



FRESHMAN

YOUR CLASS SCHEDULE

- Become familiar with your degree plan and view the **Sample 4-year plan**, focusing on University Core courses and pre-professional courses.
- Focus on core courses such as MATH 1320, RWS 1301 and 1302, BIOL 1305/1107, and PSYC 1301.
- Start foreign language courses depending on your placement.
- Remember you must earn a C or better in all courses for the Social Work degree

ACADEMIC ADVISING

- Meet with your advisor in the **Academic Advising Center** each semester before registration.
- Plan how you will meet your foreign-language requirement. If you will take Spanish or French to complete this requirement, take the **language placement test** as soon as possible so you can start your language sequence.
- Start thinking about your **application** for the BSW professional course sequence, which can be submitted sophomore year. Note the GPA requirements to apply and make sure you are on track.

ENRICHING EXPERIENCES

- Research career possibilities in Social Work.
- Engage in **volunteer work** with Social Work organizations in the area.
- Participate in **student organization fairs**.
- Discover **Social Work organizations** that interest you.
- Ask your advisor about joining a learning community.

LIFE LONG SUCCESS

- Explore other **majors** to determine if this major is a good match for your interests and abilities.
- Cultivate healthy lifestyle habits by visiting the **Student Recreation Center**.
- Explore university resources such as the **Center for Accommodations and Support Services (CASS)** and the campus **tutoring centers**.
- Engage in **volunteer/shadowing experiences** with Social Work organizations. Discuss opportunities with your advisor.

SOPHOMORE

- Complete your remaining core and program prerequisites.
- Aim to complete core and pre-professional courses in the spring if you wish to apply to begin the professional course sequence in the fall. All core and pre-professional courses must be completed by the end of summer, but only 2 core/pre-professional courses may be left to complete in the summer.
- If you have completed the core and pre-professional courses, start working on your social work electives/support courses.

- Continue to meet with your **AAC Advisor** each semester until you reach 46 cumulative credits.
- Transition to the advisors in the **College of Health Sciences** after you have earned 46 credits. If you are ready to start the BSW professional sequence next fall, **apply to the program**. Check the website for specific deadlines and requirements; applications are usually due by the last business day in January.
- Attend advising and orientation with the SOWK Faculty once you are admitted to the professional course sequence.
- Be aware that you may be required to meet clinical compliance requirements. Check your email from the CHS Clinical Compliance Coordinator. Ensure you meet clinical compliance requirements by the stated deadlines.

- Cultivate **global awareness** at events sponsored by the Office of International Programs.
- Ask Social Work faculty about opportunities to participate in faculty-led research opportunities, including research assistantships.
- Ask faculty about opportunities to immerse yourself in the social work profession, learn its terminology, and participate in networking and mentoring within the field.
- Participate in discussions about leadership and innovation at UTEP L.I.V.E.

- Explore university resources such as the **Center for Accommodations and Support Services (CASS)** and the campus **tutoring centers**.
- Identify scholarship opportunities through the **Office of Scholarships**.
- Engage in **volunteer/shadowing experiences** with Social Work organizations. Discuss opportunities with your advisor.

JUNIOR

- Take the established major course sequence along with your BSW cohort.
- Work on remaining social work electives/support courses. There are no BSW sequence courses in the summer - that is a great time to take the electives/support courses.

- Meet with SOWK Faculty advisors each semester prior to registration.
- Consult your SOWK Faculty advisors to ensure that you apply for and are placed into an appropriate senior internship.
- If interested, apply for the BSW Honors Program.
- Prepare for clinical compliance requirements required before doing senior year internships. Check your email from the CHS Clinical Compliance Coordinator. Ensure you meet clinical compliance requirements by the stated deadlines so you can start your internships.
- Request a graduation audit through the CHS **Student Support Center** once you have reached 90 credits.

- Join the **Student Association of Social Work**.
- Join the **National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Texas Chapter**.
- Strive for selection into the **Phi Alpha Honor Society**.
- **Explore the world** with a Study Abroad course during Maymester or Summer.
- Ask faculty mentors about opportunities to participate in faculty-led research opportunities, including research assistantships.
- Network with members of your field at a professional conference, such as the Annual Adult Protective Services Conference.

- Research **post-graduate professional and educational** opportunities.
- Cultivate positive relationships with faculty mentors in anticipation of requesting letters of recommendation for graduate school and professional applications.
- Visit the **University Career Center** and develop your CV and resume.
- Engage in **volunteer/shadowing experiences** with Social Work organizations. Discuss opportunities with your advisor.
- Consider applying for the BSW Honors Program, which is a fast-track program allowing you to start working on MSW requirements while completing your BSW. Talk to your SOWK faculty if you are interested.

