

IU School of Social Work

This four-year degree program prepares students for generalist social work practice. It helps students develop the competence to apply knowledge, values, and skills to practice with individuals, small groups, organizations, and communities. The program also prepares students for graduate education. The B.S.W. degree equips the practitioner to work with people who are encountering challenges related to personal or social circumstances. In addition, qualified graduates may apply for advanced standing to the IU School of Social Work or other M.S.W. programs nationwide.

Admission Standards and Procedures

Apply to IU Fort Wayne BSW Program

Admission to the Indiana University School of Social Work (IUSSW) is competitive. We have Bachelor's programs located across the state of Indiana.

COHORT:

Fall Admission Application Deadline: July 1

Spring Admission Application Deadline: December 1

To apply to the BSW program, review the [IUSSW BSW website](#) and [admission instructions](#).

Admission Standards

Admission Criteria

Enrollment in the BSW program requires formal admission to the IU School of Social Work. The following are the minimum requirements for consideration for admission to the program:

1. Regular admission to the university.
2. Completion of a minimum of 12 credit hours.
3. Satisfactory completion (grade of C or higher) of the required course SWK-S 141 Introduction to Social Work.
4. A minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
5. Evidence of characteristics or potential required of competent social work practitioners as defined in the mission statement of the School. Such evidence may be derived from application materials, letters of reference, pertinent work or volunteer experience, and performance in SWK-S 141 Introduction to Social Work.
6. It is the policy of the School of Social Work that no student or applicant who has been convicted of sex offenses against children shall be eligible for admission or continuation into the BSW, MSW or Ph.D. programs.

After Submission

Once you submit your application, you will receive a number of emails regarding the application process:

- The first email includes a copy of your application.
- The second email notifies you of your application progress.
- As part of the IUSSW application process, you must provide one professional (direct supervisor) or academic reference. Once your reference provides the necessary information requested by the School, you will receive an email that confirms your application is ready for committee review.

Applications Decisions

Once the committee review is complete, you will receive an email with a decision of admission. To accept an offer of admission, you must complete an intent form within a given time frame. Failure to meet this deadline may be cause for cancellation of admission. The offer of admission provides specific details about the intent form and enrollment process.

Should you choose not to enroll in the semester for which admission was granted, the IUSSW allows deferrals of up to one year. If you defer admission, you must confirm your intent at the time of the next enrollment/admission period.

Admissions with Conditions

Full admission to the BSW Program is granted when all admission requirements are met. Conditional admission is granted upon meeting specific requirements. Conditional admission is changed to full admission once you have met the specified condition(s). Failure to fulfill these condition(s), as stated in the offer of admission, may result in cancellation of admission.

Accreditation

IU School of Social Work is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education and has been helping students acquire social work skills since 1911. The Bachelor of Social Work program is competency based.

Student Learning Outcomes

Through a rigorous course of study, students develop the ability to:

- Demonstrate ethical and professional behavior
- Engage in practice which respects diversity and difference
- Advance human rights as well as social, environmental, and economic justice
- Engage in research informed practice
- Assess, intervene and evaluate practice with individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities

In addition to top-notch faculty and classroom experiences, the BSW program offers an extensive internship opportunity where students work in agencies, learn from veteran social workers, and discover what they would like to do upon graduation.

Mission Statement and Values

Mission, Vision and Values

Mission Statement

The mission of the IUSSW is excellence in education, research and service to promote health, well-being, and social and economic justice in a diverse world.

Vision

An exemplary university and community-based collaboration advancing social and economic justice, empowerment, and human well-being in a changing global landscape.

Underlying Values

SOCIAL and ECONOMIC JUSTICE

- equity
- fairness
- security
- inclusion
- access to resources
- ethics
- nurturance
- respect
- commitment
- stability
- transparency

DIVERSITY

- equal access
- commitment to diversity
- celebration of diversity
- recruitment of diversity for students, faculty and staff
- embraced and embodied diversity
- equity
- fairness security
- inclusion

EFFECTIVENESS

- continuing improvement
- leadership
- adaptability
- balance
- critical thinking
- professionalism
- joy in work

EMPOWERMENT

- maximizing on individual and collective potential
- individual and collective critical consciousness
- continuous questioning of the world around us

EXCELLENCE

- professionalism
- cooperation
- commitment
- balance
- adaptability
- continuous improvement
- critical thinking

- leadership

INTEGRITY

- honesty
- openness
- trustworthiness
- accountability
- personal and professional standards
- respect of differences
- commitment to our mission

Academic Policies

It is the responsibility of the student to be aware of all published academic regulations.

Incompletes

A grade of Incomplete can be granted and noted on the final grade report by the instructor when a substantial portion of the course work has been satisfactorily completed, the course work is of passing quality, and the student is experiencing some hardship that would render the completion of course work unjust to hold them to the time limits previously established. A grade of Incomplete will revert to an "F" after one academic year or when the incomplete contract requirements are not fulfilled.

