The mission of the UAA BSW program is to prepare generalist social workers who enhance human well-being and promote social and economic justice for people of all backgrounds, particularly those in Alaska.

Alaska’s unique and rich multicultural populations, geographic remoteness and frontier status allow the real potential for skilled social work professionals to make a profound impact on social and economic injustice in our state.

**Admission Requirements**

Satisfy the Application and Admission Requirements for Baccalaureate Programs (http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/academicpoliciesprocesses/admissions/undergraduate).

Declaration of social work as a major (resulting in pre-major status), does not guarantee admission to the social work program. Students typically begin by taking 100 and 200 level GER and social work courses.

Students typically apply for full admission to the social work program during the fall semester of the academic year (AY) prior to the AY they intend to enter practicum and graduate. The BSW program accepts applications for full admission to the BSW program only during the fall semester. Full admission to the social work program is based upon the requirements listed below.

Social work credits earned through other social work programs accredited through the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) may be transferred to UAA and applied toward the Bachelor of Social Work. Approval from the UAA School of Social Work is required for acceptance of social work transfer credits.

**Requirements for Full Admission to the Program**

To apply for full admission to the Social Work program, students must have completed the following:

1. Earned a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.50 or above
2. Completed with a grade of C or better or are currently enrolled in SWK A206 and SWK A330
3. Junior standing or have completed of at least 60 credit hours
4. Eligible for social work licensure
5. Demonstrated commitment to social work values and ethics

Students must submit the following application materials to the School of Social Work by the last Friday in October prior to intended entry into fieldwork:

1. A signed School of Social Work Application for Admission to the BSW degree and practicum for fall enrollment
2. Written admissions statement
3. Student practicum interest sheet
4. Social work faculty advisor approval to apply

The admission committee reserves the right to request additional information if necessary.

In addition to submission of application materials, each applicant participates in an admission interview conducted by the faculty to assess his or her academic and professional readiness to enter the social work program and participate in practicum. The School of Social Work will notify applicants of their admission status by December 20 of each year.

Admission to the social work program is based on the following criteria:

1. Meeting the aforementioned requirements
2. Beginning competence in client-centered communication and interviewing skills
3. Demonstration of professional behaviors and interactions with peers, faculty and staff
4. The professional judgment of social work faculty

Most students do not have all required courses completed at the time of application. In this event, the student may be admitted to the BSW program conditionally, and will be required to complete all junior-level and below courses with a grade of C or better prior to the fall semester in which they plan to enter practicum or their admission will be denied. Students who cannot obtain a course grade of C or better in two (2) attempts for any given social work course will be denied admission.

The UAA School of Social Work BSW degree program only accepts students who are eligible to receive Alaska state licensure. Please contact the School of Social Work for further information.

**Academic Requirements**

Students in the social work program must earn a grade of C or better in all required social work courses and liberal arts foundation requirements. Adherence to the Code of Ethics established by the National Association of Social Workers is required.

**Field Practicum**

Field practicum placements may become competitive if the number of applicants exceeds the number of practicum slots. The BSW program and field agencies reserve the right to refuse and/or terminate students who do not meet a minimum standard of performance. Thus, while the School of Social Work makes every effort to find appropriate field placements for students, admittance to the BSW program does not guarantee acceptance by cooperating social services agencies. The BSW program does not grant social work course credit for life experience or previous work experience.

Prior to entering field practicum, students must have completed the following:

1. General Education Requirements for baccalaureate degrees
2. Specified liberal arts foundation courses with a grade of C or better
3. The following social work courses with a grade of C or better (28 credits):

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### Advising

General education, admission and major requirements listed here do not solely fulfill the 120 credit requirement for the degree. Students will need to complete additional electives to graduate. It is recommended that students take electives and degree requirements concurrently to graduate on time. For further questions, consult an advisor.

Students are encouraged to meet with their assigned social work faculty academic advisor at least one time per semester.