SENIOR

- Complete the established BSW course sequences for your senior year.
- Complete any remaining social work electives/support courses.
- Refer to your graduation audit to ensure you are aware of all remaining requirements for graduation.

- Continue meeting with SOWK Faculty for advising before registration each semester.
- Apply to graduate in the CHS Student Support Center. Applications are available starting December 1 for May and August graduation.

- Cultivate a leadership role in the **Student Association of Social Work**.
- Explore professional organizations such as the **National Association of Social Workers**.
- Immerse yourself in **global issues** related to Social Work.
- Ask faculty mentors about opportunities to participate in faculty-led research opportunities, including research assistantships.
- Network with members of your field at a professional conference, such as the Annual Adult Protective Services Conference.

- Explore the **Master of Social Work Program**.
- Visit the **University Career Center** and update your CV and resume.
- Prepare to **apply** for the BSW License.
- Continue to engage in **volunteer/shadowing experiences** with Social Work organizations. Discuss opportunities with your advisor.
- Maintain professional contacts and collaborative relationships through the **Social Work Action Network**.

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EDGE ADVANTAGES | UTEP students will graduate with these skills:

- Leadership
- Problem-solving
- Communication
- Entrepreneurship
- Social Responsibility
- Confidence
- Global Awareness
- Teamwork
- Critical Thinking



Bachelor of Social Work
SOCIAL WORK
MAJOR MAP | 2019-2020



Degree Evaluation: To generate a degree evaluation using your transcripts please log in to goldmine and select "Degree Evaluation" under Student Records.
Goldmine Website: goldmine.utep.edu

Grade Requirement: All courses used to satisfy degree requirements must be completed with a **C or higher**.

All courses used to satisfy the core curriculum must be completed with a C or better.

	Hrs	Grade
1. Communication (6 Hrs)		
RWS 1301 Rhetoric and Composition 1: or ESOL 1311 Expos Engl Compos-Spkr Esl	3	
prereqs for RWS 1301: ENGL 0311 or placement by exam		
prereqs for ESOL 1311: ESOL 1406 and ESOL 1309 or placement by exam		
RWS 1302 Rhetoric and Composition 2 or ESOL 1312 Res&Crit Writ-Spkr ESL or ENGL 1313 Writ abt Lit	3	
prereqs for RWS 1302 and ENGL1313: RWS 1301		
prereqs for ESOL 1312: ESOL 1311 and ESOL 1310		
2. Mathematics (3 hrs)		
MATH 1320 Math for the Social Sciences (or higher)	3	
prereqs: MATH 0311 or placement by exam		
3. Life and Physical Sciences (6 hrs + 1 hr for lab)		
BIOL 1305/1107 General Biology w/ Topics in Study of Life I Lab	4	
prereqs: MATH 0311 or placement by exam		
BIOL 2311 Anatomy and Physiology I	3	
prereqs: BIOL 1305/1107 w/ C or better or ZOOL 2406		
4. Language, Philosophy, & Culture (3hrs)		
*Select one 3 credit hour course:	3	
ENGL 2311, 2312, 2313, 2314, 2318, FREN 2322, HIST 2301, 2302, PHIL 1301, 2306, RS 1301, SPAN 2340, or WS 2300, 2350.		
prereqs for ENGL 2311, 2312, 2313, 2314, and ENGL 2318: RWS 1302 or ENGL 1313 or ESOL 1312		
5. Creative Arts (3 Hrs)		
*Select one 3 credit hour course:	3	
ART 1300, ARTH 1305, 1306; DANC 1304, MUSL 1321, 1324, 1327 THEA 1313, FILM 1390		
6. American History (6 hrs)		
HIST 1301	3	
HIST 1302	3	
7. Government/Political Science (6 hrs)		
POLS 2310	3	
POLS 2311 must include TX government	3	
8. Social and Behavioral Sciences (3 hrs)		
PSYC 1301 Intro. to Psychology	3	
prereqs: ENGL 0312 or placement by exam		
9. Component Area Option (6 Hrs) - UNIV1301 and COMM1301 preferred		
Select two 3 credit hour courses:	3	
BUSN 1301, COMM 1301, COMM 1302,	3	
CS1310, CS1320, SCI1301, UNIV1301		
(Core curriculum = 42 Hrs plus 1 Hr for lab)	Total	43
Pre-Professional Courses		
SOCI 1301 Intro Sociology	3	
Modern Language Requirement:	3	
2-semester sequence of modern foreign language at the 2000 or higher level.	3	
SPAN2301/2302 or 2303/2304 strongly recommended.		
**If student tests out of 2000-level language through placement exam, language credits may be filled with elective coursework.		
SOWK 2310 Intro to Social Work and Social Welfare	3	
Statistics course (Select one of the following):	3	
PSYC 1303, SOCI 2312, or STAT 1380		
prereqs for PSYC1303: MATH 1320, 1411, or 1508 w/ C or better		
prereqs for SOCI2312: MATH 1319, 1320, 1411, or 1508 w/ C or better		
prereqs for STAT1380: MATH 0311, 1319, 1320, 1411, or 1508 w/ C or better		
RWS 3355 (preferred) or RWS 3359	3	
prereqs for RWS 3355 and RWS 3359: RWS 1302, ENGL 1313, or ESOL 1312		
Total	18	

