

standards that fall into seven categories: scholastic, professional values and ethics, self-awareness, interpersonal relationship skills, responsibility and professional readiness, critical thinking and problem-solving abilities, and communication skills, as advanced in the program's Academic Performance Standards for Admission, Retention, and Graduation which is located on the [Social Work](#) department's webpage under admissions. These academic performance standards with essential behaviors in each category are primary indicators of professional readiness for practice in the field of social work. Students must demonstrate ability to meet these standards in order to be admitted to the program. The academic performance standards are expected to be followed when the student meets with the BSW Program Director or his/her designee to open his/her file in the department. .

Requirements for submitting an application for admission to the Social Work Program:

Completion of, with a "C" or better, "Introduction to Social Work" (SOWK 1010), "Professional Values and Ethics" (SOWK 1020), and "Cultural Diversity" (SOWK 1030). A grade of "C-" does not meet this criterion.

A minimum overall grade point average of 2.25 and a 2.5 average in the three required social work courses.

Completion of 60 clock hours of face-to-face human service activity, paid or volunteer, in one or more social service agencies.

BSW Program Orientation

Students must complete and submit to the BSW Director the following documents that are included in the application packet:

An Application Cover Sheet that provides demographic and contact information.

A Student Self-Assessment rubric for rating personal and academic aptitude for a career in social work.

Documented completion of 60 hours of human service activity on a Human Service Activity form. The activity must be pre-approved by the BSW Program Director AND evaluated by the student's supervisor at the agency or organization.

A Personal Statement essay that addresses the student's background information, human service experience, social problems of concern, areas of needed professional development, and any additional information that would support the application or should be considered by the Admission Committee.

Documentation of attendance at a BSW program orientation.

Criteria for acceptance into the Social Work Program:

Completed application packets must be received by the close of business (4:30 p.m.) on the due date. Please check the [Social Work Department website](#) under the BSW Program Admissions section for the current deadline dates. If the application deadline does not fall on a day the institution is in session, the application is due the first school day following the deadline date. Satisfactory performance during the 60 hours of human service activity, as indicated by the student's supervisor on the reference checklist, located on the back of the Human Service Activity form.

Positive feedback from social work instructors during the admission process on overall academic performance in completed social work courses.

All application materials demonstrate potential and suitability for the social work profession, as defined in the program's Academic Performance Standards found in the admissions section of the [Social Work](#) webpage..

An Academic Performance Review may be scheduled if the student's application or input from faculty suggests the student's inability to meet any of the program's Academic Performance Standards when his or her application is reviewed by the BSW Program Committee.

Only students who have formally applied for admission to the program and been approved are eligible to take [SOWK 3310](#). Transfer students, as well as ETSU students who declare social work as their major, must arrange an interview with the BSW Program Director or designee during their first semester in social work in order to open a file and complete other paperwork.

Continuance and Termination: Continuance in the program requires compliance with admission requirements and suitability standards, as outlined in the program's Academic Performance Standards and Code of Conduct.

Nondiscrimination: Every aspect of the Social Work program's organization and implementation is conducted without discrimination on the basis of race, color, gender, age, creed, ethnic or national origin, disability, or political or sexual orientation.

Advising

Advising, both academic and professional, is essential in social work education. Therefore, advising of all social work majors is required throughout their period of study. Students must sign up for appointments with their advisors during each pre-registration period to be advised and cleared for registration.

Students with 0-59 earned credits:

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Students with 60 or more earned credits:

Visit the Department of [Social Work advising website](#). There you will find a listing of the faculty advisors/mentors, which are assigned based on the last name of the student advisee.

Field Instruction—“Social Work Field Experience” [SOWK 4451](#), [SOWK 4452](#), [SOWK 4454](#), and [SOWK 4455](#) must be taken during the student’s senior year after completion of all required prerequisites and General Education Core courses. An overall grade point average of 2.25 and a 2.50 grade point average in required social work courses are prerequisites to field experience. Also, only students whose written application to major in social work has been approved are eligible for the field experience.

Students are assigned two days per week over the course of two semesters to an agency, where they provide services to consumers under the supervision of a social work field instructor.

BSW Program Competencies

As a result of the BSW experience, graduates will be able to:

- Demonstrate ethical and professional behavior.
- Engage in diversity and difference in practice.
- Advance human rights and social, economic, and environmental justice.
- Engage in practice-informed research and research-informed practice.
- Engage in policy practice.
- Engage with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.
- Assess individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.
- Evaluate practice with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.

All social work majors are required to complete the curriculum outlined within the program. All students who enroll in social work courses must comply with course sequencing and course prerequisites. Academic credit for life experience and previous work experience shall not be given in whole or in part, in lieu of the field practicum or any other required social work course.

