

Welcome to the School of Social Work!

Do you have a strong desire to help others, to make a difference? Do you want to leave this world a better place than you found it? Are you looking for meaningful ways to give back to your community? If so, *social work* is the profession for you!

The School of Social Work prepares professional social work practitioners who are committed to enhancing human capacity to solve complex social problems in order to create a more humane and just society. A cornerstone of social work practice is its focus on the strengths, as opposed to the shortcomings, of individuals, families, groups and communities in order to empower them to improve their life circumstances.

Graduates are employed in social service, health, and governmental agencies, schools, hospitals, corrections, and others. They work with individuals of all ages from infancy through end of life in areas such as child welfare, developmental disabilities, mental health, policy and planning, domestic violence, aging, and research. No other degree provides greater diversity in jobs than a BSW!

Job prospects for social workers are excellent! There is a national shortage of social workers that is predicted to grow over the next decade. This is an excellent time to choose social work as your career!

The BSW Program is fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

We look forward to hearing from you and helping you *Invest in Your Potential!*

Pre-requisites

Upon admission to the University, all Social Work students are classified as pre-professional. To apply for professional program status, the following requirements must be met:

A minimum of 56 semester hours (with a cumulative ASU GPA of at least 2.00).

ENG 101 and 102, or equivalent (grade of "C" or better).

The University math requirement: college mathematics (MAT 142) or higher.

Core Social Work courses: SWU 171, 291, 295, 303 and 310 (with a 2.75 minimum GPA and a minimum grade of "C" in each).

A minimum of 60 hours of experience in human services (completed as part of the requirements for SWU 291).

The BSW Curriculum

The professional program leading to the BSW can be completed in 2 years of full-time study either at the Downtown Phoenix campus or in Tucson, provided the pre-requisites have been met. The curriculum focuses on human development, social service systems, social policies, evidence-based practice, evaluating practice, understanding diversity and oppression, cultural competence, as well as providing the knowledge and skills necessary to become a competent generalist practitioner.

Senior-level BSW students with professional program status complete a two-semester, 480-hour

internship, concurrent with classroom study. Working under the supervision of an experienced professional, students translate theory into practice and learn by doing. Internships are available at a variety of agencies: public health, nearby Indian reservations, child protective services, treatment centers for emotionally disturbed children and adults, senior centers, shelters for homeless and abused individuals are but a few examples.

Tucson BSW Component

The Tucson Component serves students in Southern Arizona. Full- and part-time students can complete all required upper division BSW courses and electives at our centrally located site near downtown Tucson while completing general studies and other degree requirements through area community colleges, the University of Arizona or Northern Arizona University.

Admission & Financial Aid

Undergraduate Admissions

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Fax (480) 965-3610

Website: www.asu.edu/admissions/

Student Financial Assistance

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PO Box 870412
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Phone (480) 965-3355

Website: www.asu.edu/fa

Faculty

The faculty of the School of Social Work brings to the classroom years of experience and state-of-the-art empirically based knowledge about best practices. Interested undergraduates have the opportunity to work with renowned faculty on ground-breaking research projects.

Arizona State University

Arizona State University is a leading public university located on four campuses in the greater Phoenix metropolitan area. It is both academically rigorous and broadly inclusive. ASU harnesses its intellectual energy to enhance the economic, social, cultural and environmental well-being of the communities it serves. Its research focuses on real-world applications and its faculty includes a diverse group of nationally and internationally renowned scholars and teachers dedicated to improving lives through excellence in teaching and research, and serving the community.

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Arizona State University is fully committed to the spirit, letter, intent and purpose of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The University welcomes qualified students without regard to sex, race, color, creed, or national origin.

School of Social Work College of Public Programs



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