PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORK COURSES

SW 230 ............................................. Introduction to Social Work
SW 305 ............................................. Social Welfare: Policies and Services
SW 315 ............................................. Human Behavior & Social Environment I
SW 316 ............................................. Human Behavior & Social Environment II
SW 324 ............................................. Diversity Issues in Social Work
SW 360W ............................................. Methods of Social Work Practice I
SW 361 ............................................. Methods of Social Work Practice II
SW 362 ............................................. Methods of Social Work Practice III
SW 370 ............................................. Methods of Social Work Research
SW 403 ............................................. Gerontology
SW 415 ............................................. Ethical Decision Making
SW 420 ............................................. Services to Family and Children
SW 432 ............................................. Field Instruction in Social Work I
SW 433 ............................................. Field Instruction in Social Work II

The official Social Work Student Handbook contains the department's academic guidelines to acquire the Bachelor of Social Work degree.
The Department of Social Work is nationally accredited by the Council on Social Work Education and offers course work leading to the Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.) degree. The objective of the program is to prepare students for beginning generalist social work practice in a variety of settings.

**The Social Work Curriculum Consists Of:**
- General Studies Requirements
- Professional Social Work Courses
- Prescribed Supporting Course and
- General Elective courses
  
  *No minor is required.*
  
  *Online courses are available.*

**Service Learning**

Community Service Learning is a required component of the Social Work curriculum providing hands-on, real life experience to future social workers.

**Field Internship**

As part of the Professional program, Social Work majors are required to participate in a Field Internship experience with local, state, or regional human service agencies. Field Internship provides students with the opportunity to integrate course work, apply knowledge and develop skills in actual practice settings.

**On Graduating With a BSW:**

- students can apply for local, state, and federal merit system positions,
- be eligible to apply for graduate programs in Social Work including advanced standing MSW programs,
- qualify for immediate application to become a licensed social worker in the State of Alabama and other states.

**Social Work as a Profession**

The primary mission of the social work profession is to enhance human well-being and help meet the basic needs of all people. Social workers are sensitive to cultural and ethnic diversity and strive to end discrimination, oppression, poverty, and other forms of social injustice. Social workers promote social justice and social change through:

- direct practice
- community organizing
- supervision, consultation, administration
- advocacy, social and political action
- policy development and implementation
- education, research and evaluation

The mission of the social work profession is rooted in a set of core values:

- Service
- Social justice
- Dignity and worth of the person
- Importance of human relationships
- Integrity
- Competence

**Is a Career in Social Work in Your Future?**

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment for social workers is expected to grow much faster than average for all occupations. With a BSW, you can be employed in public, private, for-profit and non-profit agencies in any one of the following settings:

- Adoption and Foster Care
- Advocacy
- Aging services and programs
- Child Welfare agencies
- Crisis Intervention
- Community Organizing
- Corrections
- Domestic violence programs
- Family Service agencies
- Global Social Work
- Group Home
- Hospice
- Industry
- Juvenile Court
- Management/Administrator
- Mental health services
- Program Development
- Program Evaluation
- Public health agencies
- Nursing homes
- Hospitals
- Home Health Agencies
- School Systems
- Research
- Residential Treatment

**Student Involvement**

Social Work Organization
Phi Alpha National Social Work Honor Society