Bachelor of Arts Degree in Social Work
Student Information Packet

Cultivating the knowledge for global change...one community at a time.
The Mission of the Baccalaureate Program

The mission of the Baccalaureate Program is to prepare entry-level generalist practitioners for responsible, competent, evidence-based social work practice and to provide the required base for advanced social work education. It subscribes to the stated philosophy and the overall mission of the School by offering an integrated and coherent curriculum emphasizing professional values, ethics, knowledge, and skills that enable Program graduates to work in public and nonprofit social services agencies with diverse and vulnerable populations, particularly in the Southern California border region.

Program Goals

Consistent with the Mission of the School, the Baccalaureate Program of the School of Social Work prepares generalist practitioners for responsible, competent, entry-level social work practice with diverse populations in the Southern California area, in public and nonprofit social service agencies. It also provides the necessary foundation for advanced social work education. The goals of the Baccalaureate Program are to prepare graduates who:

1. Function effectively as entry-level professionals in beginning social work practice with client systems of various sizes and types.

2. Demonstrate sensitivity to the diverse racial, ethnic, and cultural mix of the Southern California border region and are able to work effectively in a variety of roles in a range of agencies to meet the needs of the regions varied communities.

3. Understand and use social work values and ethics throughout their professional practice.

4. Can identify, evaluate and apply existing research evidence to guide their practice decision-making.

5. Understand the contexts and purposes of social work practice, the changing nature of those contexts, and the nature and the dynamics of organizational behavior.

6. Are committed to lifelong professional growth and learning.
Did you know?

- San Diego State University (SDSU) was established in 1897 and is a comprehensive university that has been classified as a Doctoral/Research University - Intensive by the Carnegie Foundation.
- SDSU is the largest of 23 campuses in the California State University system and is one of the largest Universities in the Western United States (5th largest in California).
- San Diego State has a diverse student body of about 35,000. The main campus is situated on 283 acres atop a mesa in San Diego.
- The architectural richness of the campus reflects a combination of historical “mission” theme and contemporary design. For more information about SDSU visit www.sdsu.edu

Research Opportunities

For four years in a row, SDSU has been ranked the No. 1 most productive small research university, among schools with 14 or fewer Ph.D. programs based on the Faculty Scholarly Productivity Index. –Academic Analytics, 2010.

Last year, faculty members were awarded over $145 million in grants and contracts, and reported close to 1,500 research projects under way. SDSU’s teacher-scholar model ensures that you receive instruction from and collaborate on research projects with top faculty. Furthermore, our interesting geographic location, cosmopolitan context and widely diverse population provide unique opportunities for field work and applied inquiry.

San Diego Community: An International Hub

Known for its near-perfect climate, 70 miles of beaches, over 100 golf courses, the world famous San Diego Zoo and Sea World, and breathtaking deserts to explore, San Diego is also recognized globally as a growing academic and research Mecca. San Diego’s geographic location and diverse population help make the area a dynamic international hub.

A National Reputation for Academic Excellence

SDSU, designated a “Doctoral/Research University-Intensive” by the Carnegie Foundation, is ranked among the top 6.7 percent of higher education institutions in the United States. As you pursue your bachelors degree, you will learn from distinguished faculty, engaged in teaching and research.
Bachelor in Arts in Social Work Program

Overview

BASW Program Virtual Tour

The 65 unit undergraduate Social Work major is designed to apply to a wide variety of social work practice settings. The preparatory course work for this major includes a basis in the liberal arts requiring classes in human biology, economics, public health, psychology, sociology, statistics and Social Work. The upper division curriculum is intensive and exciting. It encompasses course work in Social Work practice, human behavior, cultural pluralism, social policy, macro level practice, and research. Elective seminars are available in specialized fields such as child welfare, aging, alcohol and other drugs, and family studies. A field work practicum experience is also required. The minor in Social Work consists of 24 units and is strongly recommended to all students with majors in the social and behavioral sciences who wish to broaden their competencies in a related discipline.

