

Bachelor of Science in Social Work

Program Overview

The Manchester University Social Work Program, a baccalaureate degree program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, graduates generalist social work professionals of ability and conviction who respect the infinite worth of every individual. Graduates of the program improve the human condition by applying social work knowledge, values, and skills to enhance the well-being of all people, especially those who are vulnerable, oppressed, or living in poverty; to alleviate poverty and oppression; and to promote social, economic, and environmental justice and peace. The program also prepares students for graduate studies in social work.

Degree Requirements

To earn this degree, students must have a GPA of 2.0 or higher in the Major as well as an overall GPA of 2.0, complete a minimum of 120 credit hours, and fulfill the course requirements of the program listed below.

*This is a sample plan; specific courses may vary from year to year. Academic advisors will work with each student to develop their individual schedule.

	Major-Specific Required Courses	CREDITS
✓		
	PEAC 112 Concerning Poverty	3
	PSYC 110^ Introduction to Psychology	4
	SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology	3
	SOWK 110^ Introduction to Social Work	3
	SOWK 222 Social Research Methods	3
	SOWK 228^ Racial, Ethnic, and Gender Inequality	3
	SOWK 274 SOWK Practice I: Becoming a Skilled Helper	3
	SOWK 334 Human Behavior and the Social Environment	4
	SOWK 366 Social Welfare Policy	3
	SOWK 375 SOWK Practice II: Indiv, Fam, Grps	3
	SOWK 384 SOWK Practice III: Orgs and Comms	3
	SOWK 475 Field Instruction	10
	SOWK 476 Field Instruction Seminar	4
	SOWK 477 SOWK Practice IV: Synthesizing a Prof. Identity	3
	POSC 123^ American Politics: Principles, Processes & Powers	3
	Choose 1 of the following:	CREDITS
	BIOL 104^ Science of Human Health	3
	BIOL 204 Fundamentals of Human Physiology	3

Total Program Credits: 120+

MAJOR	*Options
CORE	^CORE equivalent
ELECTIVE/MINOR	
EXPERIENTIAL	

	CORE	CREDITS
✓	Foundation	
	LA-FWS First-Year Writing Seminar	3
	LA-FCS First-Year Communication Seminar	3
	LA-FQR Quantitative Reasoning	3-4
	LA-FSS First Year Success Seminar	1
	LA-FCG Cultural and Global Understanding	3-5
	Exploration	
	LA-EAH Arts and Humanities	3
	LA-ENS Natural Sciences	3-6
	LA-ESS Social Sciences	3-4
	Transformation	
	LA-TFR Faith, Reason, and Ethics	3
	LA-TBI Big Issues - 2 courses	6-7
	LA-TCE Creative Expression	1-3
	Additional credits to bring total to 120+ credits	CREDITS
✓	Electives	
	Experiential Learning	

Example Course Sequence:

The following is a sample of a semester-by-semester approach to completing this program in 4 years.

YEAR 1						
FIRST SEMESTER						
COURSE		CREDITS	PREREQUISITES			
SOWK 110 [^]	Introduction to Social Work	3				
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology	3				
LA-FWS	First-Year Writing Seminar	3				
LA-FSS	First Year Success Seminar	1				
LA-FCS	First-Year Communication Seminar	3				
JAN TERM						
COURSE		CREDITS				
ELECTIVE/MINOR		3				
SECOND SEMESTER						
COURSE		CREDITS				
PSYC 110 [^]	Introduction to Psychology	4				
POSC 123 [^]	American Politics: Principles, Processes & P	3	SOC 101			
LA-FQR	Quantitative Reasoning	3				
LA-TFR	Faith, Reason, and Ethics	3				
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YEAR 2						
THIRD SEMESTER						
COURSE		CREDITS	PREREQUISITES			
BIOL 104 [^]	Science of Human Health	3				
ELECTIVE/MINOR		3				
LA-EAH	Arts and Humanities	3				
ELECTIVE/MINOR		3				
ELECTIVE/MINOR		3				
JAN TERM						
COURSE		CREDITS				
ELECTIVE/MINOR		3				
FOURTH SEMESTER						
COURSE		CREDITS				
PEAC 112	Concerning Poverty	3				
SOWK 222	Social Research Methods	3	SOC 101			
LA-TCE	Creative Expression	3				
ELECTIVE/MINOR		3				
ELECTIVE/MINOR		3				
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4-Year Sample Schedule Cont.

YEAR 3			
FIFTH SEMESTER			
COURSE		CREDITS	PREREQUISITES
SOWK 228^	Racial, Ethnic, and Gender Inequality	3	
SOWK 274	SOWK Practice I: Becoming a Skilled Helpe	3	SOWK 110, Fall
LA-TBI	Big Issues	3	
ELECTIVE/MINOR		3	
JAN TERM			
COURSE		CREDITS	
ELECTIVE/MINOR		3	
SIXTH SEMESTER			
COURSE		CREDITS	
SOWK 334	Human Behavior and the Social Environmen	4	BIOL 104 or 204; PEAC 112; POSC 123 or 225; PSYC 110; SOC 101
SOWK 366	Social Welfare Policy	3	SOC 101 or SOWK 110; POSC 123 or 225
LA-TBI	Big Issues	3	
ELECTIVE/MINOR		3	
ELECTIVE/MINOR		3	
		31	

YEAR 4			
SEVENTH SEMESTER			
COURSE		CREDITS	PREREQUISITES
SOWK 375	SOWK Practice II: Individ, Fam, Grps	3	Admission to Social Work Senior Practice Block
SOWK 384	SOWK Practice III: Orgs and Comms	3	SOC 101; SOWK 110; PEAC 112; POSC 123 or 225
ELECTIVE/MINOR		3	
ELECTIVE/MINOR		4	
JAN TERM			
COURSE		CREDITS	
SOWK 475	Field Instruction	4	Admission to Social Work Senior Practice Block; SOWK 110,222,228,274,334,366,375,384
EIGHTH SEMESTER			
COURSE		CREDITS	
SOWK 475	Field Instruction	6	Admission to Social Work Senior Practice Block; SOWK 110,222,228,274,334,366,375,384
SOWK 476	Field Instruction Seminar	4	Concurrent with SOWK 475
SOWK 477	SOWK Practice IV: Synthesizing a Prof. Ide	3	SOWK 475 and 476
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TOTAL CREDITS		120	