Major Course Requirements

A minimum of 108.2 hours (61.2 upper-division hours)

Required Core Courses (71.2 hours):
- PSYC 322 Research Design* 4
- PSYC 358 Abnormal Psychology 4
- SOCI 335 “Racial” and Ethnic Relations** 3
- SOWK 121 Introduction to Social Work 3
- SOWK 232 American Social Problems** 4
- SOWK 275 Hist and Phil of Social Welfare Institutions 3
- SOWK 340 Writing for Program Evaluation I 1
- SOWK 341 Writing for Program Evaluation II 2
- SOWK 368 Principles of Counseling 4
- SOWK 376 Human Behavior/Social Environment I 3
- SOWK 377 Human Behavior/Social Environment II 3
- SOWK 382 Practice Theory I* 4
- SOWK 383 Practice Theory II* 4
- SOWK 394 Colloquium*** 1.2
- SOWK 465 Practice Theory III* 4
- SOWK 468 Social Welfare Policy/Contemporary Issues 3
- SOWK 476 Field Experience I 5
- SOWK 477 Field Experience II 4
- SOWK 478 Field Experience III 5
- SOWK 486 Integrative Field Seminar I 1
- SOWK 487 Integrative Field Seminar II 1
- SOWK 488 Integrative Field Seminar III 1
- SOWK 490 Issues in Religion/Ethics/Human Sci**** 4

Required Core Electives (8 hours):
Electives must be selected in consultation with the advisor.

Required Cognate Courses (29 hours):
- BIOL 223 Medical Terminology 2
- or BIOL 101 Human Anatomy*(4)
- or BIOL 102 Human Physiology* (4)
- COMM 105 Communication and Public Speaking** 4
- ECON 261 Macroeconomics 4
- ENGL 101+102 College English I,II** 4+4
- PLSC 124 Introduction to American Government 4
- or PLSC 274 Introduction to Political Thought (3)
- PSYC 121 General Psychology 4
- STAT 222 Introduction to Statistics** 4

Recommended Courses:
Students who intend to seek employment in California are strongly urged to include Spanish as a second language. See especially SPAN 105 Spanish for Health Care Professionals: Basic and SPAN 111+112+113 Beginning Spanish.

Student Learning Outcomes

Students can:
- Demonstrate respect for the core Department values of free inquiry, diversity, responsible citizenship, and service to God and Humanity.
- Demonstrate recognition of the moral tensions, and appreciation of the common values, between the professions and the Christian faith.
- Identify as a professional social worker and conduct oneself accordingly.
- Apply social work ethical principles to guide professional practice.
- Apply critical thinking to inform and communicate professional judgments.
- Engage diversity and difference in practice.
- Advance human rights and social and economic justice.
- Engage in research-informed practice and practice-informed research.
- Apply knowledge of human behavior and the social environment.
- Engage, assess, intervene, and evaluate with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.

Occupational Information

What can I do with this major?
Social workers have a wide scope of specialties, some of which are medical, employee assistance, psychiatric, administrative, forensic, corrections, child welfare, developmental disabilities, research, teaching, family counseling, program management, veteran affairs, community organization, gerontology, poverty programs, and private practice.

Additional Education Required?
Graduate education (M.S.W.) is recommended for many of the above areas. A bachelor’s degree may limit one’s possibilities for advancement. However, there are many opportunities open to B.S.W. graduates.

Public Sector vs. Denominational
Currently there are jobs in the medical and educational fields with limited opportunities in local church organizational positions.

Job Outlook
Employment of social workers is expected to increase by 25 percent during the 2010-2020 decade, which is faster than the average for all occupations. Earnings: Median annual earnings for social workers is $60,980 according to the May 2017 Bureau of Labor Statistics. Annual earnings vary by region, type of social work agency, and educational level. Salaries can range from $79,740 for work in the Federal government to $44,380 for work with individuals and families.

* Lab required.
** Fulfills a G.E. requirement.
*** Must be taken each quarter of the sophomore and junior years.
**** Applies to G.E. requirement II.E.
Note: Major fulfills the G.E. Health requirement.
Pacific Union College
Major in Social Work, B.S.W.

General Education Requirements

To view general education requirements for this major, please refer to page A-01, Summary of General Education Requirements: B.S. Degree.

How to Construct Your Own Program

1. Counsel with your advisor.
2. Consider your aptitudes, interests, and available courses.
3. Schedule major courses and cognates first.
4. Fill the rest of your schedule with G.E. requirements.
5. For the freshman year include English, Religion, and PE courses. Also include Basic Algebra I-II unless waived by previous work.

What the Degree Includes

A total of 192 quarter hours including:
1. A minimum of 60 upper division hours.
2. General Education requirements.
3. Major requirements.
4. Being accepted into the program during junior year.
5. Minimum 2.25 overall GPA, and 2.5 GPA in B.S.W core and cognate courses.

For More Information

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(202) 408-8600

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www. naswca.org

Sample Four-Year Program

This sample curriculum is designed to show you how a program may be constructed and to help you select a proper sequence of courses in the major. It is not likely that these courses can always be taken in the order given. Your advisor will help you design a personalized program of studies.

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**Social Work Electives include, but are not limited to, the following courses: Assertive Behavior; Cultural Anthropology; Death & Dying; Introduction to Sociology; French, German, Italian, or Spanish language courses; The Family; Gender Issues; Topics in Global Social Work; Global Social Work Study Tour; Writing for Program Evaluation III.