

School of Education, Health & Society

SOCIAL WORK

Family Studies and Social Work (FSW)

The Social Work major leads to a Bachelor of Science in Social Work degree (BSSW). Professional social workers provide services across a broad range of human service fields. Social work studies the pursuit of economic and social justice for populations at risk through work with individuals, families, groups, and organizations. The Council on Social Work Education has accredited Miami's Social Work program. The major provides an interdisciplinary curriculum with courses in social work policy, social work practice, theories of human behavior, social work research, social work practicum, and human and cultural diversity. Supporting courses in other areas include psychology, sociology, zoology, economics, family studies, political science, and education.

Currently the State of Ohio (as well as over thirty other states) legally regulates baccalaureate social work practice through licensing. Graduates from the Miami Social Work program are eligible for licensing in Ohio (and other states).

Interests

Students pursuing a degree in social work express concern and a strong desire to help populations at risk. Social Work majors make a commitment to uphold a professional code of ethics that values diversity and empowerment. Students who choose social work will study human diversity and culture, social work practice, research, social welfare policies and services, social work values and ethics, social and economic justice, and human behavior. The program also includes 450 hours of supervised practicum experience within a social service agency in order to give students a hands-on opportunity to work with clients.

Career Opportunities

Social Work graduates are employed in many different work settings under public and private auspices that may include: nursing homes, hospitals, mental health services, substance abuse programs, community-action agencies, services for the aging, residential treatment programs, or domestic violence programs. Other possibilities are child and youth services, legal service agencies, schools, public health agencies, family service agencies, mental retardation/developmental disabilities services, hospices, homeless shelters, criminal justice agencies, income maintenance programs, vocational rehabilitation services, and advocacy programs. The undergraduate degree in social work also prepares students for graduate work in social work.

Additional Sources of Information

Department of Family Studies and Social Work

101A McGuffey Hall, 529-3314

*Program Requirements, advising, professional and career opportunities,
licensure, and graduate school information*

Career Planning and Placement Office

241 Hoyt Hall, 529-3831

Career Resource Center

Dictionary of Occupational Titles

Occupational Outlook Handbook

Student Counseling Service

195 Health Services Center, 529-4634

Career Counseling

Career Resource Library

Dictionary of Occupational Titles

Occupational Outlook Handbook

National Association of Social Workers

750 First St. NE, Suite 700

Washington, DC 20002-4241

800-742-4089

www.socialworkers.org

Membership

State of Ohio Counselor and Social Work Board

Columbus, OH

614-466-0912

Licensure information

Admission to the Social Work Program

Prior to admission to the **social work major**, you may declare a pre-major. You must apply and be accepted by the social work faculty to become a social work major. You may apply to the program while in the process of completing the list of requirements. However, full admission to the program requires completion of: (1) 30 hours of course work with a 2.50 or above cumulative g.p.a.; (2) FSW 201 with a grade of C or above, and a passing grade in ZOO 161, ECO 201, SOC 151, and PSY 111; (3) 20 hours of volunteer work in a social service agency within the past four years; (4) a completed questionnaire; and (5) two recommendations. Application packets must be filed in the Social Work Program Office by March 1st to be considered for admission into the ensuing fall semester courses. Admission is limited. You must meet the program requirements as they stand at the time you declare this major. **Upon the completion of FSW 201, FSW 206, FSW 309, FSW 295, FSW 306, and FSW 406 with a minimum of 2.75 g.p.a. in all core social work courses. Students then may enter their field practicum experience which is completed during their senior year.** All students are held to the Social Work Retention Policy (see the *Social Work Handbook* available from the Social Work Department office).

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MIAMI PLAN FOR LIBERAL EDUCATION (Social Work)*

Foundation	Course	Hours	Course Title
I A	ENG 111	3	College Composition
I B	ENG 112	3	Composition and Literature
II A	Fine Arts	3	Choice
II B	COM 135	3	Public Expression and Critical Inquiry
II C	SOC 151	4	Social Science
III A	US Culture	3/4	Choice
III B	World Cultures	3/4	Choice
IV A	ZOO 161 w/Lab	4/5	Human Physiology
IV B	Physical Science	4/5	Choice
V	STA 261	4	Statistics
	Thematic seq.	9	Choice
	Senior Capstone	3	Choice

*Note: Remember the Historical (H)

