



Robert Stempel College of Public Health & Social Work

Bachelor of Science in Social Work

B.S.S.W

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TRANSITION

- From Lower Division to Major Courses
- From Community College/State College to FIU

RESOURCES

<https://stempel.fiu.edu/academics/school-social-work/>

Undergraduate Program—Bachelor of Science in Social Work (BSSW)

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**BSSW PROGRAM
WILL PREPARE
YOU FOR:**

Beginning generalist practice with individuals, families, groups, communities, and organizations by meeting 9 core competencies*:

Demonstrate ethical & professional behavior;

Advance human rights and social, racial, economic, and environmental justice;

Engage anti-racism, diversity, equity, and inclusion (ADEI) in practice;

Engage in practice-informed research and research-informed practice;

Engage in policy practice;



BSSW PROGRAM WILL PREPARE YOU TO:

- Engage with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities;
 - Assess individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities;
 - Intervene with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities;
 - Evaluate practice with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.
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- **As set forth by the 2022 Council on Social Work Education's Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards*

SOCIAL WORK COURSES

- 51 semester hours of social work core courses
- 1 3-credit Introduction to Public Health Course
- 6 semester hours of upper-division electives in social work or related fields with a 'C' or better (2 courses)
- Optional Child Welfare Certificate Program (inform advisor of interest)
- Students must maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA



FIRST CLASS ATTENDANCE POLICY

Given the critical nature of course content covered for students in the first meeting of all social work courses, students may be administratively dropped from a course if they do not attend the first class session.

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK ATTENDANCE POLICY

- Students are permitted up to three unexcused absences per course. Upon the fourth unexcused absence, the student will automatically fail the course, regardless of performance in other areas.
- Please note: Class participation is evaluated separately and is not included in this attendance policy.

PLAGIARISM

- Students are expected to complete and submit their own original work
- All sources must be properly cited including your own previous work
- Submitting work without proper citations, presenting someone's else's work as your own, or violating any course AI policies are considered plagiarism
- Any acts of plagiarism will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity for review
- Students found to engage in academic misconduct, will receive a zero on the assignment, failure of the course will be recommended, and may face additional sanctions

AI POLICY

- Use of AI varies from prohibited to limited use for specific assignments.
- Students are responsible to adhere to each course AI policy located in the class syllabi
- Any questions should be addressed with the professor of the course
- Students are encouraged to use grammar check and spellcheck options on your word-processing software or Grammarly grammar check. These tools review work you already created; however, but should be used with caution and reviewed by the student
- Students may not use GrammarlyGO's generative text option, or any separate, built-in, or plug-in tool that generates text (e.g. Wordtune, Google Docs "Help Me Write", ChatGPT, Claude, Bing, and Bard)



COURSE OFFERINGS

- The social work major is *not* a fully online program.
- Some courses *may* be offered online but *not the majority*.
- No field courses will be offered online.
- Daytime vs. evening course offerings depend on classroom availability and enrollment.
- Course plan leading *up to* the last two semesters (field internship—Blocks III & IV) can be part-time or full-time.
- All students are full-time in the last two semesters due to field internship.

FIRST BLOCK
COURSES: FULL-
TIME

SOW 3113: Human Behavior &
Social Environment I (Biology)

SOW 3232: Social Welfare Policy &
Services I (Amer. Govt. & Eco)

SOW 3203: Introduction to Social
Work

SOW 3403: Social Work Research
(Stats)

UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS

- **To be completed prior to Block II:**
- Any remaining pre-requisite courses
- 60 credits of general education (AA degree) or FIU University Core Curriculum (UCC)
- Foreign Language requirement (FLENT/FLEX): can be met by 2 years of same foreign language in high school, CLEP exam, two college-level intro courses, one advanced level course, high school diploma from non-English speaking country, or more
- **Civics Requirement:**
 - Must complete POS 2041 course (social work pre-requisite) and achieve a passing score on the Florida Civic Literacy Exam

SOW 3100: Human Behavior & the Social Env. II (HBSE I)

SOW 3233: Social Welfare Policy II (Policy I)

SOW 3313: Social Work Practice with Families & Ind. (HBSE I, Intro.)

SOW 3350: Interviewing Techniques Lab

SOW 3620: Social Work and Human Diversity (Intro.)

SECOND BLOCK
COURSES: FULL-
TIME

Field Practicum

- Exciting opportunity to apply what you have been learning in class to the real world (signature pedagogy)
- Discover what you may or may not enjoy
- Requires emotional and physical commitment of time and energy - different than “working a shift” at non-social work job



Field Practicum Hours

Two consecutive semesters at the same agency

Most agencies operate Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm.

Fall/Spring:

12.5 hours/week for 16 weeks = 200 total hours

Summer:

17 hours/week for 12 weeks = 200 hours

Lottery to complete hours after 4pm and on weekends.



