

SOCIAL WORK, B.S.W.

Admissions

Entrance Requirements for the BSW Program

University of South Carolina admission requirements and processes for freshmen, transfer students, and former students seeking readmission are managed by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. Once admitted to the University of South Carolina, students may declare social work as their major at any time and are assigned to the Undergraduate Academic Advisor in the College of Social Work. The Undergraduate Academic Advisor works with the student throughout the program of study.

The BSW program is structured so that most of the social work major courses are taken in a sequence beginning in the fall of the junior year. Before entering the major sequence that begins with SOWK 311, students must apply online for entry and attain verification from the program coordinator that they have met the following requirements:

- Students must have completed 54 or more hours of degree-applicable course credits at entrance to the major sequence (beginning with SOWK 311).
- Students must have an institutional GPA of 2.50 or higher.
- Students must have completed and earned a grade of C or higher in ENGL 101 and ENGL 102, or transfer equivalency.
- Students must have completed and earned a grade of C or higher in SOWK 201, or transfer equivalency. If a transfer student lacks the SOWK 201 equivalency, they must enroll in SOWK 201 in their first semester at UofSC.
- Students must have completed and earned a grade of C or higher in SOWK 222 or must take SOWK 222 and SOWK 311 concurrently. Transfer students must enroll in SOWK 222 in their first semester at UofSC if they lack an equivalency.

Application to the Major Sequence

In the spring of the sophomore year, students must apply for entrance into the major sequence, which begins in the fall of the junior year with SOWK 311. An application checklist based on the above requirements is completed by the student online and is checked by the academic advisor.

The program coordinator works in consultation with the academic advisor and is responsible for clearing students for admittance. The coordinator notifies students of decisions regarding application in writing.

Students may be conditionally admitted to the major sequence if the GPA is 2.4 or above but must raise the GPA to 2.5 or higher by the end of junior year fall semester.

Students who are denied admittance to the major sequence will have an appointment with the program coordinator. Students may choose to continue to work on other course requirements and re-apply for admission the following spring, or students may work with the undergraduate student advisor to be reassigned to the University Advising Center for further career counseling and advisement outside of social work. Students may only apply to the BSW major sequence twice.

It should be noted that any admittance to the major sequence of the BSW program does not guarantee the field placement needed for completion of the degree, as application to field is a separate process.

Progression Requirements

To progress through the major sequence of the BSW Program, all students must maintain an institutional GPA of 2.50 or higher and must earn a grade of C or higher in all social work courses. A student may repeat no more than two (2) social work courses to complete a course with a grade of C or higher. If a student in the major sequence fails to earn a grade of C or higher on a repeated degree-applicable course, the student is terminated from the BSW program and is reassigned to the University Advising Center for further career counseling and advisement.

If a student in the major sequence falls below the required institutional GPA of 2.5, the student is on academic probation within the BSW program and has one semester to bring the GPA to 2.5 or higher. If this does not occur, the student is terminated from the BSW program and reassigned to the University Advising Center for further career counseling and advisement.

All BSW students are also subject to all University regulations regarding probation, suspension, and readmission.