Program Requirements for Social Work major**Required Core Courses**

FSW 201 Introduction to Social Work (3)
 FSW 206 Social Welfare: Impact on Diverse Groups (4)
 FSW 261 Diverse Family Systems Across the Life Cycle (3)
 FSW 306 Social Work Methods I (4)
 FSW 309 Social Welfare Policy II (3)
 FSW 312 Social Work Theory (3)
 FSW 295 Research and Evaluation in Social Work and Family Studies (4)
 FSW 406 Social Work Methods II (4)
 FSW 411 Social Work Senior Practicum (12)
 FSW 412 Senior Seminar in Social Work I (2)
 FSW 413 Senior Seminar in Social Work II (2)

Required Related Hours

ECO 201 Principles of Microeconomics (3) MP IIC
 SOC 151 Social Relations (4) MP IIC
 PSY 111 Introduction to Psychology (4) MP IIC
 or EDP 101 Critical Issues in the Psychology of the Learner (3) MP IIC
 ZOO 161 Human Physiology (4) MP IVA, Lab
 STA 261 Statistics (4) MP V
 FSW 281 Child Development (4) or PSY 231 Developmental Psychology (3)
 FSW 466 The Family in Later Life (3)
 or PSY 334 Adulthood and Aging (3)
 FSW 475 Family Theories (3)

Choose one:

PSY 241 Personality (3)
 PSY 242 Abnormal Psychology (3)
 PSY 345 Childhood Psychopathology and Developmental Disabilities (3)

Choose one:

SOC 348 American Minority Relations (3)
 PSY 325 Psychology of Prejudice and Minority Experience (3)
 POL 353 Constitutional Rights and Liberties (3)

Four-Year Sample Outline for Major in Social Work

FRESHMAN

First Semester

ENG111 College Composition	3
MP IIB Humanities	3
MP IIA Fine Arts	3
SOC151 Social Relations (MP IIC)	4
MP IIIA United States Culture	<u>3</u>
Total:	16

Second Semester

ENG112 Comp. & Lit.	3
MP IIB Humanities	3
MP IIIB World Cultures	3
ZOO161 Human Physiology	4
FSW201 Intro. to Social Work	<u>3</u>
Total:	16

SOPHOMORE

First Semester

Thematic Sequence Course	3
FSW206 Social Welfare	4
FSW261 Families Across the Life Cycle (American Cultures)	3
ECO201 Prin. of Economics	3
Elective	<u>3</u>
Total:	16

Second Semester

FSW281 Child Development*	3
PSY111 Intro. to Psychology or EDP101 Critical Issues	4
STA261 Statistics	3
MP IVB Physical Science	<u>4</u>
Total:	15-16

APPLICATION for social work major should be made during Second Semester sophomore year

JUNIOR

First Semester

FSW306 Social Work Methods I	4
FSW312 Social Work Theory	3
SOC348 or PSY 325 or POL 353	3
PSY241 or PSY 242 or PSY 345	3
Thematic Sequence Course	<u>3</u>
Total:	16

Second Semester

FSW309 Social Welfare Policy II	3
FSW295 Research Methods	4
FSW406 Social Work Methods II	4
Thematic Sequence Course	3
Elective	<u>3</u>
Total:	17

SENIOR

First Semester

FSW411 Social Work Senior Practicum	6
FSW412 Senior Seminar in SW I	2
Miami Plan Capstone	3-4
Electives	<u>5</u>
Total:	16-17

Second Semester

FSW411 Social Work Sr. Practicum**	6
FSW413 Senior Seminar in SW II	2
FSW466 The Family in Later Life*	3
FSW475 Family Theories	3
Elective	<u>2</u>
Total:	16

*Students may substitute PSY 231 for FSW 281 and PSY 334 for FSW 466.

**** Social Work Senior Practicum**

Students must complete FSW 306 before taking FSW 406. Upon completion of FSW 306 & FSW 406 students then may take FSW 411, FSW 412, & FSW 413. The social work senior practicum (FSW 411) is to be taken for six semester hours both semesters of the senior year. The practicum provides social work majors with an opportunity to apply generalist social work knowledge and skills from the classroom to experiences within a social service agency setting. Students apply generalist social work knowledge and methods to social work with individuals, families, groups, agencies, communities, and/or institutions.