

University of Indianapolis – *College of Education & Behavioral Sciences*
2025-2026 Curriculum Guide for Social Work Major (SOWK/BSW)
 Bachelor of Social Work

Students majoring in Social Work and applying to the Bachelor of Social Work program must complete the requirements for the Social Work major and the General Education Core requirements. This curriculum guide only includes social work-specific courses; therefore, you must consult the general education core curriculum guide for full academic planning. It is highly suggested to meet with your academic and faculty advisors each semester. The following is a suggested four-year plan for social work major-specific courses.

Social work majors are strongly encouraged to adhere to the enclosed identified course-sequencing schedule.

Traditional UIndy Students:

Year 1 – Semester I (12-15 hours)

- **SOC 103** Social Problems (3) OR
- **SOC 101** Introduction to Sociology (3)
- **PSY 120** Introduction to Psychology (3)
- **SOWK 110** The Field of Social Work (3) (*Prerequisite for SOWK 230*)
- **SOWK 295** Diversity and Environmental Justice: A Social Work Perspective (3) (*Can also be taken in Sem II*)
- **SOWK 390** Addictions (3) *Elective*

Year 1 – Semester II (6 hours)

- **PSCI 101** American National Government (3) OR
- **PSCI 205** State and Local Government (3)
- **SOWK 230** Foundations of Social Work Practice (3) (*Prerequisite for SOWK 250*)

NOTE: *APPLICATION TO BSW PROGRAM NEEDS TO HAPPEN BEFORE THE START OF YEAR TWO-BSW.

To apply to the BSW Program, social work majors must have completed SOWK 110 and currently be enrolled in SOWK 230. Social work majors must successfully complete SOWK 110 and SOWK 230 with a B- or better (2.7 GPA), attend a mandatory informational session and complete the application process for full admission.

Ivy Tech transfer students with a Human Services degree and Vincennes University transfer students with an Associate TSAP in Social Work are also required to complete the mandatory information session and application process for full program admittance. See [admission requirements](#) and the online application.

Year 2 – Semester I (6-9 hours)

- **SOWK 250** Micro/Mezzo Human Behavior in the Social Environment (3) (*prerequisite for SOWK 310*)
- **SOWK 260** Macro Human Behavior in the Social Environment (3) (*prerequisite for SOWK 330*)
- **SOWK 200** Youth and Family (3) *Elective*

NOTE: Students must complete a mandatory call-out meeting for field practicum prior to enrolling in SOWK 350

Year 2 – Semester II (7-9 hours)

- **SOWK 310** Social Work Practice with Individuals and Families (3)
- **SOWK 350** Junior Practicum in Social Work (4-6) (*prerequisite for SOWK 450*)

Year 3 – Semester I (6-9 hours)

- **SOWK 320** Social Work Practice/Mezzo Systems (3)*
- **SOWK 370** Social Welfare Policy and Services (3)*
- **SOWK 220** Forensic (3) *Elective*

Year 3 – Semester II (6 hours)

- **SOWK 330** Social Work Practice/Macro Systems (3)*
 - **SOWK 340** Social Work Research (3)*
- Year 4 – Semester I (9-12 hours)

Year 4 – Semester I (6-9 hours)

- **SOWK 450** Social Work Senior Practicum (6)*
- **SOWK 460** Capstone Seminar in Social Work (3)*
- **SOWK 430** Special Topics (School, Trauma, Healthcare) (3) *Elective*

Year 4 – Semester II (9 hours)

- **SOWK 450** Social Work Senior Practicum (6)*
- **SOWK 295** Diversity and Environmental Justice: A Social Work Perspective (3)

Ivy Tech-Transfer Students:

IMPORTANT NOTES

- Students must complete a mandatory call-out meeting for field practicum prior to enrolling in SOWK 350
- Students must complete SOWK 250 prior to enrolling in SOWK 310
- SOWK 310 and 350 are corequisites
- Students must complete SOWK 260 prior to enrolling in SOWK 330

Year 3 – Semester I (9 hours)

- **SOWK 260** Macro Human Behavior in the Social Environment (3) (*prerequisite for SOWK 330*)
- **SOWK 295** Diversity and Environmental Justice: A Social Work Perspective (3)
- **SOWK 370** Social Welfare Policy and Services (3)*

Year 3 – Semester II (7-9 hours)

