

# BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIAL WORK

## OBJECTIVES

The Department of Social Work, in keeping with the Mission of Lewis University, strives to advance knowledge and wisdom, values fidelity, affirms the equal dignity of every person, encourages collaboration and service, and seeks to promote social justice for diverse communities, families, and individuals. The Department of Social Work aims to graduate competent, responsible entry-level generalist social work professionals and to prepare students for advanced study in social work. To that end, Social Work courses have a comprehensive theoretical base, reflect research in the field, and teach evidence-based practice skills grounded in social work ethics.

Lewis University's history, mission, and values provide an institutional and contextual framework supporting a generalist education of those seeking future employment in the Social Work profession. The revered ideals of an American liberal education and the five values of the Mission Statement of Lewis University (fidelity, knowledge, association, wisdom, and justice) promote and encourage values practiced by Social Workers; namely: service to humanity, concern for social justice and the dignity of the person, the importance of human relationships, integrity, competence, the pursuit of human rights, and scientific inquiry.

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## SOCIAL WORK / BACHELOR OF ARTS

Total Credit Hours: 128  
Major Credit Hours: 48

### Admission

*Students interested in declaring a Social Work major must:*

- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00.
- Have earned at least a "C" in each of the prerequisite courses listed below:

78-100 Introduction to Social Work

26-100 General Psychology

20-100 Principles of Sociology

*Students must also submit:*

- an application form
- a personal statement
- two letters of recommendation

*Please note: The Department of Social Work does not grant Social Work course credit for life experience or for previous work experience.*

### I. Core Courses (39)

78-100 Introduction to Social Work (3)

78-209 Social Welfare Policy (3)

78-215 Cultural Sensitivity in Social Work Practice (3)

78-250 Human Behavior and the Social Environment I (3)

78-251 Human Behavior in the Social Environment II (3)

78-302 Practice I: Methods of Interventions with Individuals (3)

78-309 Practice II: Methods of Intervention with Families and Groups (3)

- 78-310 Practice III: Methods of Intervention in  
Communities and Organizations (3)  
78-496 Research in Social Work (3)  
78-497 Senior Seminar (3)  
78-498 Fieldwork Internship (9)

## II. Choose Electives: (9)

(Although the Department prepares students for general practice and for subsequent advanced study in specialized fields, students may choose electives reflecting their individual interests and ultimate career goals.)

- 78-295 Community Service Experience (3)  
78-300 Chemical Dependency: Diagnosis and Treatment (3)  
78-304 Crisis Intervention (3)  
78-312 Loss and Mourning (3)  
78-314 Social Services for Children and Adolescents (3)  
78-317 Social Services for the Elderly (3)  
78-350 (to 78-389) Workshops in Social Work (1)  
78-399 Independent Study (1-3)

## III. General Education Courses (27-30)

A. *The following general education courses are prerequisites for selected Social Work courses, as indicated in departmental course descriptions.*

- 02-108 Introduction to Human Biology (3)  
04-195 The American Economy (3)  
OR  
04-200 Basic Macroeconomics (3)  
10-112 Introduction to Human Communication (3)  
15-330 Ethics (Action and Values) (3)  
18-200 American National Government (3)  
OR  
18-210 State and Local Government (3)  
20-100 Principles of Sociology (3)  
20-290 Cultural Diversity and Intergroup Relations (3)  
26-100 General Psychology (3)

B. *The following general education course should be taken by any student intending to seek the Master's in Social Work:*

- 26-303 Statistics for the Social Sciences (3)

IV. The advanced writing requirement of the General Education curriculum for Social Work majors is satisfied by successful completion of 78-496 Research in Social Work (3) or 78-309 Practice II: Methods of Intervention with Families and Groups (3).

## SOCIAL WORK / MINOR

Minor Credit Hours: 24

The Social Work minor is designed for undergraduate students who want to explore the field and the issues social workers address. The minor can serve as a complement to students in related disciplines who may find such knowledge valuable in their careers.

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78-209 Social Welfare Policy (3)  
78-215 Cultural Sensitivity in Social Work Practice (3)  
78-250 Human Behavior and the Social Environment I (3)  
78-251 Human Behavior in the Social Environment II (3)

### II. Electives (9)

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