Nebraska Wesleyan University

Social Work (B.S.)

Catalog

2025-2026

Program Description

The mission of the undergraduate social work program at Nebraska Wesleyan University is to prepare students with the knowledge, values, and skills needed to address and prevent the conditions that limit human rights and respect diversity. The undergraduate social work program is committed to fostering critical thinkers who identify as competent generalist practitioners with the goal of promoting social justice while valuing human well-being and scientific inquiry. We prepare our students to use a person-in-environment framework and global perspectives while serving diverse individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities. Furthermore, the undergraduate social work curriculum, delivered in the context of a liberal arts foundation, prepares students to practice using a structure that includes social and economic justice needed to enhance the quality of life for all persons, local and globally, with the hope of eliminating poverty. The values of the undergraduate social work program include: service, social justice, dignity and worth of the individual, importance of human relationships, integrity, and competence.

Provisional Admission to the social work program may be made by contacting the program director. Provisional admission requires:

- enrollment in SOCWK 1150 Introduction to Social Work,
- a minimum grade point average of 2.50 overall, and
- completion of a provisional admission application.

Declaration of a social work major and provisional admission to the program does not guarantee acceptance into Full Admission status. Only those accepted for Full Admission status may continue on in the program.

Full Admission status requires:

- Declaration of social work as their major
- An earned 2.50 (minimum) GPA
- Successful completion of SOCWK 1150 Introduction to Social Work and SOCWK 2270 Human Behavior in the Social Environment I and be concurrently enrolled in or completed SOCWK 2280 Human Behavior in the Social Environment II earning a C+ or better to pass. Students must have also completed or be concurrently enrolled in SOCWK 3080 Micro Practice and earn a B- or better to pass.
- Completion of the Full Admission application packet
- An interview (conducted in fall and spring semesters) with the Social Work Executive Council
- A determination by the Social Work Executive Council of full admittance, admittance on probation, or admittance denied

Departments

1. Social Work (Undergraduate)

Social Work Major (B.S., 42-43 hours)

Required Social Work Courses	30 hours
SOCWK 1150 Introduction to Social Work*	3 hours
SOCWK 2200 Social Welfare Policy, Services, and Delivery Systems*	3 hours
SOCWK 2270 Human Behavior and the Social Environment I*	3 hours
SOCWK 2280 Human Behavior and the Social Environment II*	3 hours

Required Social Work Courses	30 hours
SOCWK 3080 Micro Practice**	3 hours
SOCWK 3090 Group Practice**	3 hours
SOCWK 3100 Macro Practice**	3 hours
SOCWK 4650 Research Informed Practice**	3 hours
Social Work Electives*	6 hours
Statistics	**3-4 hours**
Select one of the following Statistics courses: • SOC 2910 Social Statistics • BUSAD 2100 Business and Economic Statistics • PSYCH 2100 Psychological Statistics • MATH 1300 Statistics	3-4 hours
Capstone	**9 hours**
SOCWK 4970 Field Practicum**	9 hours

**Grade of C+ or better required.*
***Grade of B- or better required.*

A **Pre-Field Placement Consultation** (which takes place with the Field Directors) is required before students may enroll in SOCWK 4970 Field Practicum. Prerequisites for the Pre-Field Placement Consultation are:

- SOCWK 3080 Micro Practice completed with a grade of "B-" or better
- SOCWK 3090 Group Practice or SOCWK 3100 Macro Practice completed with a grade of “B-” or better.
- a minimum 2.67 overall grade point average

The social work program at Nebraska Wesleyan University complies with the standards of and is fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (C.S.W.E.).

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