- **SOWK 310** Social Work Practice with Individuals and Families (3)
- **SOWK 350** Junior Practicum in Social Work (4-6) (*prerequisite for SOWK 450*)

Year 4 – Semester I (9-16 hours)

- **SOWK 320** Social Work Practice/Mezzo Systems (3)
- **SOWK 340** Social Work Research (3)* *FLEX*
- **SOWK 450** Social Work Senior Practicum (5-6)*
- **SOWK 460** Capstone Seminar in Social Work (3)* *FLEX*

Year IV – Semester II (8-9 hours)

- **SOWK 330** Social Work Practice/Macro Systems (3)*
- **SOWK 450** Social Work Senior Practicum (5-6)*

Vincennes University-Transfer Students:

IMPORTANT NOTES

- Students must complete a mandatory call-out meeting for field practicum prior to enrolling in SOWK 350
- Students must complete SOWK 250 prior to enrolling in SOWK 310
- SOWK 310 and 350 are corequisites
- Students must complete SOWK 260 prior to enrolling in SOWK 330

Sample #1- Course Sequence

Year 3 – Semester I

- **SOWK 295** Diversity and Environmental Justice: A Social Work Perspective (3) *FLEX*
- **XXX ###** Elective - as needed

Year 3 – Semester II

- **SOWK 310** Social Work Practice with Individuals and Families (3)* *FLEX*
- **SOWK 350** Junior Practicum in Social Work (4-6) (*prerequisite for SOWK 450*)
- **XXX ###** Elective - as needed

Year 4 – Semester I

- **SOWK 320** Social Work Practice/Mezzo Systems (3)
- **SOWK 370** Social Welfare Policy and Services (3)*
- **SOWK 450** Social Work Senior Practicum (5-6)*
- **SOWK 460** Capstone Seminar in Social Work (3)* *FLEX*
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Year 4 – Semester II

- **SOWK 340** Social Work Research (3)* *FLEX*
- **SOWK 330** Social Work Practice/Macro Systems (3)*
- **SOWK 450** Social Work Senior Practicum (5-6)*
- **XXX ###** Elective - as needed

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Sample #2 - Course Sequence

Year 3 – Semester I

- **SOWK 295** Diversity and Environmental Justice: A Social Work Perspective (3) *FLEX*
- **SOWK 320** Social Work Practice/Mezzo Systems (3)
- **XXX ###** Elective - as needed

Year 3 – Semester II

- **SOWK 310** Social Work Practice with Individuals and Families (3)* *FLEX*
- **SOWK 330** Social Work Practice/Macro Systems (3)*
- **SOWK 350** Junior Practicum in Social Work (4-6) (*prerequisite for SOWK 450*)

Year 4 – Semester I

- **SOWK 370** Social Welfare Policy and Services (3)*
- **SOWK 450** Social Work Senior Practicum (6)*
- **SOWK 460** Capstone Seminar in Social Work (3)* *FLEX*
- **XXX ###** Elective - as needed *FLEX*

Year 4 – Semester II

- **SOWK 340** Social Work Research (3)* *FLEX*
- **SOWK 450** Social Work Senior Practicum (5-6)*
- **XXX ###** Elective - as needed *FLEX*

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Important Information for all SOWK Majors:

Recommended For All Students:

1. Math Courses: MATH 108, 150 or 170
2. PSY 125 is highly recommended for any student who is considering completion of a graduate degree.

The Social Work major requires a total of 60 hours for students on the Traditional UIndy student track.
The total number of hours for the Social Work major varies for Ivy Tech and Vincennes Transfer students.

Additional requirements and policies are stated in the Social Work Program Student Handbook.

NOTE: A grade of B- (2.7 on a 4.0 scale) or higher is required in all courses applying toward the Social Work Major. In addition, students are limited to only two (2) attempts at each requirement. Students admitted into the program will be required to maintain a grade of B- (2.7 on a 4.0 scale) or higher in all social work (SOWK) courses and Major Support Courses with the exception of a B or higher in SOWK 350 and 450, Practicum courses.

The Bachelor of Social Work Degree requires a minimum of 120 hours. See the General Education Core Guide for additional course requirements.

A student may complete more than one major as long as each major has at least 24 discrete hours. Please see the Academic Catalog for additional details.

REMEMBER: If you have any questions about the Social Work Major requirements, contact your academic advisor. Courses and requirements sometimes change so keep in contact with your advisor.