

SOCIAL WORK - BA, BS

Your spark of idealism, belief in social justice and love of working with people, together with a degree from our accredited social work program, will prepare you for one of the fastest growing careers of the future. At St. Kate's-St. Thomas, you'll acquire professional knowledge, values and skills that will empower you for a challenging and rewarding career in social work.

St. Kate's-St. Thomas's social work major prepares students for work in a wide range of settings. Recent graduates have been hired in such diverse places as hospitals, community centers, human services departments, public schools, women's shelters, nursing homes and mental health centers. Other graduates find work in private industry, group homes, state and local government, chemical dependency programs, programs for the elderly, and privately supported family and children's agencies, to name a few.

The curriculum is rooted in a philosophy of social responsibility and respect for individuals' rights. Drawing from the Judeo-Christian traditions of social caring, we prepare students to use social work knowledge, values and skills to demonstrate the intrinsic value of all humankind as they serve those in need and promote social justice and human rights. Rooted in educational justice and community engagement, our program prepares generalist social workers committed to professional ethics and values, service, social justice and human rights. Our comprehensive program integrates theory, research, field and personal growth components. Social work majors also take courses in human biology, introduction to sociology, general psychology and lifespan developmental psychology.

Courses in the social work major will prepare students for generalist social work practice and for graduate study. The program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education at the baccalaureate level and qualifies graduates to take the examination for licensure at the licensed social worker (LSW) level.

Majors will expand their knowledge of social work beyond the boundaries of the classroom by completing two field education placements. During their junior and senior years, students will complete 600 hours of field practice experience (200 hours as Juniors, 400 hours as Seniors), engaging them in hands-on learning opportunities in a variety of settings.

We have developed strong agency partners and guide students through the process of interviewing and placement with these agencies. Field placements include opportunities such as case management, shelter advocacy, supervised visitation, community education and organizing, school social work, medical social work, research and grant writing, and county social work.

Field placements complement the academic work through integration of theory and practice. With this exceptional hands-on practice experience and meaningful course work, the vast majority of our social work graduates secure positions in their field within six months of graduation.

The School of Social Work includes 25 St. Kate's and St. Thomas faculty who are recognized for their teaching excellence and scholarship and are eager to lend their expertise concerning academic and professional issues. Our faculty members hold leadership positions in local, regional and national professional organizations and have expertise in areas such as medical social work, school social work, social policy, child welfare,

AIDS and international social work. Our professors will enthusiastically challenge students and encourage them to reach their full potential.

The School of Social Work is recognized as a national leader for its strong commitment to social justice. Social Work for Social Justice: Ten Principles, developed by the program and used in the baccalaureate and graduate programs, have been adopted by programs across the country. The social work program also has an active Social Work Club and Honor Society, Phi Alpha.

The social work program requires students to be formally admitted to the major. This process takes place in February of the junior year. Prospective majors must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.25 and must be interviewed by the School of Social Work faculty.

There are three social work minors available to all majors: Social Welfare, Chemical Dependency Counseling: Addiction and Recovery, and Social Services Management. These minors are not accredited by the Council on Social Work Education and do not qualify graduates to sit for the Minnesota Board of Social Work examination for State of Minnesota licensure at the licensed social worker level.

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Social Work Honor Society

Beta Epsilon, the campus chapter of *Phi Alpha* National Social Work Honor Society, was established at the University of St. Thomas and St. Catherine University in 2002. The purpose of this organization is to advance excellence in social work practice and to encourage, stimulate and maintain scholarship of the individual members.

As a social work major, students are eligible for membership after achieving a junior or senior standing, earning a minimum of six semester hours or equivalent in social work, achieving an overall grade point average of 3.0 or above, and a social work grade point average of 3.50 or above.

See also: Master of Social Work (<http://catalog.stkate.edu/graduate/social-work/social-work/msw>) and **Doctor of Social Work** (<http://catalog.stkate.edu/graduate/social-work/social-work/dsw>) (graduate catalog) (<http://catalog.stkate.edu/graduate/social-work/social-work/msw>)

This major is offered in the College for Women and the College for Adults.

Curriculum

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
SOWK 2810	Introduction to Social Work	4
SOWK 3400	Human Behavior and the Social Environment	4
SOWK 3550	Communication and Interviewing Skills	4
SOWK 3750	Junior Field Placement and Integrative Seminar	2
SOWK 3760	Junior Field Placement and Integrative Seminar	2

CFA students take SOWK 3780 in place of SOWK 3750/3760.
CFW students studying abroad fall or spring semester should take SOWK 3780

SOWK 3780	Junior Field Placement and Integrative Seminar	
SOWK 3800W	Social Work Research	4
SOWK 3850	Group Work Skills	4
SOWK 3910	Social Policy for Social Change	4
SOWK 4010	Generalist Practice I: Small Client Systems	4
SOWK 4020	Generalist Practice II: Large Client Systems	4
SOWK 4050 & SOWK 4060	Senior Field Placement and Integrative Seminar and Senior Field Placement and Integrative Seminar	8
Total Credits		44

Code	Title	Credits
Required Supporting Courses		
BIOL 1120	Biology of Women with Lab	4
PSYC 1001	General Psychology with Lab	4
PSYC 2025	Lifespan Developmental Psychology	4
SOCI 1000	Principles and Concepts of Sociology	4
Total Credits		16

Code	Title	Credits
Recommended Courses		
CDC 3000	Chemical Dependency/Addiction and Recovery - Assessment and Intervention	4
CDC 3050	Chemical Dependency/Addiction and Recovery - Families and Cultural Diversity	4
CDC 3550	Practicum and Seminar I	2
CDC 4250	Addiction and Recovery: Practicum and Seminar II	2
CDC 4350	Co-Occurring Disorders and Pharmacology	4
INDI 2910	The Anatomy of Violence	4
SOWK 2100	Relationship, Intimacy, Sexuality	4
SOWK 4300	Development and Fundraising for Social Service Organizations	4
SOWK 441	Family Resilience and Diversity (offered through UST)	4
SOWK 490	Practice with Older Adults and Their Families (offered through UST)	4
SOWK 490	Working with Immigrant Populations (offered through UST)	4

Required Fieldwork Placement

The Fieldwork Placements are arranged by the School of Social Work. They provide practical learning in social work agencies to complement the student's academic work through integration of theory and practice.

Junior year: Two semesters of approximately 8-10 hours per week off campus totaling 200 hours, plus weekly seminar groups on campus.

Senior year: Two semesters of approximately 15-20 hours per week off campus totaling 400 hours, plus weekly seminar groups on campus.

Social work majors satisfy the Writing Requirement for Majors in SOWK 3800W Social Work Research. They complete the Liberal Arts and Sciences Core Writing Requirement with three other writing-intensive courses (CORE 1000W The Reflective Woman or CORE 2000W The Reflective Woman, CORE 3990W Global Search for Justice, and any other writing-intensive course in another department).