Program Details

A detailed program description may be found in the Social Work section of the SDSU General Catalog

Applying

Applicants to the BA program must complete the CSU Undergraduate application. Select option from “first time freshmen” or “transfer.” SDSU accepts applications until capacities are reached. All new students in the Social Work program are considered Pre-majors and are assigned the a Pre-Major Code. The code will stay in effect until students complete the 21 unit preparation for the major course work described in the catalog and the Social Work Undergraduate Student Handbook. Students must meet with the undergraduate advisor and complete a change of major form to declare a major or minor in Social Work.

Two of the eight pre-major courses (SW 110 and SW 120) are available to community college students through “cross enrollment.” SDSU currently has an articulation agreement with San Diego City College for these courses (HUMS 110 and HUMS 120) and Cuyamaca College for SW 110, and SW 120.

The following link enables incoming freshmen to “map out” their major academic plan: SDSU MyMap. Please see the Undergraduate Advisor if you are a transfer student for assistance with mapping out your academic plan.

Useful Websites

You may apply on-line for university admittance and scholarships. Following is a list of web sites that will provide you general and specific information on particular programs and activities:

- Social Work: http://www.socialwork.sdsu.edu
- Admissions Information: http://www.sdsu.edu/prospective.html
- Admissions Application: http://www.csumentor.com
- Housing: http://www.sa.sdsu.edu/housing
- University Catalog: http://arweb.sdsu.edu/es/catalog/quickref.html
- Campus Tours: http://arweb.sdsu.edu/es/admissions/yours/tours.html
- Centers for Student Involvement: http://sll.sdsu.edu
- Student Success Program: http://tbdprogram.sdsu.edu/

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www.socialwork.sdsu.edu
Preparation for the Pre-Major/Major/Minor

Pre-Majors
All new students to this program are considered pre-majors and are assigned the pre-major code. The code will stay in effect until students complete the 21 unit preparation for the major coursework described in the Handbook and Catalog at http://socialwork.sdsu.edu/student-resources/references/undergraduate-student-handbook/. Pre-majors may also enroll in the upper division out of department electives, and SW 350 and SW 360. The approved “out of department electives” are described in the Undergraduate Social Work Handbook (.pdf). Admission priority will be given to those transfer students who have completed the seven pre-major course requirements prior to enrolling in SDSU.

Majors
All pre-major courses must be completed before declaring a major. Students must declare a major to take SW 370, SW 361, SW 382, SW 381, and SW 391. Students must change to the major code prior to web portal registration or the computer will not permit access to any social work course.

Declaration Of Pre-Major, Major/Minor Or Transferring
To declare the major, pre-major or minor, please review the requirements in the undergraduate handbook http://socialwork.sdsu.edu/student-resources/references/undergraduate-student-handbook/. You will need to fill out a change of major form and a data sheet which can be located in the handbook. Please download and print the Major Declaration Form prior to seeing the Undergraduate Advisor to sign. http://arweb.sdsu.edu/es/registrar/Change_of_Major.pdf

Handbook
The Social Work Undergraduate Handbook describes all requirements of the Undergraduate Social Work Program. It is available online at http://socialwork.sdsu.edu/student-resources/references/undergraduate-student-handbook/
Undergraduate Field Education (SW 489)

Field education is an essential element of the curriculum in the SDSU School of Social Work. It is the field practicum learning experience that allows the student to integrate classroom theory and knowledge and practice skills in developing professional competence and identity. This application includes social work theory in real-life practice situations, skill building, and upholding professional standards of social work ethics and values, under the professional supervision of qualified social workers in their role of field instructors.

Please see Field Manual located at http://socialwork.sdsu.edu/field/student-resources/student-field-manual/

Three Electives Required In Social Work Major

Although all electives can be taken in social work, only two are required to be a social work electives such as: SW 400, SW 410, SW 430, SW 558, SW 596 and Gero 520. One SW elective may be from the approved out of department elective list in the handbook. One of these out of department electives can also be used to meet the GE requirement for an upper division exploration elective. Please be sure the elective you choose is on the approved Exploration list in the catalog as well as the approved out of department list for social work.