School Social Work Licensure-Licensure by the Tennessee Department of Education is available to social work majors who successfully complete the requirements for a BSW degree plus the following three courses:

[SPED 2300 - Exceptional Learners in Schools and Communities](#)

[EDFN 3301 - Issues in Education](#)

[SOWK 4467 - Seminar in School Social Work](#)

Information about licensure exams is available from the Certification Analyst in the College of Education.

Degree Requirements: 120 credits

General Education	41-42 credits
Major Total Requirement	54 credits
<i>Major Core</i>	<i>(31 credits)</i>
<i>Advisor Approved Electives</i>	<i>(6 credits)</i>
<i>Practicum</i>	<i>(11 credits)</i>
<i>Cognates</i>	<i>(6 credits)</i>
Free Electives	24-25 credits

TOTAL	120 credits
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Transfer Requirements: No more than six (6) credits of transfer work will be accepted as Social Work credit.

General Education Requirements

These requirements include earning 41-42 credits in Communication, Humanities and Fine Arts, Social and Behavior Sciences, History, Natural Sciences and Mathematics categories.

Major Specific courses listed in General Education Requirements:

4 credits of [BIOL 1010/BIOL 1011](#) or [BIOL 1020/BIOL 1021](#) or [BIOL 1110/BIOL 1111](#) or [HSCI 2010/HSCI 2011](#)

[MATH 1530](#)

[PSYC 1310](#)

[SOCL 1020](#)

Total Requirements for Social Work Major: 54 credits

Note: Minimum grade requirement of a C or better. A grade of C- or below will not be accepted in the required SOWK courses.

Social Work Major Core Requirements: 31 credits

[SOWK 1010 - Introduction to Social Work](#) (3 credits)

[SOWK 1020 - Professional Values and Ethics](#) (3 credits)

[SOWK 1030 - Cultural Diversity](#) (3 credits)

[SOWK 1100 - Social Service Resources](#) (1 credit)

[SOWK 3000 - Human Behavior/Social Environment](#) (3 credits)

[SOWK 3210 - Social Work Research](#) (3 credits)

[SOWK 3300 - Interviewing and Recording Skills](#) (3 credits)

[SOWK 3310 - Practice with Individuals](#) (3 credits)

[SOWK 3430 - Social Welfare Policy and Services](#) (3 credits)

[SOWK 4330 - Practice with Organizations and Communities](#) (3 credits)

[SOWK 4340 - Practice with Families and Groups](#) (3 credits)

Advisor Approved Electives: 6 credits

Choose two of the following:

[SOWK 4367 - Seminar in Alcohol and Drug Abuse](#) (3 credits)

[SOWK 4457 - Social Work Practice in Health Care Setting](#) (3 credits)

[SOWK 4467 - Seminar in School Social Work](#) (3 credits)

[SOWK 4517 - Crisis Intervention](#) (3 credits)

[SOWK 4567 - Human Sexuality](#) (3 credits)

[SOWK 4900 - Directed Independent Study](#) (1-3 credits, variable)

[SOWK 4928 - Honors Study](#) (3 credits)

[SOWK 4957 - Special Topics in Social Work](#) (3 credits)

Practicum: 11 credits

[SOWK 4451 - Field Education Practicum I](#) (3 credits)

[SOWK 4452 - Field Education Practicum II](#) (4 credits)

[SOWK 4454 - Field Education Seminar I](#) (2 credits)

[SOWK 4455 - Field Education Seminar II](#) (2 credits)

Cognates: 6 credits

[PSCI 1120 - Introduction to American Government](#) (3 credits)

[HDAL 2310 - Developmental Psychology](#) (3 credits)

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Free Electives: 24-25 credits

No Minor Required

Additional Information

Click here to view [Degree and Graduation Requirements](#) for all ETSU students.

[CSCI 1100](#) or [Proficiency Exam](#): Must be completed to meet Bachelor's Degree Requirements.

Transfer Students

Course Sequencing and Suggested Schedule

The suggested course sequence below for entry to ETSU assumes that [SOWK 1010](#), [PSYC 1310](#), [SOC 1020](#), [MATH 1530](#), [CSCI 1100](#) (or Proficiency Exam), and one human biology course ([BIOL 1010/BIOL 1011](#), [BIOL 1020/BIOL 1021](#), [BIOL 1110/BIOL 1111](#), [HSCI 2010/HSCI 2011](#)), [HDAL 2310](#), and [PSCI 1120](#) have been taken prior to ETSU matriculation. Other courses on the ETSU Social Work degree plan that have not been taken at another institution can be used to fill in each semester's schedule. No more than six (6) credits will be accepted as Social Work credit. Transfer credit for Social Work courses are governed by the [Tennessee Transfer Pathways](#) or articulation agreements. Requests to receive additional credit for transfer courses in social work must be submitted to the BSW Program Director who, along with other faculty, will determine course equivalency using submitted documentation such as copies of the catalog course description, course syllabus, and the name of the course text. Credit for SOWK courses numbered 2000 and above must be from a program accredited by CSWE.