Pass/Fail Option

Participants who are working toward a bachelor's degree and are in good standing (not on academic probation) may take up to eight elective courses on a Pass/Fail basis (no letter grade assigned). A Pass/Fail course may not be used to satisfy any of the area requirements. Pass/Fail courses may, however, be used to meet the 300- to 400-level course requirements.

Dean's List

All undergraduate students majoring in Social Work and achieving a 3.75 grade point average (GPA) or higher during a fall or spring semester are placed on the Dean's Honor List. These honor students will receive letters from the dean recognizing their meritorious efforts.

Graduation with Honors

Each year, graduating students who rank in the upper 10 percent of their graduating class are recognized by graduating with Distinction (Highest, High, and With Distinction). These students are awarded specially colored "cords" which they wear attached to the shoulder of their graduation gowns during the commencement ceremony.

Cheating and Plagiarism

A student must not adopt or reproduce ideas, words, or statements of another person without appropriate acknowledgment. A student must give credit to the originality of others and acknowledge indebtedness whenever he or she does any of the following:

- Quotes another person's actual words, either oral or written;
- Paraphrases another person's words, either oral or written;
- Uses another person's idea, opinion, or theory; or
- Borrows facts, statistics, or other illustrative material, unless the information is common knowledge.

- Please check the IU Code of Conduct for further information.

Academic Probation

Students who earn less than a "C" in a required Social Work course or drop below an overall or Social Work GPA of 2.5 will be placed by the program director (or designee) on academic probation or dismissed from the program. To remain in the BSW Program, these students are required to meet with the director upon request and sign a contract that addresses a plan for their success. They must raise both the Social Work and overall GPA to 2.5 within an academic year to avoid automatic dismissal. Any student receiving below a "C" in a required core social work course must repeat the course and earn a "C" or above.

Social Work

Bachelor of Social Work Curriculum

Degree Requirements

BSW Educational Requirements

The curriculum for the BSW degree consists of a minimum of 120 credit hours provided through required and elective courses. Of these credit hours, 42-45 credit hours are devoted to supportive liberal arts courses and 52 credit hours to social work courses.

BSW General Education Requirements & Program Support Courses

Degree requirements are divided into four areas. General education, support courses, required courses and electives. General education course requirements vary by campus. Students are expected to meet the general education requirements specific to the campus to which they are applying. The BSW Program has basic educational requirements consistent across campuses. The BSW program support courses are listed below. Work with your BSW Academic Advisor to ensure you meet both the campus and BSW general education requirements.

BSW Program Support Courses

- Professional Writing Skills OR a writing course approved by the student's campus
- Public Speaking
- Modern American History
- Human Biological Science
- American Government
- Introductory Psychology
- Introduction to Sociology
- A 3 credit 300 or 400 level Social Work elective, Psychology, or Sociology course

BSW Social Work Requirements (15 courses)

- SWK-S 102 Understanding Diversity in a Pluralistic Society (3 cr.)
- SWK-S 141 Introduction to Social Work (3 cr.)
- SWK-S 221 Human Growth and Development in the Social Environment (3 cr.)
- SWK-S 251 History and Analysis of Social Welfare Policy (3 cr.)

- SWK-S 331 Generalist Social Work Practice I: Theory and Skills (3 cr.)
- SWK-S 322 Small Group Theory and Practice (3 cr.)
- SWK-S 332 Generalist Social Work Practice II: Theory and Skills (3 cr.)
- SWK-S 352 Social Welfare Policy and Practice (3 cr.)
- SWK-S 371 Social Work Research (3 cr.)
- SWK-S 423 Organizational Theory and Practice (3 cr.)
- SWK-S 433 Community Behavior and Practice (3 cr.)
- SWK-S 442 Integrated Practice-Policy Seminar (3 cr.)
- SWK-S 472 Social Work Practice Evaluation (3 cr.)
- SWK-S 481 Social Work Practicum 1 (6 cr.)
- SWK-S 482 Social Work Practicum II (7 cr.)

Bachelor of Social Work

Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) Curriculum

First Year - Fall Semester

Subject	Course	Title	Cr Hrs	Min Grade
ENGL	13100	Reading, Writing, & Inquiry I	3	
		Also meets: Core Communication - Writing General Education		
PSY	12000	Elementary 3 Psychology	3	
		Also meets: Social Science General Education		
MA	21300	Finite Mathematics I	3	
		MA 21300 Recommended but can be fulfilled by other qualifying courses		
		Also meets: Analytical Reasoning List A General Education		

SWK-S	141	Introduction3 to Social Work	C
	Total Credits	15	
	Cumulative Total	15	

First Year - Spring Semester

Subject	Course	Title	Cr Hrs	Min Grade
COM	11400	Fundamentals of Speech	3	
		Also meets: Core Communication - Speaking & Listening General Education		
PHIL	11100	Ethics	3	
		Also meets: Arts & Humanities		
BIOL	10000	Introduction to the Biological World		
		Also meets; Life & Physical Science General Education		
SOC	16100	Principles of Sociology	3	
		Also meets: Social Science		
		Elective	3	
	Total Credits		15	
	Cumulative Total		30	

