

# SOCIAL WORK (B.S.S.W.) - ONLINE

**Important:** This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2025 through summer 2026. This degree plan will remain in effect for students who do not break enrollment or who do not change degree programs, concentrations, or cognates.

## General Education/Foundational Skills Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Communication &amp; Information Literacy <sup>1</sup></b>		
ENGL 101	Composition and Rhetoric	3
	Communications Elective	3
	Information Literacy Elective	3
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<b>Technological Solutions &amp; Quantitative Reasoning <sup>1</sup></b>		
UNIV 104	Instructional Technology for Successful Online Learning	0-3
	Math Elective MATH 114 or higher	3
<b>Critical Thinking <sup>1</sup></b>		
RLGN 104	Christian Life and Biblical Worldview <sup>2</sup>	4
	Critical Thinking Elective	3
<b>Civic &amp; Global Engagement <sup>1</sup></b>		
	Cultural Studies Elective	3
<b>Social &amp; Scientific Inquiry <sup>1</sup></b>		
	Natural Science Elective	3
	Social Science Elective	3
<b>Christianity &amp; Contexts <sup>1</sup></b>		
BIBL 104	Survey of Old and New Testament	4
THEO 104	Introduction to Theology Survey <sup>2</sup>	4
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>39-42</b>

<sup>1</sup> Refer to the list of approved general education electives before enrolling in foundational skill requirements

<sup>2</sup> Students transferring in 45 or more UG credit hours will have the requirement of RLGN 104 waived; Students transferring in 60 or more UG credit hours will also have the requirement of THEO 104 waived

## Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Major Foundational Courses</b>		
BIOL 102	Principles of Human Biology <sup>1</sup>	3
CSTU 220	The African American Experience <sup>1</sup>	3
	or GICE 290 Cultural Anthropology	
ENGL 102	Composition and Literature <sup>1</sup>	3
GICE 220	Intercultural Communication and Engagement <sup>1</sup>	3
MATH Elective	MATH 115 or higher <sup>1</sup>	3
PHIL 201	Philosophy and Contemporary Ideas <sup>1</sup>	3
PSYC 101	General Psychology <sup>1</sup>	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>21</b>

<sup>1</sup> Course may fulfill select general education requirements.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Major Courses</b>		
PSYC 255	Introduction to Research	3
PSYC 354	Statistics for the Social Sciences	3
SOWK 101	Introduction to Social Work	3
SOWK 135	Social Work Professional Exploration	3
SOWK 250	Health of the Social Worker	3
SOWK 260	Chemical Dependency	3
SOWK 270	Ethics in Professional Helping	3
SOWK 294	BSSW GATE 1 & Approval Process <sup>1</sup>	0
SOWK 300	Human Behavior and the Social Environment	3
SOWK 325	Social Welfare and Policy	3
SOWK 350	Social Work Practice with Individuals and Families	3
SOWK 355	Social Work Practice with Groups <sup>2</sup>	3
SOWK 365	BSSW GATE 2 & Junior Field Enrollment <sup>1</sup>	0
SOWK 370	Junior Field Experience and Seminar <sup>3</sup>	4
SOWK 410	Social Work Macro Practice	3
SOWK 431	Social Work in Mental Health	3
SOWK 450	Social Work Practice with Diverse Populations	3
SOWK 465	BSSW GATE 3 & Senior Field Enrollment <sup>1</sup>	0
SOWK 470	Senior Field Experience and Seminar <sup>4</sup>	11
SOWK 494	BSSW GATE 4 & Comprehensive Exam <sup>1</sup>	0
	Social Work Elective <sup>5</sup>	3
	Human Services, Psychology, or Social Work Elective <sup>6</sup>	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>63</b>

<sup>1</sup> These Gate Courses house the application process for each of the 4 program Gates. All students must apply for and be approved through all 4 program Gates to be eligible to graduate from the program.

<sup>2</sup> SOWK 355 is a required virtual intensive course.

<sup>3</sup> This course includes 100+ hours of field experience, course work, and synchronous seminar.

<sup>4</sup> This course includes 400+ hours of field experience, course work, and synchronous seminar.

<sup>5</sup> Choose one course from the following: SOWK 425, SOWK 432, SOWK 435, SOWK 439, SOWK 495, or SOWK 497.

