

# BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SOCIAL WORK

The Bachelor of Science in Social Work prepares students to meet the needs of diverse populations in a variety of career settings. Child welfare, substance-abuse counseling, health care, public policy, industry and business, school social work, gerontology, and mental health services are all areas where skilled social workers are in high demand. Social work career opportunities are expected to increase much faster than other occupations, particularly in the areas of gerontology, mental health, health care, and case management programs serving children, individuals, and families.

**Sample job titles for workers with a bachelor's degree in social work:**

- Mental health counselor
- School social worker
- Substance abuse counselor
- Case manager
- Family services social worker
- Agency director or manager

**Social worker job settings:**

- Adoption agencies
- Advocacy organizations
- Day treatment facilities
- Counseling offices
- Court systems
- Managed health programs

### ULTIMATE FLEXIBILITY

Students complete the degree requirements by combining on-campus classes with courses in a variety of flexible formats, including online, accelerated, and condensed options.

### Undergraduate Academic Programs in Social Work

The School of Social Work is one of seven academic units in the College of Human Ecology at Syracuse University. This innovative school celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2007 and is a national model for leadership in education, practice, and research.

### Academic Minors

Social work students often pursue complementary minors in African American studies, gerontology, policy studies, psychology, and women's studies. Students who earn a bachelor's degree in social work are eligible to apply for advanced standing in the master of social work program at SU, which can expedite the degree's completion.

### Experiential Learning Opportunities

Students complete a practicum during their senior year, gaining hands-on experience at a local human services agency. Social work practice courses are taken concurrently, and a field seminar integrates academic preparation with the field learning experience. Students study the development of U.S. social welfare during a trip to New York City (sponsored by the Alan B. and Barbara Mirken Foundation). Each year, Legislative Policy Day provides an opportunity for students to discuss major legislative issues with political and governmental leaders.

### Academic Requirements

The Bachelor of Science in Social Work requires completion of 120 credits. Degree requirements are linked to the Liberal Arts Core of SU's College of Arts and Sciences.

Requirements are distributed as follows:

Liberal Skills Requirements.....	12 credits
Divisional Perspectives Requirements.....	43 credits
Social Work Requirements .....	42 credits
Critical Reflections on Ethical and Social Issues Requirements.....	12 credits <i>(taken as part of social work requirements)</i>
Electives .....	23 credits

For program details, visit: [HumanEcology.syr.edu](http://HumanEcology.syr.edu).



For information call University College for an appointment with an academic advisor, who will discuss courses and formats that suit your requirements and schedule.

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