

SOCIAL WORK

The mission of the Bachelor of Arts in Social Work (B.A.S.W.) program at Fordham University is to educate students to promote human rights and social justice and improve the well-being of individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities through culturally competent, evidence-informed, generalist social work practice embedded within an agency context. The school's commitment to excellence in education and scholarship is built on professional social work values and the Jesuit educational tradition with its focus on social justice. The B.A.S.W. program builds upon a strong liberal arts core to establish the social work competencies necessary to effectively serve diverse populations.

The program builds on students' strong liberal arts experience and combines classroom and field education with a strong student advising and support system. Following admission into the major, students participate in classes and activities of the Graduate School of Social Service, a social work program of national stature. This design provides a challenging and stimulating educational environment.

The baccalaureate program was granted full national accreditation in November 2001 by the Commission on Accreditation of the Council on Social Work Education. The program received reaffirmation of its accreditation most recently in 2022. Students completing the social work program are eligible to apply for advanced standing at Fordham University's Graduate School of Social Service, and/or other graduate schools of social work. If accepted, advanced standing will substantially shorten the time needed to complete a Master of Social Work degree.

Early Admission to Master's Program

Within five years of completion, students graduating with a B.A. in social work from the program are eligible to apply for advanced standing at Fordham's Graduate School of Social Service or to other graduate programs in social work that consider advanced standing applications.

The evaluation of applications for advanced standing in the Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service leads to one of the following decisions:

1. Acceptance to the Graduate School of Social Service with advanced standing: The school grants advanced standing. Students enter the advanced level of study and choose from one of the advanced concentrations of study.
2. Rejection: The school rejects the application for admission and does not offer matriculation to the applicant.

Program Activities

Once admitted to the social work major, students will be assigned an adviser during their first and second years of the program. This will provide support over the course of the program.

Students will have access to all student activities open to graduate social work students.

For more information

Visit the Bachelor of Social Work program web page.