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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 program is to 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 practice with diverse 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 second semester of the sophomore year. Eligible applicants must meet the following requirements:

- 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 prerequisite courses (12 semester hours). If students are currently enrolled in required courses, any offer of secondary admission will be contingent upon the successful completion of these courses prior to the registration of BSW major courses.
- Earn a grade of C or higher in all admission prerequisite coursework (excluding liberal arts core curriculum requirements).

## **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 discussing the 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. To be accepted, transfer courses aligned with the liberal arts core (general education curriculum) must be 100-level classes or higher and be completed with a grade of 2.0 or higher. Social work transfer courses must be 100-level classes or higher and completed 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 for possible substitution. These courses can only be considered from institutions that are accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Coursework from other relevant professions, such as psychology or sociology, may also be considered for substitution. 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 of the 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, or previous work experience.

## **Social Work Program Learning Outcomes**

The Bachelor of Social Work curriculum is specifically aligned with CSWE Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards for Bachelor of Arts in Social Work. These standards support academic excellence by establishing thresholds for professional 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, groups, 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.
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Overview

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Currently Employed

\$68,405

Average Salary

60,289

Job Postings

Employment Trends

7.2%

Past Growth

2022-2025

4.3%

Projected Growth

2025-2029

3.1M

2.9M

2.7M

2022

2023

2024

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Annual Employment Numbers

Top Occupations by Income

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Postsecondary Teachers

\$83,891

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Social and Community Service Managers

\$77,250

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Healthcare Social Workers

\$68,105

➤ Marriage and Family Therapists	\$65,382
➤ Probation Officers and Correctional Treatment Specialists	\$64,521
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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 core requirements must be completed with a “C” or higher. The major requires successful completion of the following courses as well 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 approved 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:

- 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

Course numbers followed by an asterisk (\*) have prerequisites. Course numbers followed by a dagger (†) have corequisites. See [Course Descriptions](#) for details.