GETTING PREPARED

- **Examine**
- Examine your ability to fulfill this commitment (work, family, school, etc.)
- **Plan**
 - Costs (gas, parking, background/health screenings)
 - Hours
 - Support
 - Mental Health
 - Background
- **Contact**
- Contact Professor Bruan Lorenzini

FIELD PRACTICUM HOURS CONT.



Students interning in the spring semester are required to intern at the agency during FIU's spring break. You will not have classes that week, but you will have internship.



Students are allowed TWO personal leave days each semester of the field practicum. Any time beyond that is for emergencies only and must be approved by the Field Office. Please plan accordingly.

- Florida Law
- If you have background issues, you must contact Professor Abeloff at abeloffj@fiu.edu to discuss these issues before moving forward in the program. This must be done well before entering field.

BACKGROUND CHECKS

Applying for Field Practicum

******Plan to apply for field during the semester before you plan to begin field***

Semester You Plan to Begin Field	Application Due Date
Summer	January 5 th
Fall	May 5 th
Spring	September 5 th

- ✓ **Be sure to go over prerequisites for field (listed in field manual) with advisor before applying for field**

APPLYING FOR FIELD PRACTICUM

- E-mails go out each semester to *all* students.
- The semester before you are to enter field, apply to field by e-mailing sowpracticum@fiu.edu for an access to the Exxat system, and your field application.
- Complete the field application by the deadline.



APPLYING FOR FIELD PRACTICUM CONT.

- Required online Field Orientation
- Interview with Field Coordinators
- Interview with the agency you have been matched with
- Complete screening requirements
- *Make sure to be available during this time period*
- *Continuously check FIU email for communications, form deadlines, etc.*



Employment Setting Practicum



Students can apply through an additional application for an internship where you work



The practicum must meet the criteria set forth by the School (see *manual*)

MATCHING

Field Coordinator balances:

- ✓ Interests
- ✓ Agency availability
- ✓ Location/distance
- ✓ Car requirement
- ✓ Language requirements
- ✓ Supervisor/student match

Options discussed in individual interview with Field Coordinator.

Students are NOT allowed to contact agencies in advance.

Students who fail to adhere to the placement process guidelines may be deemed ineligible to enter field practicum and be required to reapply for the following semester.

THIRD BLOCK COURSES

- SOW 4322: Social Work Practice with Groups (*Co-Requisite with Field I*)
- SOW 4511L: Field Experience I (*9 previous core courses*)
(200 hours; 12.5 hrs/wk in fall/spring; 17 hrs/wk in summer)
- SOW 4522: Field Seminar I (*Co-Requisite with Field I and Groups*)



FOURTH BLOCK COURSES

SOW 4332: Social Work Practice with Communities & Organizations (*Co-Requisite with Field Experience II and Field Seminar II*)

SOW 4512L: Field Experience II (200 hours; 12.5 hrs/wk in fall/spring; 7 hrs/wk in summer; 2nd semester in same agency as 1st semester & done consecutively)

SOW 4523: Field Seminar II (*Co-Requisite with Field Experience II and Communities & Organizations*)

COURSES THAT YOU CAN TAKE ANY TIME

- PHC 3101: Introduction to Public Health
- SOW XXXX Upper Division Elective
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**See Major Map for options for upper division electives*

E-PORTFOLIO

- E-Portfolio = Graduation Requirement
- Read *E-Portfolio Guidelines for BSSW Students* on website (*Keep all assignments from menu*) now
- Reflect on how assignments help you to meet the competencies (discuss/share with faculty)
- Start working on in first semester
- E-Portfolio Workshops (Beginning of each semester)
- FALL 2026 **E-PORTFOLIO WORKSHOP**

ADDITIONAL NOTES

- ✓ Classes at MMC Only
- ✓ Seek Professional Advising



MSW ADVANCED STANDING PROGRAM

- An accelerated program where students can earn a Master of Social Work degree in 33 credits
- Applicants must hold a Bachelor of Social Work from a Council of Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited institution
- Must have a 3.25 GPA
- Must have earned a “C” or higher in the following courses human biology, statistics, economics, American government, psychology, and sociology
- Earning a clinical MSW can lead to licensure

Financial Support

COMPLETION GRANT



EMERGENCY FINANCIAL
FUND



MORE FUNDING

Bank of America Take Stock in Children Scholarship

- Awarded in Fall and Spring (so apply in summer and fall)
- Look for e-mails regarding and on website



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CAMPUS RESOURCES

- **Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)**
- 305-348-2277/305-919-5305
- **Disability Resource Center**
- 305-348-3532/305-919-5307
- **Fostering Panther Pride**
- 305-348-3445
- **Veteran & Military Affairs**
- 305-348-2838
- **Office of Scholarships**
- 305-348-0349 and OSAA in Stempel College

We wish you the best of success!!!



We are here to provide support and assistance!!!

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