<sup>6</sup> Choose a 300-400 level HSER, PSYC, or SOWK course not already required in the major.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Free Electives</b>		
	Choose 0-18 credit hours of Free Electives	0-18
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>0-18</b>

*All applicable prerequisites must be met*

## Graduation Requirements

- **120** Total hours
- **2.5** Overall grade point average
- **30** Hours must be upper-level courses (300-400 level)
- **Grade of 'C'** Minimum required for all major and major foundational courses

- **25%** Of major taken through Liberty University
- **30 Hours** must be completed through Liberty University
- **Grad App** Submission of Degree Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date

## Course Sequence

### Freshman Year

First Semester		Hours
ENGL 101	Composition and Rhetoric	3
RLGN 104	Christian Life and Biblical Worldview	4
UNIV 104	Instructional Technology for Successful Online Learning	0-3
Social Sciences Elective (PSYC 101) <sup>1</sup>		3
SOWK 101	Introduction to Social Work	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>13-16</b>

### Second Semester

Communications Elective (GICE 220) <sup>1</sup>		3
Critical Thinking Elective (PHIL 201) <sup>1</sup>		3
Information Literacy Elect (ENGL 102) <sup>1</sup>		3
SOWK 135	Social Work Professional Exploration	3
SOWK 250	Health of the Social Worker	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

### Sophomore Year

First Semester		Hours
Natural Science Elective (BIOL 102) <sup>1</sup>		3
PSYC 255	Introduction to Research	3
SOWK 260	Chemical Dependency	3
SOWK 270	Ethics in Professional Helping	3
SOWK 300	Human Behavior and the Social Environment	3
SOWK 294	BSSW GATE 1 & Approval Process <sup>2</sup>	0
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

### Second Semester

BIBL 104	Survey of Old and New Testament	4
Cultural Studies Elective (CSTU 220 or GICE 290) <sup>1</sup>		3
Math Elective (MATH 115 or higher) <sup>1</sup>		3
SOWK 350	Social Work Practice with Individuals and Families	3
SOWK 355	Social Work Practice with Groups <sup>3</sup>	3
SOWK 365	BSSW GATE 2 & Junior Field Enrollment <sup>2</sup>	0
<b>Hours</b>		<b>16</b>

### Junior Year

First Semester		Hours
Information Literacy Elective <sup>1</sup>		3
SOWK 325	Social Welfare and Policy	3
SOWK 370	Junior Field Experience and Seminar <sup>4</sup>	4
SOWK 431	Social Work in Mental Health	3
Elective		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>16</b>

### Second Semester

PSYC 354	Statistics for the Social Sciences	3
SOWK 410	Social Work Macro Practice <sup>5</sup>	3

Elective	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
<b>Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

### Senior Year

First Semester		Hours
THEO 104	Introduction to Theology Survey	4
SOWK 450	Social Work Practice with Diverse Populations	3
Social Work Elective <sup>6</sup>		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
SOWK 465	BSSW GATE 3 & Senior Field Enrollment	0
<b>Hours</b>		<b>16</b>

### Second Semester

SOWK 470	Senior Field Experience and Seminar (Social Work Elective) <sup>7</sup>	11
Human Services, Psychology, Social Work Elective <sup>8</sup>		3
SOWK 494	BSSW GATE 4 & Comprehensive Exam	0
<b>Hours</b>		<b>14</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>120-123</b>

<sup>1</sup> Refer to the list of approved general education electives at [www.liberty.edu/gened](http://www.liberty.edu/gened) before enrolling in foundational skills requirements

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<sup>3</sup> SOWK 355 is a required virtual intensive course

<sup>4</sup> This course includes 100+ hours of field experience, course work, and synchronous seminar.

<sup>5</sup> CSWE states this must be taken before or concurrently with Senior Field Experience

<sup>6</sup> Choose from: SOWK 425, SOWK 432, SOWK 435, SOWK 439, SOWK 495, or SOWK 497

<sup>7</sup> This course includes 400+ hours of field experience, course work, and synchronous seminar

<sup>8</sup> Choose a 300-400 level course from HSER, PSYC, or SOWK not already required in the major