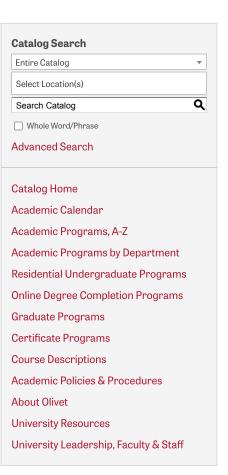
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Social Work Major

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Pending approval - The University of Olivet is currently seeking accreditation with the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). For updates on the university's accreditation status, please see the CSWE Accreditation Directory.

The University of Olivet's online Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree program aims to provide diverse academic and experiential learning to students grounded in liberal arts studies and core social work values. The purpose of the BSW proto prepare students to become generalist social work practitioners capable of enhancing the well-being for all people by addressing social, racial, economic, and environmental injustice both locally and globally.

The BSW program prepares undergraduate students for ethical, competent, entry-level, and generalist professional practiverse individuals and communities. Students will be assessed based upon the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE competencies, as well as The University of Olivet learning outcomes.

Admission Criteria

Admission to the bachelor of social work degree program requires secondary admission which typically occurs in the secondary admission which the secondary admission which typically occurs in the secondary admission which the secondary a

- Have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher.
- Have earned or be currently enrolled in courses to complete 60 semester hours of undergraduate-level coursework
 including the BSW program perquisite courses (12 semester hours). If students are currently enrolled in required coany offer of secondary admission will be contingent upon the successful completion of these courses prior to the reg
 of BSW major courses.
- Earn a grade of C or higher in all admission prerequisite coursework (excluding liberal arts core curriculum requirer

Application Requirements

Prospective BSW students are required to submit the following documents as part of their application package:

- A formal application through the university's online application system.
- · A letter of intent.
- Two letters of recommendation sent directly from the reviewer to The University of Olivet's Office of Admissions disci applicant's ability, talent, and aptitude for study in the program.
- Admission essay questions.
- Social Work Professionalism and Ethics Agreement form.
- · Criminal Background Statement of Understanding,
- Resume.
- Official transcripts from accredited institutions where applicable.

Transfer Credit Policy

The University of Olivet will accept up to 90 semester hours in transfer credit from other institutions toward graduation. accepted, transfer courses aligned with the liberal arts core (general education curriculum) must be 100-level classes or and be completed with a grade of 2.0 or higher. Social work transfer courses must be 100-level classes or higher and cor with a grade of 2.5 or higher.

The bachelor of social work program director is responsible for reviewing social work courses completed at other institutions social work courses completed at other institutions. These courses can only be considered from institutions that are accredited by the Council on Social Education. Coursework from other relevant professions, such as psychology or sociology, may also be considered for subtractions. The program director will consider major course substitutions if the student has coursework approved for transfer by the university's standards, submits course catalog descriptions and syllabi for each course(s), and provides a brief justification connection with the correlating course at The University of Olivet including the core competencies covered in the course

NOTES

The University of Olivet's Bachelor of Social Work Program does not grant credit for experiential learning, life experience previous work experience.

Social Work Program Learning Outcomes

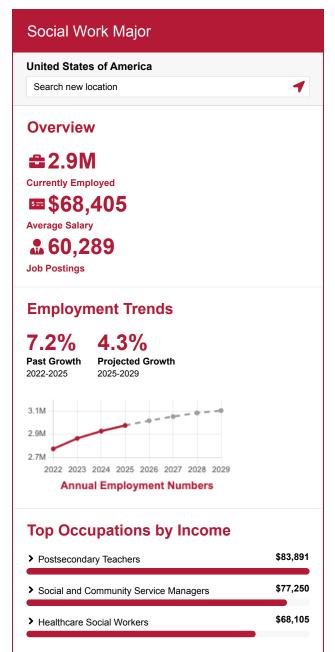
The Bachelor of Social Work curriculum is specifically aligned with CSWE Educational Policy and Accreditation Standard for Bachelor of Arts in Social Work. These standards support academic excellence by establishing thresholds for profess competence.