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Out of Department Electives

The approved out of department electives are listed in the Undergraduate Handbook. You may use one of your social work electives to also meet the requirements for one upper division General Education elective (please be sure the elective YOU choose is on the approved GE list in the catalog).

Financial Aid

- SDSU Financial Aid and Scholarships
  http://www.sa.sdsu.edu/fao/index.html

Title IV-E BASW Stipend

The SDSU School of Social Work, Child Welfare Bachelor of Arts in Social Work (BASW) Title IV-E Stipend program is designed to advance the education of the public child welfare workforce. Similar to the existing MSW Title IV-E Child Welfare Stipend, this program provides specialized education at the undergraduate level with financial support. Applicants must be enrolled full-time at SDSU and be a declared undergraduate social work major with a minimum of 2.4 GPA.

The application process occurs in the early Spring semester conjointly with the undergraduate social work field internship application. Announcements are made through the School of Social Work Undergraduate Announcements by email to social work majors and on the BASW Title IV-E website. For more information, please visit http://socialwork.sdsu.edu/stipend or call 619-594-8709. Funding will be available on a year-to-year basis.
Social Work Undergraduate Advising

Undergraduate Program Coordinator
Dr. Yawen Li
Office hours listed in HH-103
(619) 594-4854
yli@mail.sdsu.edu

Undergraduate Advisor
Amalia B. Hernández, MSW
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Field Education Faculty:
Candy Elson, MSW/LCSW
Director of Field Education (MSW Division)
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Kim Archuletta, LCSW
BSW Field Coordinator
Office hours listed in HH-114B
(619) 594-5803
karch@mail.sdsu.edu

Angela Long
Field Assistant
Hepner Hall 119 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
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Academic Advising
All General Education Advising is done at the
Academic Advising Center located in the
Student Services West Building (SSW 1551)

Graduation Requirements
Please see the SDSU General Catalog for additional
information about graduation requirements and visit Office
of Advising and Evaluations for accurate, up to date
information on the following topics: graduation writing
assessment, foreign language, and general education.

Catalogs
You may order the catalog from the Student Resource
Center (for a fee) – call (619) 594-2466 or write to
Catalog Sales, Student Resource Center, San Diego
State University, 5500 Campanile Drive, San Diego,
CA 92182-0562. Catalogs are also available in the
Bookstore on campus and on the internet. (See section
heading Electronic Communications for address).
Or access the catalog online: http://arweb.sdsu.edu/
es/catalog/quickref.html

Electronic Communication
Information about the University (including the
entire Undergraduate Catalog) can be found on the
Internet/www address: www.sdsu.edu. The address
for the School of Social Work, San Diego State
University-home page is http://socialwork.sdsu.edu

SDSU Undergraduate Social Work Majors contact
Sylvia Telafaro at socwork@mail.sdsu.edu to
participate in the school’s e-mail information network.

Admissions
For Admissions information, please contact the Office
of Admissions and Records, (619) 594-6871 for an
application packet. Applications are also available
at California Community Colleges and on the web:
www.sdsu.edu under “Prospective Students”.
To attend in the Fall you must submit an application
October 1 – November 30th. SDSU SSW does not
offer Spring Admission.
Sequence of Coursework

I. Pre-Major – 24 units

- SW 110 (Fall only)
- SW 120 (Spring only)
- Econ (any 3 unit course)
- Biology (100, 101, 204, or 261)
- Psych 101
- Soc 101
- Statistics (Math 250, Psych 270 or Soc 201)

One must have a grade of “C” or better in each social work pre-major course with a minimum overall GPA of 2.5 to be eligible to declare a social work major.

