

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

**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</b> <sup>1</sup>		
ENGL 101	Composition and Rhetoric	3
	Communications Elective	3
	Information Literacy Elective	3
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<b>Technological Solutions &amp; Quantitative Reasoning</b> <sup>1</sup>		
UNIV 101	Foundational Skills	1
Math Elective	MATH 114 or higher	3
	Technology Competency <sup>2</sup>	0-3
<b>Critical Thinking</b> <sup>1</sup>		
RLGN 105	Introduction to Biblical Worldview <sup>3</sup>	2
	Critical Thinking Elective	3
<b>Civic &amp; Global Engagement</b> <sup>1</sup>		
EVAN 101	Evangelism and the Christian Life <sup>3</sup>	2
	Cultural Studies Elective	3
<b>Social &amp; Scientific Inquiry</b> <sup>1</sup>		
	Natural Science Elective	3
	Social Science Elective	3
<b>Christianity &amp; Contexts</b> <sup>1</sup>		
BIBL 105	Old Testament Survey	2
BIBL 110	New Testament Survey	2
THEO 201	Theology Survey I <sup>3</sup>	2
THEO 202	Theology Survey II <sup>3</sup>	2
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>40-43</b>

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

<sup>2</sup> All students must pass the Computer Assessment OR complete applicable INFT course

<sup>3</sup> Students transferring in 45 or more UG credit hours will have the requirements of RLGN 105 and EVAN 101 waived; Students transferring in 60 or more UG credit hours will also have the requirements of THEO 201 and THEO 202 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

Code	Title	Hours
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 also 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	3
SOWK 365	BSSW GATE 2 & Junior Field Enrollment <sup>1</sup>	0
SOWK 370	Junior Field Experience and Seminar <sup>2</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>3</sup>	11
SOWK 494	BSSW GATE 4 & Comprehensive Exam <sup>1</sup>	0
	Social Work Elective <sup>4</sup>	3
	Human Services, Psychology, or Social Work Elective <sup>5</sup>	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>63</b>

<sup>1</sup> These Gate courses house the application processes 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> This course includes 100+ hours of field experience, course work, and synchronous seminar.

<sup>3</sup> This course includes 400+ hours of field experience, course work, and synchronous seminar.

<sup>4</sup> Choose one of the following courses: SOWK 425, SOWK 432, SOWK 435, SOWK 439, SOWK 495, or SOWK 497.

<sup>5</sup> Choose a 300-400 level course from HSER, PSYC, or SOWK not already required by in the major.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Free Electives</b>		
	Choose 0-17 credit hours of Free Electives	0-17
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>0-17</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
- **CSER** All requirements must be satisfied before a degree will be awarded

## Course Sequence

Course	Title	Hours
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
ENGL 101	Composition and Rhetoric	3
INQR 101	Inquiry	1
RLGN 105	Introduction to Biblical Worldview	2
UNIV 101	Foundational Skills	1
Social Science Elective (PSYC 101) <sup>1</sup>		3
Technology Competency <sup>2</sup>		0-3
SOWK 101		3
CSER		0
<b>Hours</b>		<b>13-16</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
Communications Elective (GLST 220) <sup>1</sup>		3
Critical Thinking Elective (PHIL 201) <sup>1</sup>		3
Information Literacy Elective (ENGL 102) <sup>1</sup>		3
SOWK 135	Social Work Professional Exploration	3
SOWK 250	Health of the Social Worker	3
CSER		0
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
EVAN 101	Evangelism and the Christian Life	2
RSCH 201	Research	3
Natural Science Elective (BIOL 102) <sup>1</sup>		3
SOWK 260	Chemical Dependency	3
SOWK 270	Ethics in Professional Helping	3
SOWK 294	BSSW GATE 1 & Approval Process <sup>3</sup>	0
SOWK 300	Human Behavior and the Social Environment	3
CSER		0
<b>Hours</b>		<b>17</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
BIBL 105	Old Testament Survey	2
MATH Elective (MATH 115 or higher) <sup>1</sup>		3
PSYC 255	Introduction to Research	3
SOWK 350	Social Work Practice with Individuals and Families	3

Course	Title	Hours
SOWK 355	Social Work Practice with Groups	3
SOWK 365	BSSW GATE 2 & Junior Field Enrollment <sup>3</sup>	0
Elective		3
CSER		0
<b>Hours</b>		<b>17</b>
<b>Third Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
Cultural Studies Elective (GLST 290) <sup>1</sup>		3
Information Literacy Elective <sup>1</sup>		3
THEO 201	Theology Survey I	2
SOWK 325	Social Welfare and Policy	3
SOWK 370	Junior Field Experience and Seminar <sup>4</sup>	4
CSER		0
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
BIBL 110	New Testament Survey	2
PSYC 354	Statistics for the Social Sciences	3
SOWK 431	Social Work in Mental Health	3
Elective		3
Elective		3
CSER		0
<b>Hours</b>		<b>14</b>
<b>Fourth Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
THEO 202	Theology Survey II	2
SOWK 410	Social Work Macro Practice <sup>5</sup>	3
SOWK 450	Social Work Practice with Diverse Populations	3
SOWK 465	BSSW GATE 3 & Senior Field Enrollment <sup>3</sup>	0
SOWK Elective <sup>6</sup>		3
Elective		3
Elective		1
CSER		0
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
Social Work Elective <sup>7</sup>		3
SOWK 470	Senior Field Experience and Seminar <sup>8</sup>	11
SOWK 494	BSSW GATE 4 & Comprehensive Exam <sup>3</sup>	0
CSER		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 foundational skills requirements.

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