*See UTEP Catalog for course descriptions: catalog.utep.edu

CHS Academic Advisor	Date
Updated	Advisor/Notes

Social Work Application: Students wishing to enter the Professional Course Sequence must submit a completed application to the Social Work Program. Program Application Dates can be found on the Social Work Website.

CHS Website: <http://www.utep.edu/chs/>
SOWK Website: <http://www.utep.edu/chs/sw/>

Clinical Compliance Requirements: All students entering the SOWK major course sequence must meet compliance requirements. See the following website: <http://www.utep.edu/chs/compliance/>

Major: Social Work	Hrs	Grade
Fall Semester (Junior Year)		
SOWK 2320 Social Welfare Policy and Services I	3	
prerequisites: SOWK 2310 w/ C or better and departmental approval		
SOWK 2331 Human Behavior & Social Environment I	3	
prerequisites: SOWK 2310 w/ C or better and departmental approval		
SOWK 3355 Generalist Social Work Practice I	3	
prerequisites: SOWK 2310 w/ C or better and departmental approval		
SOWK 3430 Research Methods in Social Work	4	
prerequisites: SOWK 2310 and PSYC 1303 or SOCI 2312 or STAT 1380		
each w/ C or better		
Total	13	

Field Education Application: All Social Work students currently admitted into the Social Work Professional Course Sequence must submit the Application to Social Work Field Education no later than **December 15th of their Junior Year**.

Spring Semester (Junior Year)	Hrs	Grade
SOWK 3320 Social Welfare Policy and Services II	3	
prerequisites: SOWK 2320 w/ C or better		
SOWK 3325 Culturally-Grounded Social Work	3	
prerequisites: SOWK 2310 w/ C or better and junior status.		
SOWK 3341 Human Behavior & Social Environment II	3	
prerequisites: SOWK 2331 w/ C or better		
SOWK 3358 Generalist Social Work Practice II	3	
prerequisite: SOWK 3355 w/ C or better		
Total	12	

Fall Semester (Senior Year)	Hrs	Grade
SOWK 3350 Diagnostic Systems for Generalist So. Work	3	
prerequisites: SOWK 3355 w/C or better and junior status		
SOWK 4281 Generalist Field Seminar I or SOWK 4283 Honors Field Seminar I (Honors Only)	2	
prerequisites: SOWK 3320, SOWK 3341, and SOWK 3358		
SOWK 4380 Generalist Field Instruction I	3	
prerequisites: Admission to Field		
Total	8	

Spring Semester (Senior Year)	Hrs	Grade
SOWK 4282 Generalist Field Seminar II or SOWK 4284 Honors Field Seminar II (Honors Only)	2	
prerequisites: SOWK 4281 or 4238; SOWK 4380		
SOWK 4370 Generalist Social Work Practice III	3	
prerequisites: SOWK 3320, SOWK 3341, and SOWK 3358		
SOWK 4390 Generalist Field Instruction II	3	
prerequisites: SOWK 4281 or 4283; SOWK 4380; admission to Field		
Total	8	

Social Work Electives/Support Courses	Hrs	Grade
Select from the following:	3	
SOWK 3170, 3270, 3326, 3336, 3345,	3	
SOWK 3346, 3365, 3370, 3375	3	
Any course from the following subjects can be selected:	3	
AFST, ANTH, CHIC, CRIJ, HSCI, PHIL, POLS, PSYC, SOCI, WS	3	
BSW Honors Students only: SOWK5331, 5332, 5333		
Total	18	

Total degree plan hours: 120

Updated:

CGPA ---
SOWK GPA ---



University Graduation Requirements

All university core prerequisite classes must be completed with a C or better.
All required freshman level courses specific to your degree plan must be completed prior to earning 90 semester hours.

A minimum of 30 semester hours must be completed at UTEP.

12 of the last 30 semester hours must be completed at UTEP

12 hours of advanced courses must be completed within 3 years of graduation.

Minimum cumulative grade point average is 2.0 (C average).

A maximum of 66 semester hours of credit from two-year institutions is applicable toward a degree at UTEP.

catalog.utep.edu/undergrad/academic-regulations/general-requirements-for-undergraduate-degrees/