

SOCIAL WORK

The Social Work degree program is designed to prepare and qualify the student academically, professionally and spiritually for quality educational and professional Christian service by providing knowledge and training in generalist social work and related disciplines, accompanied by appropriate elective studies. Students learn basic foundations, knowledge, research skills, policies, issues, practice methods, and social service delivery systems coupled with an understanding of a Christian perspective and ministry-related community outreach faith-based endeavors. The Social Work degree at Southwestern enables students to have a strong academic foundation for entry-level social work positions as well as admission to graduate social work professional programs.

Knowledge – Students should be able to:

1. Demonstrate competency in the general education core of the curriculum.
2. Demonstrate competency in the knowledge of Scripture and general theological terms and concepts.
3. Describe the significant personalities, events, and developments of Pentecostal history and explain the distinctive of Pentecostal doctrine.
4. Describe the significant personalities, events, and developments in church history and discuss their significance for the contemporary church.
5. Write a philosophy of ministry in keeping with a biblical view of the Church and its mission.
6. Take an exam for credentials for ministry related to their chosen field of service that results in a passing score.

Attitudes – Students should be able to:

1. Subscribe to a high view of the authority and inspiration of Scripture.
2. Acknowledge the Lordship of Christ over their personal lives and ministries and the fellowship of the Church.
3. Relate a personal commitment of the Church, its varied ministries and its mission within contemporary culture.
4. Accept the challenges and opportunities of ministry within their chosen major after leaving college.
5. Report a refined and deepened sense of calling in keeping with a defined awareness of giftedness.

Pre-professional skills – Students should be able to:

1. Integrate the knowledge and principles of social work into a biblical worldview.
2. Articulate a proper relationship between social work and Christian faith.
3. Demonstrate academic competence in preparation for advanced study related to this field.
4. Successfully apply knowledge and techniques of social work in supervised field experiences.

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GENERAL EDUCATION STUDIES 58 Hours

General Education: 14 hours

- COM 1143 Fundamentals of Speech
 - ENG 1113 Composition and Rhetoric I
 - ENG 1123 Composition and Rhetoric II
- 3 hours from the following:*
- ENG 2233 American Literature I
 - ENG 2243 American Literature II
 - ENG 2273 Introduction to Literature

GES 1122 Strategies for Student Success

Social/Behavioral Sciences: 9 hours

- GOV 2213 National and State Government
- 3 hours from HIS 1000 - 2000 level, or with approval from History Dept. 3000-4000 level*
- PSY 1153 Introduction to Psychology

Natural Science/Mathematics: 7 hours

- BIO 1113 Biological Science and BIO 1111 Lab

3 hours from the following:

- MTH 1113 College Math
- MTH 1123 College Algebra

Physical Education: 4 hours

- PED 2232 Wellness and Lifestyle
- 2 hours from activity courses without duplication: PED 1101-PED 2291*

General Biblical Studies: 24 Hours

- BIB 2213 Bible Study
- CMN 1223 The Church in Mission
- CMN 2213 Foundations of Church Ministries
- REL 1133 Authentic Christianity
- REL 1153 New Testament Literature
- REL 1163 Old Testament Literature
- THE 2113 Introduction to Theology and Apologetics
- THE 2333 Pentecostal Doctrine and History

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Upon completion of this program students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate in-depth understanding and apply the knowledge, values, and skills of generalist social work.
2. Demonstrate understanding of principles, theory, knowledge, values and skills of applied social research.
3. Demonstrate proficiency in critical thinking skills within the context of generalist social work practice.
4. Apply knowledge of bio-psycho-social variables that affect individual development and behavior, and use of theoretical frameworks to understand the interactions among individuals and social systems.

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MAJOR STUDIES 60 Hours

PSY 1113	Psychology of Selfhood and the Christian Faith
PSY 2323	Developmental Psychology
PSY 3313	Abnormal Psychology
PSY 3453	Social Psychology
PSY 4483	Human Sexuality
SWK 2113	Introduction to Social Work
SWK 2133	Social Welfare Policies, Programs and Issues
SWK 2213	Counseling Children and Adolescents
SWK 2223	Addictive Behavior and Recovery
SWK 2283	Introduction to Counseling and Social Work Practice I
SWK 2413	Statistics for Behavioral Sciences
SWK 2423	Cultural Issues in the Helping Professions
SWK 3113	Church and Community Social Work
SWK 3133	Delinquent Behavior and Rehabilitation
SWK 3273	Advanced Counseling Methods and Social Work Practice II
SWK 3443	Crisis Intervention and Management
SWK 4313	Behavioral Science Research
SWK 4413	Methods and Techniques in Marriage and Family Counseling
SWK 4483	Social Work Field Practicum I
SWK 4583	Social Work Field Practicum II

GENERAL ELECTIVES 9 hours

TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS 127 Hours

5. Understand the history of the social work profession, its current structures and issues.
6. Analyze the impact of social policies on clients systems, workers and agencies.
7. Understand forms and mechanisms of oppression and discrimination and the strategies to advance social and economic justice.
8. Understand structures of organizations and service systems, and understand the necessity of organizational change.
9. Demonstrate the use of biblical values and ethics in the generalist social work practice.
10. Demonstrate the ability to establish rapport with clients from diverse backgrounds.
11. Demonstrate professional behavior.

Additional Program Stipulations

1. All full-time students are to include one Bible, theology, or religion course each semester until degree requirements have been satisfied.
2. First-year students enrolled full-time are to include GES 1122 in their first semester schedule.
3. First-year students are to enroll in activity physical education courses each of their first two semesters at SAGU. Exceptions will be granted only with approval of the College Dean.
4. Veterans with at least six months of service may apply for and receive four hours of credit for physical education. Contact the Registrar's office.