

BSW Student Admission Information Packet

Admission to the Social Work Program occurs while students are enrolled in at least one of the following core courses: SWK 2361, SWK 2362 or SWK 2389. These courses must be completed by first-class day of their first Junior semester.

Since admission to the BSW program occurs when students are enrolled SWK 2361, SWK 2362 or SWK 2389, students who want to transfer these courses from other schools must complete an application to the program PRIOR to enrolling in the upper division (300 or 400 level) social work classes, or within the first 3 days of the semester.

The BSW Admissions Committee will review any applications from transfer students immediately in order to allow continuation in upper division social work courses. Social work degree plans are completed at the time of admission to the program (during the latter part of the sophomore year) by the students and the BSW Director.

For students to enroll in junior-level classes, a "permit" is required. This will allow the BSW Director to ensure all students enrolled in upper division social work classes are qualified to do so. In addition, it will allow any transfer students to be assigned to a faculty advisor at that time.

Students submit an online application including a narrative statement of their interest in Social Work, estimates of grades from current professors, transcripts, and reference waiver. Students are also required to request three references. Application forms are available online. The Admissions Committee comprised of the instructors for SWK 2361, SWK 2362 and SWK 2389, will review each application to the major.

Admissions criteria include:

- 1. Completion of the required 42-hour University Core (English Composition; American History; American and Texas Government; Humanities; Science, including Human Biology; Math; and Intro to Psychology as the recommended Behavioral Science courses).
- "C" or better in MATH 1342; SOC 1306; SWK 2361; SWK 2362 AND SWK 2389.
- 3. An overall Grade Point Average of 2.5 or greater.

Students who have not met all admissions criteria but are likely to be able to do so prior to entry into Field Practicum, may be admitted on a conditional basis, with a readiness plan.

Not everyone is well suited to become a professional social worker; therefore, students are assessed for their appropriateness to serve people who are vulnerable or oppressed. Those students not admitted will be advised on whether to take remedial action or to select

another program or major. Junior and Senior level social work classes are restricted to those students who have been fully or conditionally admitted to the program.

The admissions criteria are designed to help ensure that students who are admitted to the program are likely to succeed and have the potential to become competent and valued members of the profession of social work.

Academic Advising

Academic advising is helpful to ensure the completion of all requirements in a timely manner. Students are expected to meet with their assigned academic and faculty advisors.

For more information, visit or contact the BSW Program at:

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