



The Bachelor of Social Work Program at Youngstown State University has as its primary mission the educational preparation of students for beginning, ethical, competent, social work practice with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.

The program prepares graduates to assume professional roles to address conditions of poverty, unemployment, underemployment, racial and ethnic disparities and demands for service that exist in the Youngstown region and increases their consciousness to how vulnerable groups such as racial and ethnic minorities, women, and children are often the target of the aforementioned injustices. Exposing students to these problems increases understanding and enhances the potential for thoughtful solutions and remedies.

PRE-SOCIAL WORK MAJOR

Students enter the BSW program by declaring the **pre-social work major**. The pre-social work major consists of core competencies, general education requirements (GERs), and lower division social work courses. These courses are typically completed in the freshman and sophomore years. Students may take needed GER and elective courses outside of the pre-social work major at this time to facilitate a schedule which works well for them.

Pre-social work courses include the following:

ENGL 1549 or 1550	SOC 1500	SCWK 2600	SCWK 2642
ENGL 1551	PSYC 1560	SCWK 2622	SCWK 2644
CMST 1545	SCWK 1510	SCWK 2641	
Two (2) Social & Personal Awareness Courses* (SPA)		Two (2) Arts & Humanities** (AH)	

*Please see the list of *suggested* SPA courses for pre-social work students on page 2 of this packet.

**Please see the list of *suggested* AH courses for pre-social work students on page 2 of this packet.

SOCIAL WORK MAJOR

Students must be formally admitted to the social work major. To be eligible for entry to the social work major, students must meet the following requirements:

1. Complete all pre-social work courses with a **C or better**;
2. Achieve an overall GPA of **2.5 or better**;
3. Submit a completed Social Work Program **Admission Application** (available from the Department of Social Work) to the Department of Social Work the semester preceding the semester for which admission is sought:
 - Applications for Spring entry are due September 30th
 - Applications for Fall entry are due February 28th
 - If either date falls on a weekend, applications will be accepted the following Monday
4. Participate in an **admission interview** and be approved for admission by the BSW Program Coordinator.

Neither admission to the University nor enrollment in social work courses as a pre-social work major guarantees admission to the social work major. Pre-social work majors not formally admitted to the social work major will be unable to register for SCWK 3736 and subsequent courses in the social work program.

Students in the Social Work major are often required to do criminal background, child abuse, and FBI clearances. *Having a criminal record may impact your ability to get licensure* and should be discussed with the BSW program coordinator, department chair, and/or the Ohio State licensing board.

Last: _____ First/Pref: _____

Yoo _____ Ph/Em: _____

Pre-Social Work Coursework 27 S.H. **Pre-Social Work Major Courses** 18 S.H.

Catalog #	Course	S.H.	GR	Catalog #	Course	S.H.	GR
Writing	ENGL 1549 (4 SH) or 1550 (3 SH)	3		SCWK 1510	Intro to Social Work	3	
	ENGL 1551	3		SCWK 2600	Health Issues in SW Practice	3	
Speech	CMST 1545	3		SCWK 2622	Social Work Processes	3	
SS	SOC 1500	3		SCWK 2641	American Social Welfare	3	
SS	PSYC 1560	3		SCWK 2642	Human Behavior & Social Env 1	3	
AH*		3		SCWK 2644	Human Behavior & Social Env 2	3	

Social Work Major Courses 51 S.H.

Catalog #	Course	S.H.	GR	Catalog #	Course	S.H.	GR
SPA**		3		SCWK 3736	SW Methods with Individuals	3	
SPA**		3		SCWK 3720	Cultural Diversity	3	
General Education Coursework 11 S.H.				SCWK 3737	SW Methods with Groups	3	
Catalog #	Course	S.H.	GR	SCWK 3738	SW Methods with Families	3	
Math	2623 (3 SH) or 2623C (5 SH)	3		SCWK 3739	SW Methods w/Organizations & Comm	3	
NS		3		SCWK 3742	Substance Abuse & Recovery	3	
NS Lab		1		SCWK 3743	Mental Health	3	
NS		3		SCWK 3760	Research Methods for SW	3	
FYE	YSU/HONRS/SS 1500 (1 or 2 SH)	1		SCWK 3770	Social Policy	3	

13 SH needed <-Electives -> complete 13 S.H.

Catalog #	Course	S.H.	GR	Catalog #	Course	S.H.	GR
		3		SCWK 4825	Fieldwork in SW (concurrent w/4826)	6	
		3		SCWK 4826	Integrated Fieldwork Seminar	3	
		3		SCWK 4825	Fieldwork in SW (concurrent w/4827)	6	
		3		SCWK 4827	Integrated Capstone	3	

Social Work Electives 6 S.H.

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Hours Not Applicable to Graduation 0 S.H.

Catalog #	Course	S.H.	GR

Student Acknowledgement

I have reviewed and agree with this graduation evaluation. I understand I must apply for graduation by the published deadline.

