

# SOCIAL WORK, B.S.W.

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## Admissions

### Entrance and Progression Requirements

In order to be admitted to the BSW Program, students must meet all University and college admission requirements. Transfer students must meet all such requirements and have an overall GPA of 2.50 or better. Enrollment in lower division Social Work courses does not guarantee acceptance into the upper division BSW Program.

### Admission to the Upper Division

The admission policy for the BSW degree program applies to every applicant. All applicants must fulfill the general admission requirements of both the University and the College of Social Work. Students must submit a completed College of Social Work BSW Program application by the announced due dates published each year. The College of Social Work is committed to diversity in its student body. Admission is limited and competitive.

Minimum requirements for admission include:

- An institutional undergraduate GPA of 2.50 (on a 4.00 scale).
- A grade of C in their English Carolina Core course requirements.
- Verified completion of 39 hours of Carolina Core and College Requirements at the time of application.
- Verified completion of 54 hours of Carolina Core and College Requirements at the time of progression to upper division.
- Verified completion of SOWK 201, or equivalency for transfer students ([http://sc.edu/about/offices\\_and\\_divisions/registrar/transfer\\_credits/](http://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/registrar/transfer_credits/)).
- At least three letters of reference submitted by individuals who can attest to the student's potential for undergraduate study and social work practice.
- A personal statement that addresses the student's interests, resiliencies, and community service.
- An interview may also be required.
- Meeting with a social work advisor to receive information about and discuss the application process.

### Progression Requirements

To remain in the BSW Program, students must make satisfactory academic progress toward the degree. A student who fails to make satisfactory progress will be placed on academic probation or terminated from the program. Students must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.50 in the major and must earn a grade of C or higher in all major courses. Students will be notified by the program when their GPAs fall below 2.50. A meeting with the Program Coordinator may be required.

Students may attempt a social work core course a maximum of two times to fulfill a major requirement. A grade of W (Withdrawal) will be recognized as an attempt. A student may repeat a maximum of two core courses. In addition, all students are subject to the regulations on probation, suspension, and readmission stated in the Academic Standards Policies (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/policies-regulations/undergraduate-academic-regulations/#text>) section of the Undergraduate Academic Regulations Bulletin.