



# Social Work Major

## Introduction

The Social Work Program, accredited by The Council on Social Work Education, offers a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Work (BASW). The curriculum is designed to prepare beginning level practitioners with skills in the generalist social work approach.

At the completion of the program, students are expected to:

- Engage in generalist practice with diverse populations;
- Incorporate the values and ethics of the social work profession with commitment to the development of a professional identity;
- Appropriately and effectively respond to and actively seek needed changes in social and economic injustices;
- Participate on an on-going basis in professional development activities and be continuously involved in the evaluation of practice.

The social work program prepares students to be generalist social work practitioners who are committed to the values and ethics of the profession and to the provision of quality services to diverse clients in a complex social system. Through the courses and in the field experiences, the program exposes students to a wide range of client systems and intervention strategies which can be used when working with a variety of clients representing diverse sociocultural backgrounds.

## Degree Requirements

### Freshman/Sophomore Year

Fall/Spring Semesters

Liberal Arts Support Courses\*

|          |                                  |       |
|----------|----------------------------------|-------|
| BIOL 100 | Introduction to Biology.....     | 3 cr. |
| PSYC 100 | Introduction to Psychology.....  | 3 cr. |
| PSYC 110 | Life Span Development.....       | 3 cr. |
| ANTH 212 | Cultural Anthropology.....       | 3 cr. |
| SOC 100  | Introduction to Sociology.....   | 3 cr. |
| SWK 200  | Introduction to Social Work..... | 3 cr. |

\*or equivalent courses at an accredited college

TOTAL ..... 18 cr.

### Junior Year

Fall Semester

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|---------------------------------|--|-------|
| SWK 303                         | Human Behavior and the Social Environment I..... | 3 cr. |
| SWK 304                         | Social Work Practice I.....                      | 3 cr. |
| Social Work 309 - Research..... |  | 3 cr. |
| TOTAL.....                      |  | 9 cr. |

Spring Semester

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| SWK 306                                      | Human Behavior and the Social Environment II..... | 3 cr.  |
| SWK 305                                      | Social Work Practice II.....                      | 3 cr.  |
| SWK 357                                      | Social Welfare Policy II.....                     | 3 cr.  |
| Social Work Values / Knowledge elective..... |   | 3 cr.  |
| TOTAL.....                                   |   | 12 cr. |

### Senior Year

Fall Semester

|                                  |                           |        |
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| SWK 353                          | Field Seminar I.....      | 3 cr.  |
| SWK 355                          | Field Practicum I.....    | 3 cr.  |
| SWK 310                          | Research Practicum I..... | 3 cr.  |
| Social Work Skills Elective..... |                           | 3 cr.  |
| TOTAL.....                       |                           | 12 cr. |

Spring Semester

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| SWK 354    | Field Seminar II.....      | 3 cr. |
| SWK 356    | Field Practicum II.....    | 3 cr. |
| SWK 311    | Research Practicum II..... | 3 cr. |
| TOTAL..... |                            | 9 cr. |

## Career/Employment Opportunities

Graduates of the program are prepared for working with individuals, groups, families and communities locally, globally and internationally. Students are employed in private and public institutions that focus on human rights and social justice. Students work in the fields of child welfare, services to families and communities, services to women and children, mental health, health, substance abuse, domestic violence and policy.

**Subject to change. See current catalog for up-to-date information. For further information call 773 / 442-4760.**



# Bachelor Degree Requirements

**A minimum of 120 semester hours must be earned by every undergraduate student to be eligible to graduate from Northeastern.**

## Additional requirements:

**1. General Education Program:** All undergraduate students must complete the General Education Program requirements consisting of 39 semester hours in the following distribution areas:

- Social/Behavioral Sciences (12 hours)
- Natural Sciences (9 hours)
- Mathematics (3 hours; grade of "C" or higher at college level)
- Humanities (9 hours)
- Fine Arts (6 hours)

**2. University Requirements:** English Composition I (grade of "C" or higher) and one Improving Human Relations course (consult the schedule of classes or catalog for listing of courses).

**3. Residency:** The last 30 consecutive credit hours must be taken at Northeastern, unless permission is received from the Office of Enrollment Services.

**4. Upper Division:** Students must complete a minimum of 24 semester hours at the 300 level and 18 semester hours at the 200 or 300 level.

**5. Academic Major and Minor:** Undergraduate students must complete a major. Some majors require a minor or set of cognate courses. Students must earn a grade of "C" or higher in all courses counted toward the major, the minor, cognate and professional sequences. No "P" grades will count toward a major, minor, or approved area of study. All grade point average requirements must be met for the successful completion of a program of study.

**6. Grade Point Average:** To be eligible to graduate, a student must have a minimum cumulative 2.0 GPA (overall "C" average). Some academic programs and departments have other specific grade requirements. Check with your academic advisor.

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Freshmen: 19 composite ACT or 890 combined SAT or top 50% class rank. Transfer: Cumulative 2.0 GPA (on 4.0 scale) from all colleges and/or universities attended and be in good academic standing.

## Application Deadlines

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|-------------|------------|
| • Fall      | July 1     |
| • Spring    | November 1 |
| • Summer I  | April 1    |
| • Summer II | May 1      |

## International Deadlines

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|-------------|-----------|
| • Fall      | June 1    |
| • Spring    | October 1 |
| • Summer I  | March 1   |
| • Summer II | April 1   |

## Financial Aid

For Financial Aid information, call (773) 442-5160 or visit the web at [www.neiu.edu/FinAid.htm](http://www.neiu.edu/FinAid.htm). Click on Financial Aid & Scholarships.

Northeastern's Federal School code is 001693.

For Foundation Scholarship information, contact Michelle Morrow at [scholarships@neiu.edu](mailto:scholarships@neiu.edu) or visit the web at [www.neiu.edu](http://www.neiu.edu). Go to the Prospective Student tab and click on Financial Aid & Scholarships.

## Admission Counseling

Meet with an Admission Counselor in the Admissions Counseling Office. Prospective students are seen on a walk-in basis. Admissions Counselors are available:

### Monday through Thursday

9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

### Fridays

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Admissions Office: 773-442-4050

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