



School of Social Work



Bachelor of Arts Degree in Social Work Student Information Packet

2021/22

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 (BASW) 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 BASW are to prepare graduates to:

1. Function effectively as entry-level professionals in beginning social work practice.
2. Demonstrate sensitivity to the diverse racial, ethnic, and cultural background of the Southern California border region and are able to work effectively in a variety of roles to meet the needs of the region's varied communities.
3. Understand and use social work values and ethics throughout their professional practice.
4. 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. Demonstrate commitment to lifelong professional growth and learning.

Why Consider San Diego?

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

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.

Research Opportunities

SDSU ranks as the No. 1 California State University in federal research support, and as one of the top public research universities in California.

Last year, faculty members were awarded over \$148.5 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.



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 seven pre-major courses (SWORK 110 and SWORK 120) are available to community college students through “cross enrollment.” SDSU currently has an articulation agreement with Cuyamaca College (SW 110 and 120), San Diego City College (HUMS 110 and 120), and Palomar College (SWHS 110 and 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://arweb.sdsu.edu/es/admissions/>
- Admissions Application: <http://www.csumentor.com>
- Financial Aid/Scholarships: <http://www.sa.sdsu.edu/fao/index.html>
- 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://daesa.sdsu.edu/academic-student-success-programs>

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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 <https://socialwork.sdsu.edu/student-resources/references/basw-handbook/>. Pre-majors may also enroll in the upper division out of department electives, and SWORK 350 and SWORK 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 SWORK 370, SWORK 361, SWORK 382,

SWORK 381, and SWORK 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 <https://socialwork.sdsu.edu/student-resources/references/basw-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. https://registrar.sdsu.edu/resources/pdf/Change_of_Major_01-2019.pdf

Handbook

The Social Work Undergraduate Handbook describes all requirements of the Undergraduate Social Work Program. It is available online at <https://socialwork.sdsu.edu/student-resources/references/basw-handbook/>



Undergraduate Field Education (SWORK 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 <https://socialwork.sdsu.edu/field/student-resources/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: SWORK 400, SWORK 410, SWORK 430, SWORK 497, SWORK 596 and Gero 520. One SWORK 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 socialwork.sdsu.edu/stipend or contact Amalia Hernandez at amalia.hernandez@sdsu.edu. Funding will be available on a year-to-year basis.

Undergraduate Program Coordinator

Jennifer Cosio, MSW, PPSC
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jcosio@sdsu.edu

Undergraduate Advisor

For Freshmen and Sophomore Students:
Esmeralda Sanchez, MA
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For Junior and Senior Students:
Jennifer Cosio, MSW, PPSC
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Career Services for Social Work Students

Should you need assistance with preparing for the internship or job searching process, please contact Ms. Natalia Peddycoart, MSW, npeddycoart@sdsu.edu. She is the Career Services Coordinator specially servicing our students from the School of Social Work.

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 students contact our School of Social Work office at SOCWORK@sdsu.edu to participate in the school's e-mail information network. All students must use an SDSU email account for all SDSU related communication. To access your SDSU email account, please go to: <https://it.sdsu.edu/help/google>

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 School of Social Work does not offer Spring Admission.**

I. Pre-Major – 24 units

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| <input type="checkbox"/> SWORK 110 (Fall and Summer) | <input type="checkbox"/> Biology (100, 101, 204, or 261) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SWORK 120 (Spring only) | <input type="checkbox"/> Psych 101 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Econ (any 3 unit course) | <input type="checkbox"/> Soc 101 |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Statistics (Stats 250, Psych 280 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 2.7 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 SWORK 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

- SWORK 350 (Open to non-majors)
- SWORK 370
- SWORK 382 (Requires a minimum grade of “C”)
- SWORK 391

Spring ONLY

- SWORK 360 (Open to non-majors)
- SWORK 361
- SWORK 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 and have successfully passed all 300 level Social Work courses (SWORK 350, 360, 361, 370, 381, 382, and 391).
- Must attend the Mandatory Planning Meeting (usually at the start of spring semester during junior year) in order to be considered eligible for Field.
- Students will NOT be eligible for field (SWORK 483 and SWORK 489) if they are not at senior status (less than 90 units) or do not attend the Mandatory Planning Meeting.
- SWORK 483 A/SWORK 489A (fall semester only, must have a “C” or better in 483 A to continue to SWORK 483B)
- SWORK 483 B/SWORK 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: SWORK 400 Child Welfare, SWORK 410 Family Issues, SWORK 430 Alcohol Drug Prevention & Intervention, SWORK 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: <https://socialwork.sdsu.edu/student-resources/references/basw-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; CJ 321 Juvenile Justice; and SWORK 498A/SWORK 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 Jennifer Cosio on the same date as the Field Application is due, usually in February of spring semester.

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 9 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

You will be placed in an environmental community-based agency for internship (SWORK 48A and SWORK 489B).

Tip 1:

To begin your research, go to website (www.sdsu.edu) and select “select “Academics” and follow the links under:

- 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.

Social Work Advising

Provides guidance on course sequence for social work premajor and major courses.

The contact person for pre-social work major **freshmen and sophomore student advising is Esmeralda Sanchez**. Her email is essanchez@sdsu.edu or you can schedule an appointment with her by using the following appointment center link: esanchezadvisor.youcanbook.me

The contact person for Social Work major, **Juniors and Seniors, is Jennifer Cosio, MSW, PPSC**. Her email is jcosio@sdsu.edu and you can schedule an appointment with her via the online appointment link: swgeroadvising.youcanbook.me.

It is also very important to access the School of Social Work's website socialwork.sdsu.edu. Go to “Programs,” then “Undergraduate Programs” then, BA in Social Work,” and then click on “BASW Curriculum.”

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 SWORK 110 & SWORK 120 at City College (HUMS 110 and 120), Cuyamaca College (SW 110 and 120), Palomar College (SWHS 100 and 120), 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 schedule an appointment with your major advisor for freshmen and sophomore students, Esmeralda Sanchez.

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 contact Esmeralda Sanchez at essanchez@sdsu.edu or Jennifer Cosio at jcosio@sdsu.edu

School of Social Work Student Associations 2021-2022

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 Advisor: Dr. Jong Min, jwmin@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 Advisor: Prof. Norman Jackson, ndjackson@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 Advisor: Prof. Amanda Lee, amanda.lee@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 Advisor: Prof. Tamara Stohauer, tstohauer@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 Advisors: Dr. Dahlia Fuentes, dahlia.fuentes@sdsu.edu, and Prof. Jennifer Cosio, jcosio@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 Advisors: Prof. Amanda Lee, amanda.lee@sdsu.edu, and Prof. Silvia A. Barragan, LCSW silvia.barragan@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 Advisor: Prof. Jennifer Cosio, jcosio@sdsu.edu**

Student Association of School Social Workers (SASSW)

The purpose of the organization is to integrate, educate, while advocating and empowering social work students who are interested in the school social work profession. **Contact Advisor: Prof. Paul Brazzel, pbrazzel@sdsu.edu**

Student Social Work Association at SDSU – Imperial Valley

The purpose of the Student Social Work Association at SDSU – Imperial Valley is to educate, advocate for, and empower social work students, the social work profession and the Imperial Valley community.

Contact Advisor: Prof. Ernie Zuniga, ezuniga@sdsu.edu

Undergraduate Social Work Association (USWA)

To foster student interaction in Social Work administration activities on campus and in the community.

Contact Advisor: Prof. Jennifer Cosio, jcosio@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.*



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