

# SOCIAL WORK

## Bachelor of Social Work

The BSW program prepares graduates to enter generalist social work practice in various settings, including social service and government agencies, as well as mental health 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 across the micro, mezzo, and macro levels. 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 studies. 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 to take Junior and Senior-level social work courses. Non-majors may take select upper-division elective courses with the permission of the BSW Program Director.

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO BSW PROGRAM UPPER DIVISION

#### General Information

To apply to the BSW program, you must first be admitted to Dalton State College. Upon admission to DSC, you should declare Social Work as your major, so you will be assigned an advisor with the program. If you are currently a DSC student and are changing your major, please make certain you contact the BSW Program Director as soon as possible to ensure you are properly advised and enrolled in the required prerequisite lower division courses.

Admission to the BSW program is selective. Each applicant's qualifications, including his or her GPA, performance in lower division courses, recommendations, and essays, will be reviewed when considering the applicant for admission.

The BSW program admits a new cohort each spring for the upcoming fall courses. Students cannot enter the cohort during any other semester. The admissions process opens in February of each year. Early admissions decisions are made in March and April, with final admissions made in May. Late admissions may be available as late as August before the beginning of the fall semester if space is available in the cohort.

Regular admission may be awarded upon successful completion of all lower division requirements. Provisional admission may be awarded for one semester to students who are enrolled in the final required courses of the BSW lower division. All lower-division coursework must be completed before the commencement of upper-division coursework.

The following requirements must be met for regular admission to the BSW program:

1. Completing all BSW lower division requirements at DSC or the equivalent at another institution.
2. A "C" or higher grade in all lower division social work courses (SOWK 2101, 2102, 2103, and 2104).
3. An overall GPA of 2.5
4. Completion of all individual volunteer service hours in SOWK 2103.

5. Completion of a background check as a part of SOWK 2103. (Effective fall 2021)

To apply for admission to the Upper Division, students must:

1. Meet with your social work advisor to obtain the admissions packet and verify successful completion of the lower division course of study.
2. Complete the admissions application.
3. Provide two letters of reference. Recommendations should come from a non-family member (employer is preferred).
4. Completion of the Social Work Code of Ethics quiz with a grade of 80%.
5. Completion of all portions of the application packet, including:
  - Acknowledgement of BSW fees
  - Acknowledgement of BSW mandatory training dates
  - Acknowledgement of BSW Field Education requirement
  - Completion of the Assessment of Professional Behaviors

If requested, applicants may be required to meet with the Admissions Committee for a pre-admission interview.

#### Additional Information

Students may elect to follow a two-year or three-year plan for completing Upper Division courses (60 semester hours). Courses have been arranged sequentially 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 program of study. A grade of "C" or better is required for all social work upper-division courses.

#### Transfer Students

The BSW Program welcomes transfer students. Students interested in transferring to DSC to complete the BSW should contact the BSW Program Director to obtain additional information and discuss their particular situations. In keeping with the Council on Social Work Education standards, life/work experience can not be accepted for any social work courses.

#### Questions?

For questions regarding the application process, students should see their BSW Advisor or contact the BSW Program Director at [trice@daltonstate.edu](mailto:trice@daltonstate.edu).

## Program Course Requirements

Click here to view Core IMPACTS General Education Curriculum requirements (<http://catalog.daltonstate.edu/programs/coreimpacts/>).

#### Program Advice (Can Share with Core curriculum):

PSYC 1101	Introduction to Psychology (Required)	3
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NOTE: Core IMPACTS courses can also satisfy requirements in your Program of Study. Please review the requirements for your major to prevent taking extra courses. The USG Core IMPACTS curriculum is designed to ensure that students acquire essential knowledge in foundational academic areas and develop career-ready competencies. There are seven Core IMPACTS areas. Students at all USG institutions must meet the Core IMPACTS requirements in all specified areas.

**Field of Study: Major Related**

SOCI 1101	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOWK 2101	The Social Work Profession (Grade of C or better req'd)	3
SOWK 2102	The Social Welfare Institution (Grade of C or better req'd)	3
SOWK 2103	Social Work Prac&Serv Learning (Grade of C or better req'd) *	3
SOWK 2104	Interviewing & Communic Skills (Grade of C or better req'd)	3

One of the following electives: 3

ANTH 1103	Intro to Cultural Anthropology	
BIOL 2251K	Anatomy and Physiology I	
BIOL 2252K	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	
PSYC 2101	Psychology of Adjustment	
PSYC 2103	Human Development	
SOCI 1160	Social Problems	
SPAN 1001	Elementary Spanish I	
SPAN 1002	Elementary Spanish II	
SPAN 2001	Intermediate Spanish I	
SPAN 2002	Intermediate Spanish II	

**Upper Level Courses (Grades of C or better required)**

SOWK 3101	Human Diversity	3
SOWK 3102	Human Behavior I	3
SOWK 3103	Human Behavior II	3
SOWK 3201	Gen Practice of Social Work I	3
SOWK 3202	Gen Practice of Social Work II	3
SOWK 3300	Found. of Social Work Research	3
SOWK 3302	Social Work in Child Welfare	3
SOWK 3400	Junior Integrative Sem & Field *	4
SOWK 3501	Social Work in Mental Health	3
SOWK 4201	Gen Practice of Soc Work III	3
SOWK 4202	Gen Practice of Social Work IV	3

SOWK 4203	Diversity in Social Work Pract	3
SOWK 4401	Senior Capstone I	3
SOWK 4402	Senior Capstone II	3
SOWK 4995	Senior Integrative Seminar	3
SOWK 4996	Advanced Integrative Seminar	3
SOWK 4998	Practicum Social Work I *	4
SOWK 4999	Practicum Social Work II *	4

**Social Work Electives**

Choose one of the following electives: 3

SOWK 3502	Social Work with Older Adults	
SOWK 3503	Substance Abuse	
SOWK 3504	Advanced Child Welfare	
SOWK 3506	Health and Social Environment	
SOWK 3507	Mental Health/Spec Populations	
SOWK 3508	Special Topics in Social Work (Choose from these topics: Interpersonal Violence, Social Work and Criminal Justice, Human Sexuality and Social Work and Spirituality)	
SOWK 4900	Individual Study in Soc Work	

**Total Hours 120**

\* Requires service in a social service agency.