If taking course at a community college, check for equivalent course number by using http://www.assist.org/

II. Major (Need to declare major status before taking these courses with exception of SW 350 & 360)

1. 300 Level Social Work Courses – 21 units

Please note: classes below are semester specific. These courses should be taken in junior year, exactly as shown.

**Fall ONLY**
- SW 350 (Open to non-majors)
- SW 370
- SW 382 (Requires a minimum grade of “C”)
- SW 391

**Spring ONLY**
- SW 360 (Open to non-majors)
- SW 361
- SW 381 (Requires a minimum grade of “C”)

2. Social Work Practice and Field Courses – 14 units/senior year

- Must have attained senior status (90 units) by the end of spring semester prior to entering field
- SW 483 A/SW 489A (fall semester only, must have a “C” or better in 483 A to continue to SW 483B)
- SW 483 B/SW 489B (spring semester only)

3. Upper Division Electives – 9 units

- Complete 3 upper division electives. Students must select at least two courses from the electives offered by the School of Social Work: SW 400 Child Welfare, SW 410 Family Issues, SW 430 Alcohol Drug Prevention & Intervention, SW 558, SW 596 and/or other selected topics or GERO 520 Programs for the Aging; and one elective may be selected from the out of department elective list – see Undergraduate Social Work Handbook for information on out of department courses: http://socialwork.sdsu.edu/student-resources/references/undergraduate-student-handbook/

- Foreign language requirement complete
- Writing Proficiency
- International Requirement
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS CASE MANAGEMENT SPECIALIZATION

For the Community Corrections Case Management Specialty: A minimum of 9 units in the criminal justice major in lieu of social work electives. Required courses are CJ 300 Crime, Law, and Justice, and two of the following: CJ 330 Corrections; CJ 543 Community Resources; CJ 531 Probation and Parole; AFRAS 380 Blacks in the American Justice System; and SW 498A/SW 498B Field Education/Placement in a Correctional Setting. Special application including a one page essay regarding interest in the corrections field and a recent transcript are to be submitted to Amalia B. Hernandez in the Spring semester prior to entering field placement.

REQUIREMENTS: 3.0 overall GPA and ability to pass a background check.

ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIAL WORK SPECIALIZATION

In place of three social work electives, students are required to take 6 units of:

- SUSTN 353: Sustainability and Culture
- SUSTN 334: Politics of the Environment
- HIST 441: Unnatural Disasters: History of Current Environmental Problems

OR

- PHIL 332: Environmental Ethics

AND take

- SW 558: Community Organizing and Problem Solving

You will be placed in an environmental community-based agency for internship (SW 48A and SW 489B).
School of Social Work Tips

Tip 1:
To begin your research, go to website (www.sdsu.edu) and select “Current Students” and the following links under “Academics:"

- Academic Calendar (provides important information on semester dates)
- General Catalog (provides on-line access to catalog)
- Class Schedule (provides listing of classes arranged by departments)

Tip 2:
Once admitted to SDSU, understand that there are two types of advising:

Academic Advising
Section in SDSU General Catalog that covers graduation requirements for the Bachelor’s degree.

You must request a Degree Evaluation Report and make sure that you register for required classes (writing, language, explorations, etc.). You can access this Report on web portal later in the semester. NOTE: You can only request this report once you are admitted to SDSU. Advising is located in Student Services West Room 1551 (phone number is 619-594-6668). For more information go to: http://sdsu.edu/advising

Social Work Advising
Provides guidance on course sequence for social work pre-major and major courses.

The contact person is Amalia B. Hernández, MSW. You may schedule an appointment with Mrs. Hernández by emailing her: amalia.hernandez@mail.sdsu.edu or schedule yourself using the two-week schedule on her office door, in HH133. It is also very important to access the School of Social Work’s website (http://socialwork.sdsu.edu/). Go to “Current Students” and check out the BASW Virtual Tour (under “Quick Links”). Please pay close attention to when courses are offered (they follow sequence and vary by semester).

Tip 3:
The following links will provide information regarding next steps, SDSU’s online application status check, housing, financial aid, and more.

Freshmen
If entering as a first time Freshmen http://arweb.sdsu.edu/es/admissions/freshmen/index.html

Transfer Student
If entering as a Transfer Student http://arweb.sdsu.edu/es/admissions/transfers/index.html
NOTE: if entering as transfer, it helps to take SW 110 & SW 120 at City College (HUMS 110; HUMS 120) or at Cuyamaca College or cross enroll prior to transferring to SDSU.

Tip 4:
Social Work is an impacted major. It requires successful completion of “pre-major” coursework and then declaration of the major. See course sequence handout for more information on the courses. Important: Check your transcript on web-portal to see if your status is “social work pre-major.” If not, you will need to come into Hepner Hall 119 to declare “pre-major status.”

Tip 5:
Stay focused on your plan for graduation. Both Academic Advising Advisors and the School of Social Work Undergraduate Advisor will help you plot out your plan. For more information, please call the Social Work office at 619-594-1481.
Student Organizations

School of Social Work Student Associations 2016-2017

Asian Pacific Islander Social Work Association (APISWSA)
Awareness of the API culture within the social work profession; to recognize API social work professionals; to network and provide outreach and community service. **Contact Dr. Jong Min, jwmin@mail.sdsu.edu**

Black Social Work Student Caucus (BSWSC)
Awareness of black culture within the social work profession; to recognize black social work professionals; to network and provide outreach and community service. **Contact Dr. Tom Packard, tpackard@mail.sdsu.edu**

Graduate Social Work Association (GSWA)
The GSWA interfaces between the student body and the administration and faculty of the School of Social work. GSWA officers make effort to identify the needs and concerns of students and bring those issues to the attention of the faculty. Additionally, the GSWA organizes both academic and social activities for graduate students. **Contact Liz Marucheau, LCSW, emaruche@mail.sdsu.edu**

Latino Social Work Student Association (LSSWSA)
To educate and mobilize social work students in the areas concerning the Latino population. Promote and improve the perception of the Latino culture. Group is also to provide support for the Latino social work students. **Contact Dr. María Luisa Zúñiga, mlzuniga@mail.sdsu.edu**

Social Action Committee (SAC)
To educate and mobilize social workers in San Diego county to improve the social condition in the community and promote social justice. **Contact Dr. Tom Packard, tpackard@mail.sdsu.edu**

Undergraduate Social Work Association (USWA)
To foster student interaction in Social Work administration activities on campus and in the community. **Contact Dr. Yawen Li, yli@mail.sdsu.edu**

OUTREACH SDSU Social Work Student Association
To promote equality among lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer, intersex, and ally (LGBTQIA) individuals and families by educating future social workers about the unique needs of our community. **Contact Dr. David Engstrom, engstrom@mail.sdsu.edu, Silvia A. Barragan, LCSW silvia.barragan@mail.sdsu.edu**

Gerontology Student Association
To empower students in becoming leaders and advocates who are prepared to meet the needs of our dynamic aging population. We are an academic resource for gerontology students as well as an opportunity to interact, learn from, and network with alumni and other aging professionals in our community. All majors are encouraged to participate. **Contact Dr. Jong Min, jwmin@mail.sdsu.edu**

Phi Alpha Honor Society
The purpose of Phi Alpha Honor Society is to provide a closer bond among students of social work and promote humanitarian goals and ideals. Phi Alpha fosters high standards of education for social workers and invites into membership those who have attained excellence in scholarship and achievement in social work. Advisor: Dr. Melinda Hohman, mohman@mail.sdsu.edu.

* College Health and Human Services Student Council (CHHSSC)
To unite all the college’s student organizations on a board. It meets on a biweekly basis. The function is to support and advocate for students and organizations within the CHHS. The CHHSSC also has an AS Representative for SDSU.

*NOTE: This club is college-wide, not necessarily specific to the school.*