### Graduation Requirements

- Satisfy the General University Requirements for Baccalaureate Degrees (http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/baccalaureatrequirements).
- Complete the General Education Requirements for Baccalaureate Degrees (http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/baccalaureatrequirements/gers).
- Complete the Major Requirements below. It is recommended that students take one or two 3-credit electives each semester to bring total credits to 120.

### Major Requirements

**Code** | **Title**                                      | **Credits** |
---|-----------------------------------------------|-------------|
**Liberal Arts Foundation Courses**          |             |
ANTH A200 | Natives of Alaska                            | 3           |
or ANTH A202 | Cultural Anthropology                      |           |
BA A151 | Business Foundations                         | 3           |
or ECON A201 | Principles of Macroeconomics               |           |
or ECON A202 | Principles of Microeconomics                |           |
BIOL A102 | Introductory Biology                         | 3-6         |
or BIOL A108 | Principles and Methods in Biology           |           |
or BIOL A111 | Human Anatomy and Physiology I              |           |
or BIOL A112 | Human Anatomy and Physiology II             |           |
ENGL A120 | Critical Thinking                            | 3           |
or PHIL A101 | Introduction to Logic                        |           |
or PHIL A201 | Introduction to Philosophy                   |           |
or PHIL A301 | Ethics                                       |           |
or PSY A150 | Lifespan Development                        | 3           |
or SOC A101 | Introduction to Sociology                    | 3           |
**Core Courses**                             |             |
SWK A106 | Introduction to Social Welfare                | 3           |
SWK A206 | Introduction to Social Work                   | 3           |
SWK A243 | Cultural Diversity and Community Service Learning | 3           |
SWK A330 | Social Work Practice with Individuals         | 4           |
SWK A331 | Social Work Practice with Organizations and Communities | 3           |
SWK A342 | Human Behavior in the Social Environment      | 3           |
SWK A406 | Social Welfare: Policies and Issues           | 3           |
SWK A424 | Social Work Research                          | 3           |
SWK A429 | Trauma and Crisis Intervention in Social Work Practice | 3           |
SWK A430 | Social Work Practice with Families and Groups | 3           |
SWK A481 | Case Management in Social Work Practice       | 3           |
SWK A482 | Writing for Social Work Practice              | 3           |
SWK A495A | Social Work Practicum I                      | 3           |
SWK A495B | Social Work Practicum II                     | 3           |
**Upper division Social Work electives**      | 9           |
A total of 120 credits is required for the degree, of which 42 must be upper division.

### Honors in Social Work

The Bachelor of Social Work program recognizes exceptional performance by conferring departmental honors in social work. In order to receive honors in social work, a student must meet the following requirements:

1. Submit an intent to graduate with honors application to the BSW Program Coordinator during the Spring of the junior year.
2. Complete all requirements for the BSW degree. A minimum of 30 credits applicable to the BSW degree must be completed at UAA.
3. Have a GPA of 3.75 or higher in upper division (300- and 400-level) social work courses.
4. Completion of:
   **Code** | **Title**                                      | **Credits** |
   ---|-----------------------------------------------|-------------|
   SWK A498 | Advanced Community-Based Research             | 3           |
5. One course in applied statistics with a grade of C or better.

Successful completion of departmental honors in social work in the UAA BSW program earns the right to waive a regular review of an admission packet to the foundation curriculum of the UAA Master of Social Work program. Students are responsible for completing a
UAA Graduate Application for Admission and a program application for admission to the MSW program. The application packet should be submitted to the MSW Admissions Committee by the application deadline, with request to waive the regular review process. Admission to the full program will be granted if the applicant meets all of the requirements for departmental honors. Students interested in waiving the foundation curriculum must apply for advanced standing with a full review.

Program Student Learning Outcomes

Students graduating with a Bachelor of Social Work will be able to:

- Demonstrate ethical and professional behavior
- Engage diversity and difference in practice
- Advance human rights and social, economic, and environmental justice
- Engage in practice-informed research and research-informed practice
- Engage in policy practice
- Engage with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities
- Assess individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities
- Intervene with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities
- Evaluate practice with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities