh Semester</b>		<b>Eighth Semester</b>	
SWK 385 Intervention I	4	SWK 485 Intervention II	4
SWK 390 Field I	6	SWK 490 Field II	6
SWK 395 Seminar I	2	Capstone	2
SWK 495 Seminar II	2		

Note: Some courses may count for more than one requirement

### **Required General Education Courses:**

- Writing/Composition (2 courses)
- Math/Quantitative Literacy (2 courses)
- Arts and Humanities (2 courses)
- Social sciences (2 courses; 5 for SWK majors)
- African-American/US Diversity (2 courses)
- Foreign language (2 courses –4 if deficiency)
- Natural sciences (2 courses & a lab)
- Writing/Speaking Across the Curriculum  
(3 courses – may overlap – maximum 2 courses from Social Work)

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