WHY SOCIAL WORK?
While Sociology, Psychology and related degrees provide generalized preparation for a number of careers, a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree provides you with specific, targeted courses that train you in treating the whole person within the context of his or her environment.

BSW STUDENTS RECEIVE TRAINING IN:

- Advocacy
- Assessment
- Case Management
- Community Outreach
- Crisis Intervention
- Intake/Referral
- Interviewing
- Problem Solving
- Research
- Service Planning

FIND OUT IF SOCIAL WORK IS RIGHT FOR YOU. THESE COURSES ARE OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS:

- 1110 Intro to Social Work Major
- 1115 Social Welfare and Social Work
- 1200 Criminal Justice in Social Work
- 2000 Exploration of Social and Economic Justice
- 2220 Human Behavior in the Social Environment

PROGRAMS OFFERED
The MU School of Social Work offers the following programs:

- **Undergraduate**
  - Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)
  - Social Justice Minor
  - Financial Literacy for Helping Professions Minor
  - Gerontology Minor
  - Criminology/Criminal and Juvenile Justice Minor

- **Graduate**
  - Masters of Social Work (MSW)
  - Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

Our BSW and MSW programs are accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), the national accrediting body for professional social work education. Our PhD program is the only social work doctoral program available at a Missouri public university.

Learn more and apply for minors at: ssw.missouri.edu/minor.html

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WHAT SEPARATES SOCIAL WORK FROM OTHER HELPING PROFESSIONS?

Social work is distinctive from other helping professions in its approach of assisting clients to understand themselves and function optimally in their own environments. This person-in-environment perspective is central to social work practice. Social work is also distinctive for its professional values and ethics, appreciation for human diversity, emphasis on social and economic justice, understanding of social welfare policy and services, and strong foundation in field education.

WHAT IS A PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORKER?

As a social worker, you genuinely enjoy working with people and want to make a difference. You are an individual of action who works to bring about positive change. Few occupations can match social work in the variety of opportunity. As a social work professional, you assist individuals, families and communities. You can be a manager, supervisor or administrator. You find opportunities in public agencies, private businesses, schools, hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, private practices, police departments, courts and countless other interesting settings. You are able to serve all levels of government. You can be an educator, therapist, researcher, or even an elected political leader or legislator. Learn more about professional social work at ssw.missouri.edu/profession.html.

ADVANCED STANDING STATUS

Earning an MU BSW degree makes you eligible for Advanced Standing status in MSW programs across the U.S. For the MU MSW program, Advanced Standing status waives 21 credit hours, providing an accelerated path to the MSW degree (39 hours).

THE SOCIAL WORK MAJOR

Students can declare the Social Work Major when they apply to MU or change their major to Social Work at transferofdivision.missouri.edu. However, choosing the Social Work major does not guarantee admission into the professional BSW Program. Admission to the BSW Program is competitive and by application only.

THE BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM

Our professional Bachelor of Social Work Program (BSW) prepares you for graduate-level education and for immediate entry into direct human service professional positions working in both public and private settings. It is a specialized degree, distinctive among other disciplines as a professional undergraduate program, requiring three semesters of sequenced coursework (fall, spring, fall) completed during your junior and senior years. During your third semester (fall, senior year), you participate in the Undergraduate Field Practicum, a 6-credit hour (400 clock hours) component, where you learn through actual supervised social work practice in a local agency.

To apply to the Professional BSW Program, you must have:

1. A minimum of a 2.5 GPA on all college-level course work.
2. Second-semester sophomore status by February 15* and complete 55 hours prior to beginning the first semester of the Professional BSW Program.
3. Complete the required liberal arts prerequisite courses listed below (or their equivalents) prior to beginning the Professional BSW Program.

Microeconomics, English 1000, Math 1100, Biology 1010, Psychology 1000, Communication 1200, Philosophy (any), Anthropology (any), Sociology 1000, History 1100, 1200, 1400, 2440, 2210 or Political Sci. 1100, and 2100.

Applicants who meet these requirements can submit a completed application including transcripts, references and a personal statement by the deadline of February 15th to begin the Professional BSW Program in the fall. Forms and detailed instructions are available at: http://ssw.missouri.edu/bswapp.html.

*The late application deadline is May 15th