Second Year - Fall Semester

Subject	Course	Title	Cr Hrs	Min Grade
SWK-S	221	Human Growth & Development in Social Environment	3	C
POL	10300	Introduction3 to		

		American Politics	
		Also meets: Social Science General Education	
ENGL	23301	Intermediate3 Expository Writing	
		Elective	3
		Elective	3
	Total Credits		15
	Cumulative Total		45

Second Year - Spring Semester

Subject	Course	Title	Cr Hrs	Min Grade
SWK-S	372	Statistical Reasoning in Social Work	3	
		Also meets: Analytical Reasoning List B General Education		
		SWK-S372 Recommended but can be fulfilled by other qualifying courses		
SWK-S	251	History and Analysis of Social Welfare Policy	3	C
HIST	10601	American History II	3	
NUTR	30300	Essentials of Nutrition	3	
		Elective	3	
	Total Credits		15	
	Cumulative Total		60	

Third Year - Fall Semester

Subject	Course	Title	Cr Hrs	Min Grade
SWK-S	331	Generalist Social Work Practice I:	3	C

SWK-S	322	Theory & Skills	3	C
		Small Group		
		Theory & Practice		
	300-400	level	3	
		Social Work, Psychology or Sociology elective		
		Elective	3	
		Elective	3	
	Total Credits		15	
	Cumulative Total		75	

Third Year - Spring Semester

Subject	Course	Title	Cr Hrs	Min Grade
SWK-S	332	Generalist	3	C
		Social Work Practice II: Theory & Skills		
SWK-S	352	Social Welfare Policy Practice	3	C
SWK-S	371	Social Work Research	3	C
		Elective	3	
		Elective	3	
	Total Credits		15	
	Cumulative Total		90	

Fourth Year - Fall Semester

Subject	Course	Title	Cr Hrs	Min Grade
SWK-S	423	Organizational Theory and Practice	3	C
SWK-S	442	Practice-Policy Seminar in Fields of Practice	3	C
SWK-S	481	Social Work Practicum	6	C
		Elective	3	
	Total Credits		15	

Cumulative Total	105
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Fourth Year - Spring Semester

Subject	Course	Title	Cr Hrs	Min Grade
SWK-S	433	Community Behavior and Practice	3	C
SWK-S	472	Social Work Practice Evaluation	3	C
SWK-S	482	Social Work Practicum II	7	C
		Elective	2	
	Total Credits		15	
	Cumulative Total		120	

Recommended Elective List: Students may choose any course not already required for the degree. However, selecting from the following course list is recommended.

- HSRV 16900 Introduction to Wellness and Stress Management
- PSY 25100 Health Psychology
- PSY 37100 Death and Dying
- PSY 44400 Human Sexual Behavior
- SOC 31400 Social Aspects of Health and Medicine
- PSY 31700 Addictions: Biology, Psychology and Society
- PSY 36700 Adult Development and Aging
- RADX-R185 Medical Terminology

Bachelor of Social Work TSAP

Bachelor of Social Work - BSW-TSAP - Curriculum

Transfer Single Articulation Pathway (TSAP) degree programs at IUFW allow students at Ivy Tech Community College and Vincennes University to earn an associate degree in a specified field and then transfer to IU with junior status to complete a bachelor's degree in the same field.

First Year - Fall Semester

Subject	Course	Title	Cr Hrs	Min Grade
		Human Services to Social Work TSAP Milestone		
		Milestone Details: Check your student		

		record for the Human Services to Social Work TSAP milestone to verify eligibility for this plan of study.		
		Required Semester of Completion: Year 1, Fall		
SWK-S	102	Understanding Diversity in a Pluralistic Society	3	C
SWK-S	141	Introduction to Social Work	3	C
SWK-S	322	Small Group Theory and Practice	3	C
SWK-S	331	Generalist Social Work Practice I: Theory & Skill	3	C
		Elective	3	
		Total Credits	15	
		Cumulative Total	15	

First Year - Spring Semester

Subject	Course	Title	Cr Hrs	Min Grade
SWK-S	332	Generalist Social Work Practice II: Theories & Skills	3	C
SWK-S	352	Social Welfare Policy and Practice	3	C
SWK-S	371	Social Work Research	3	C
		Elective	3	
		Elective	3	
		Total Credits	15	

Cumulative Total	30
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Second Year - Fall Semester

Subject	Course	Title	Cr Hrs	Min Grade
SWK-S	481	Social Work Practicum I	6	C
SWK-S	423	Organizational Theory and Practice	3	C
SWK-S	442	Integrated Practice - Policy Seminar in Selected Fields of Practice	3	C
		Elective	3	
		Total Credits	15	
		Cumulative Total	45	

Second Year - Spring Semester

Subject	Course	Title	Cr Hrs	Min Grade
SWK-S	482	Social Work Practicum II	7	C
SWK-S	433	Community Behavior and Practice Within a Generalist Perspective	3	C
SWK-S	472	Practice Evaluation	3	C
		Elective	2	
		Total Credits	15	
		Cumulative Total	60	

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Courses