- 1. Students will demonstrate ethical and professional behavior.
- 2. Students will engage diversity and difference in practice.
- 3. Students will advance human rights and social, economic, and environmental justice.
- 4. Students will engage in practice-informed research and research-informed practice.
- 5. Students will engage in policy practice.
- 6. Students will engage with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.
- 7. Students will assess individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.
- 8. Students will intervene with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.
- 9. Students will evaluate practice with individuals, families, organizations, and communities.

Social Work Major Learning Outcomes

With the completion of this degree program, the following learning outcomes can be expected:

- · Students will demonstrate ethical and professional behavior.
- Students will demonstrate the ability to advance human rights and social, economic, and environmental justice.
- Students will demonstrate the ability to engage anti-racism, diversity, equity and inclusion (ADEI) in practice.
- Students will demonstrate the ability to engage in practice-informed research and research-informed practice.
- Students will demonstrate the ability to engage in policy practice.
- · Students will demonstrate the ability to engage with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.
- · Students will demonstrate the ability to assess individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.
- Students will demonstrate the ability to intervene with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.
- · Students will demonstrate the ability to evaluate practice with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and comm



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Prerequisite Coursework

- SW 105 Introduction to Social Work
- SW 200 Social Welfare and Social Work Practice: History, Trends, and Basic Concepts
- SW 215 Human Behavior in the Social Environment
- SW 230 Social Work Concepts in Group, Community, and Organizational Behavior

Program Requirements (47 semester hours)

A bachelor of social work degree requires 120 semester hours with a minimum overall grade point average of 3.0. All corequirements must be completed with a "C" or higher. The major requires successful completion of the following course as other courses required to meet the 120 semester hour degree requirement.

Any course in the major in which a student earns a grade lower than "C" must be retaken. Progress may be provisionally when a student earns a grade lower than a "C," he or she may continue progress and retake the course when it is offered

Complete each of the following (47 semester hours):

- SA 291 Research Methods and Design
- SA 290 Statistics for the Social Sciences
- SW 305 Social Work Ethics
- SW 310 Social Work Policy
- SW 315 Social Work Practice Method I: Individuals and Families
- SW 320 Social Work Practice Method II: Groups and Organizations Community Action, Social Change
- SW 325 Social Work Practice Method III: National and Global
- SW 330 Social Work Community Assessment and Practice
- SW 345 Social Work Counseling
- SW 350 Social Work Case Management
- SW 355 Practicum I
- SW 356 Practicum II
- SW 400 Professional Development in Social Work
- SW 410 Application and Research Evidence in Social Work Practice
- SW 415 Social Work Senior Capstone

Recommended Electives:

- HHP 252 Substance Use and Abuse
- PSY 225 Cross-Cultural Psychology
- PSY 240 Psychology of Incarceration
- PSY 270 Social Psychology
- PSY 309 Psychosocial Aspects of Gender
- PSY 420 Counseling and Psychotherapy
- PSY 475 Psychological Disorders of Childhood
- SA 210 Poverty
- SA 300 Conflict and Cooperation
- SA 302 Topics in Inequality: Race and Ethnicity
- SA 303 Topics in Inequality: Gender
- SA 305 People, Resources and the World
- SA 310 Generations: Aging In America
- SCI 350 Gender, Race and Science

Recommended Social Work electives:

(Bridge courses for BSW-MSW transition)

- SW 500 Action Research
- SW 510 Social Work and Mental Health Practice
- SW 515 Medical Social Work
- SW 520 Responding to Chronic Illness
- SW 530 Public and Non-Profit Administration

Note:

Course numbers followed by an asterisk (*) have prerequisites. Course numbers followed by a dagger (†) have coreq See Course Descriptions for details.

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