

B.A. IN SOCIAL WORK

Fieldwork

Field instruction is a critical part of the Bachelor of Arts in Social Work (BASW) program. All students in the second year of this major must complete a year-long Fieldwork Practicum and a seminar that integrates the knowledge learned in the classroom with your experiences in the field.

The 450-hour field instruction course consists of:

- Practicum in Generalist Social Work Practice in an agency setting: 420 hours.
- Integrative Seminar

Fieldwork Options

For the practicum, you'll work at a social service agency in close cooperation with an experienced supervisor. During your internship, you'll work with individual clients while being exposed to larger agency and systems practices and issues.

You have the choice of fulfilling your 420 on-site hours in one of three ways:

- Field education (21 hours): You'll work 21 hours, over three days per week. Placement begins in September and ends in early May.
- Field education (14 hours): You'll work 14 hours, over two days per week. Placement begins in September and ends in July.
- Employment-based field placements: Some students are able to meet their field education requirement through the social service agency where they are employed in a social work capacity.

Students are expected to be available for field **during the agency's regular working hours**. This requirement provides the student the opportunity to participate in such learning experiences as staff meetings and professional consultations. Students who work are asked to plan early in their educational programs to prepare for field. Students are encouraged to discuss their educational goals with their employers and request accommodations in their work schedules to be available for field.

Questions?

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