Bachelor of Social Work

The BSW program prepares graduates to enter generalist social work practice under professional supervision in a variety of social service and health care settings. A distinctive feature of the Dalton State BSW program is its emphasis on preparing social workers to work competently with diverse individuals and groups. In addition, graduates of the BSW program may apply for admission to Master of Social Work (MSW) programs at the advanced-standing level, shortening the length of time required to complete graduate study. The Dalton State College BSW program is fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

Students must apply for admission to the Upper Division of the BSW program in order to take Junior- and Senior-level social work courses. Non-majors may take upper division courses with the permission of the course instructor.

Additional information concerning the social work profession and admission to the Upper Division of the BSW program, including the admission application, can be found on the Social Work Department’s website.

Minimum Requirements for Admission to the Upper Division:
1. Be admitted as a student in good standing to DSC;
2. Complete Lower Division courses;
3. Have a minimum institutional GPA of 2.5;
4. Obtain a minimum grade of C in Lower Division Social Work courses;
5. Submit a completed application for admission to the BSW Upper Division that includes an essay demonstrating a commitment to the social work profession and references; and
6. Completion of a minimum of 50 hours of documented, paid or volunteer work hours with a social service agency.

Application Deadline:

Students who are admitted to the Social Work Upper Division typically begin study in Fall Semester and progress through the program with a cohort of students who are admitted to the program at the same time. The online application period for applying for regular admission to the Social Work Upper Division will extend from January 15 through February 28. Students may also apply for late admission to the Social Work Upper Division and may be accepted if space in the cohort is available. The online application period for applying for late admission to the Social Work Upper Division will extend from June 1 through July 31. Students who were previously admitted to the Social Work Upper Division must re-apply if they have not been enrolled in social work courses at DSC for one calendar year.

Applicants will be notified in writing of the Admission Committee’s decision regarding their admission to the Social Work Upper Division.

Additional Information:

Students may elect to follow a two-year plan or a three-year plan for completing Upper Division courses (60 semester hours). Courses have been arranged in a sequential manner so that new learning builds on previous learning. Students should exercise care when registering for courses and be certain that they are following their approved plan of study.

Please note that the BSW degree requires completion of Spanish courses (or credit by examination) through the 1002 level. Criminal background checks, the purchase of professional liability insurance, and the purchase of other types of insurance may be required and may be at the student’s expense. Social Work students participate in off-campus, field education in area social service agencies. Students must have reliable transportation to get to and from these agencies. Some field education sites may require immunization records and health information.

For additional information about the the BSW Program, please contact the Social Work Department.

Transfer Students:

The BSW Program welcomes transfer students. Students who are interested in transferring to DSC to complete the BSW should contact the Social Work Department to obtain additional information and to discuss their particular situations.

Area A: Essential Skills
ENGL 1101 English Composition I 3
ENGL 1102 English Composition II 3
MATH 1001 Quantitative Skills/Reasoning 3
or MATH 1101 Intro to Mathematical Modeling
or MATH 1111 College Algebra

Area B: Institutional Options
COMM 1110 Fundamentals of Speech 3
One of the following electives: 1
COMM 1120 Argumentation and Advocacy
ENGL 1105 Intro to Greek Mythology
ENGL 1110 Creative Writing
GEOL 1000 Natural Hazards
HIST 1050 Appalachian Hist-Special Topic
HIST 1051 Sports Hist & Amer Character
HUMN 1000 Mystery Fiction in Pop Culture
HUMN 1100 Political and Social Rhetoric
HUMN 1300 Christian Fiction/Pop Culture
PHED 1030 Health & Wellness Concepts
SOCI 1000 Race and Ethnicity in America

Area C: Humanities/Fine Arts
Choose one to two ENGL courses: 3-6
ENGL 2111 World Literature I
ENGL 2112 World Literature II
ENGL 2120 British Literature I
ENGL 2121 British Literature II
ENGL 2130 American Literature I
ENGL 2131 American Literature II
ENGL 2201 Intro to Film as Literature
If only one ENGL chosen add one of the following: 0-3
ARTS 1100 Art Appreciation
HUMN 1201 Expressions of Culture I
HUMN 1202 Expressions of Culture II
MUSC 1100 Music Appreciation
MUSC 1120 American Music
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**Area D: Science/Mathematics/Technology**

Two of the following Lab Science Electives: 8

- BIOL 1105K Environmental Studies
- BIOL 1107K Principles of Biology I
- BIOL 1108K Principles of Biology II
- BIOL 1203K Principles of Botany
- BIOL 1224K Entomology
- CHEM 1151K Survey of Chemistry
- CHEM 1211K Principles of Chemistry I
- CHEM 1212K Principles of Chemistry II
- GEOL 1121K Principles of Geology
- GEOL 1122K Historical Geology
- PHYS 1111K Introductory Physics I
- PHYS 1122K Introductory Physics II
- PHYS 2211K Principles of Physics I
- PHYS 2212K Principles of Physics II

One of the following electives: 3-4

- ASTR 1010 Astronomy of the Solar System
- BIOL 1105K Environmental Studies
- BIOL 1107K Principles of Biology I
- BIOL 1108K Principles of Biology II
- BIOL 1203K Principles of Botany
- BIOL 1224K Entomology
- CHEM 1151K Survey of Chemistry
- CHEM 1211K Principles of Chemistry I
- CHEM 1212K Principles of Chemistry II
- CMPS 1130 Computer Concepts/Programming
- CMPS 1301 Principles of Programming I
- CMPS 1302 Principles of Programming II
- GEOL 1121K Principles of Geology
- GEOL 1122K Historical Geology
- MATH 1113 Precalculus Mathematics
- MATH 2181 Applied Calculus
- MATH 2200 Introduction to Statistics
- MATH 2253 Calculus and Analytic Geom I
- MATH 2254 Calculus and Analytic Geom II
- PHYS 1111K Introductory Physics I
- PHYS 1122K Introductory Physics II
- PHYS 2211K Principles of Physics I
- PHYS 2212K Principles of Physics II

**Area E: Social Sciences**

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One of the following electives: 3

- ANTH 1103 Intro to Cultural Anthropology
- BIOL 2212K Anatomy and Physiology I
- BIOL 2213K Anatomy and Physiology II
- BUSA 2201 Fundamentals of Computer Appli
- CRJU 1100 Intro to Criminal Justice
- CRJU 2100 Intro to Law Enforcement
- CRJU 2200 The Judicial Process
- ECON 2105 Principles of Macroeconomics
- ECON 2106 Principles of Microeconomics
- FREN 1001 Elementary French I
- FREN 1002 Elementary French II
- FREN 2001 Intermediate French I
- FREN 2002 Intermediate French II
- GEOG 1100 Introduction to Geography
- GEOG 1101 Intro to Human Geography
- MATH 2200 Introduction to Statistics
- PSYC 2101 Psychology of Adjustment
- PSYC 2103 Human Development
- SOCI 1160 Social Problems
- SOCI 2293 Marriage and Family
- SPAN 2001 Intermediate Spanish I
- SPAN 2002 Intermediate Spanish II

**Upper Level Courses**

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**Social Work Electives**

Three of the following electives:

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Total Hours: 121-122

* Requires 50 hours of practicum in social service agency.
** Requires 20 hours per week practicum in a social service agency.