Faculty

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Program Admission

An applicant must meet university admission requirements, must have at least 60 hours earned toward a bachelor’s degree, and must be at least 24 years of age to qualify for the BSW-Adult Studies Program. Admission to the Social Work Program parallels that in the traditional program as detailed in School of Social Work chapter.

For additional program information, including direct contact information to program personnel, check www.ua.edu/academics/coehs/continuingstudies/.

Curriculum

A student receiving a Bachelor of Social Work degree in the Adult Studies Program must take the General Core requirements and B.S.W. specific requirements as outlined below:

I. General Core and BSW Specific Core Requirements
   A. General Core and transfer policies specific to Adult Studies programs are detailed in the "Adult Studies" section of the Catalogue.
   B. Exempt from COM 112 or 235
   C. Social Sciences must include PSY 213 and SOC 211
   D. Six hours of foreign language/culture classes. Must include at least 3 hours of foreign language.
   E. For the student seeking the B.S.W. as a 2nd bachelors degree, the following are considered prerequisites and only requirements from the core: PSY 213, SOC 211, Language (3 hours), Language or Culture (3 hours).

II. Social Work Requirements—51 hours
   A. SW 200, 300, 301, 305, 310, 315, 335, 400, 401, 402, 421
   B. SW elective—6 hours
   C. SW 490 and 423—Field Practicum and Senior Seminar

III. Tennessee Public Child Welfare Certification
   A. Complete major and core requirements as detailed above
   B. Complete SW 338 and 348
   C. Complete SW 490 with the TN Department of Children’s Services

IV. Licensure as a School Social Worker
   A. Complete major and core requirements as detailed above
   B. SW 340 and complete SW 490 in a school setting

V. The Bachelor of Social Work is also available as a traditional/day course offerings program

See the School of Social Work for details.

The Calendar

The academic calendars for the Bachelor of Social Work—Adult Studies Program do not parallel those shown in the Catalogue. General Education and prerequisite courses will follow the traditional calendars; however, the major/cohort is delivered in a non-traditional format. Calendars for the cohorts are unique to each and are available at www.ua.edu/academics/continuingstudies/bsw/.

Assessment of Majors

Students in the Adult Studies BSW Program are assessed through completion of a field practicum with a minimum of 424 hours in an approved social service agency, successful completion of senior seminar with at least a grade of “B,” a capstone portfolio, and the Area Concentration Achievement Test (ACAT).

General Information and Course Offerings

Other general information about the Adult Studies Program and descriptions of course offerings parallel that in the traditional program as detailed above.