39 Upper Division Hours Needed for Graduation

Hours Required for Graduation: 120

Plus N/A Hours: 0

Total Hours Required for Graduation: 120

Date	HC	TRF	Total	GPA	Initial

Student Signature Date

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Student Signature Date

Arts & Humanities*

Dept	#	Title
AFST	2601	Intro to Africana Studies 2
ART	1544	Survey of Art History: Body, Gender, and Self
ENGL	2610	World Literature
ENGL	2617	Women in Literature
ENGL	2618	American Literature & Diversity
ENGL	2620	African Literature
ENGL	2630	LGBTQIA Literature
MUHL	2624	Survey of Hip Hop
PHIL	1560	Intro to Philosophy
PHIL	1565	Critical Thinking
PHIL	2608	The Examined Life
PHIL/REL	2610	Global Ethics
PHIL	2625	Intro to Professional Ethics
PHIL	2627	Law & Criminal Justice Ethics
REL	2601	Intro to World Religions
REL	2605	Myth, Symbol, & Ritual
REL	2621	Religion & Moral Issues

Shaded courses can count in only 1 GER category

Social & Personal Awareness**

Dept	#	Title
AFST	2600	Intro to Africana Studies 1
AFST	2601	Intro to Africana Studies 2
AMER	2601	American Identity
ART	1544	Survey of Art History: Body, Gender, and Self
ART	1591	Idea Development & Creativity in Cultural Context
CMST	2610	Intercultural Communication
COUN	1587	Intro to Health & Wellness in Contemporary Society
ECON	1503	Rich & Poor: Diversity & Disparity in the US Workplace
ECON	1505	Intro to Personal Financial Literacy
ENGL	2610	World Literature
ENGL	2617	Women in Literature
ENGL	2618	American Literature & Diversity
ENGL	2630	LGBTQIA Literature
GERO/SOC	3703	Aging & Society
PHLT	1531	Fundamentals of Public Health
POL	1550	Intro to Political Science
REL	2601	Intro to World Religions
SOC	2690	Identities & Differences
WMST	2601	Intro to Women's Studies
WMST/TCED	2650	LGBTQ Issues in History & Popular Culture

University and Departmental Policy

- Pre-Social Work and Social Work Major Courses must be taken for a grade, with the exception of SCWK 4825, which is taken CR/NC. A grade of “C” or better (CR for SCWK 4825) is required for degree completion.
- The [Social Work Curriculum](#) meets the University requirements for upper division hours.
- Please refer to the [YSU Undergraduate Catalog](#) for detailed information on General Education Requirements, course descriptions, and hours not applicable toward graduation.

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Important Funding Opportunities for Students Considering the BSW

Mahoning and Columbiana Training Association Tuition Assistance Program

- Grant-based program (no repayment)
- If eligible, funds available for tuition, books, and fees
- Can only be used for the final two (2) years of your degree
- If eligible, may also cover supportive services (test fees such as the LSW exam, parking, etc.)
- This is a national program that can be administered to any student through the local office
- To begin the process of determining your eligibility:
 - Stop in your local Ohio Means Jobs center, or;
 - Contact Laura Gatrell, Adult Services Coordinator for Mahoning County
 - 330-301-2961
 - lgatrell@mctaworkforce.org

Training for a career in Child Welfare: University Partnership Program (UPP)

The University Partnership Program (UPP) is a specialized program offered to BSW social work students who have an interest in working with children and families where there are concerns of abuse and neglect. Youngstown State University’s UPP, in partnership with the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services (ODJFS), and local child welfare agencies in Mahoning, Trumbull, Columbiana, Ashtabula, and Summit County Children Services, recruits, trains and mentors social work students who want to specialize in child welfare.

The program involves specialized hands-on training preparing students for a career working with children and families where there are issues of abuse and neglect. Students take special child welfare courses (SCWK 3726 and 3727) and complete their field placement in a child welfare agency as a part of this program. Students successfully graduating from the UPP Program will be granted first consideration for employment at a child welfare agency in a partnering county. Additionally, students will be eligible to receive incentive monies up to \$5,000-\$10,000. If you are interested in this program, please contact the UPP Campus Coordinator, Phyllis J. Johnson, LISW-S, ACSW (pjohnson@ysu.edu) for more details.

Why choose the YSU Social Work Program?

- A quality education with affordable tuition close-to-home
- You will graduate from an accredited state university with a BSW from an accredited Social Work Program that has been reaffirmed by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) through 2028
- All classes are held on-site at one of three campuses – Youngstown State University (main campus), Lakeland Community College, or Lorain County Community College (partnership programs)
- Diverse class schedule includes day and evening hours to accommodate learners from many backgrounds
- Veterans are assessed for course credit for their military service through our Office of Veteran’s Affairs
- Courses are taught by experienced faculty with many years of social work practice experience
- Student success is supported through frequent and personable interaction with a caring and knowledgeable academic advisor in addition to program faculty
- Required fieldwork (internship) experience will help connect coursework to practice to prepare students to enter into a professional position
- Fieldwork will be organized by the Fieldwork Coordinator with many social service organizations to choose from
- Fieldwork will consist of 450 hours completed over two semesters, totaling 12-15 hours/week
- Seminar courses will prepare students to write effective resumes and cover letters, interview for a job, create a portfolio, and prepare for their licensure test
- Following graduation, you will be eligible to take the Basic Examination for licensure (LSW) in Ohio

How does YSU compare to other schools regarding the pass rate for the LSW exam?

Take a look for yourself!

Ranking	School	# of Students Who Took the BSW exam	Pass Rate
1	Youngstown State University	59	80%
2	Miami University	20	80%
3	University of Cincinnati	34	76%
4	Ohio State University	144	74%
5	Ohio University	73	70%
6	Capital University	29	69%
7	Bowling Green State University	44	66%
8	University of Toledo	39	64%
9	University of Akron	62	60%
10	Cleveland State University	58	57%