

## Information and Assistance

### University

#### Academic Advising

562-985-4837 or [www.csulb.edu/centers/advising](http://www.csulb.edu/centers/advising)

#### Center for International Education

562-985-4106 or [www.csulb.edu/centers/cie](http://www.csulb.edu/centers/cie)

#### Disabled Student Services

562-985-5401 or [www.csulb.edu/divisions/students/dss](http://www.csulb.edu/divisions/students/dss)

#### Enrollment Services—Admissions and Records

562-985-5471 or [www.csulb.edu/depts/enrollment](http://www.csulb.edu/depts/enrollment)

#### Financial Aid

562-985-8403 or [www.csulb.edu/dept/enrollment](http://www.csulb.edu/dept/enrollment)

#### Housing and Residential Life

562-985-4187 or [www.housing.csulb.edu](http://www.housing.csulb.edu)

#### Testing and Evaluation Services

562-985-4006 or [www.csulb.edu/centers/testing](http://www.csulb.edu/centers/testing)

#### University College and Extension Services

562-985-5561 or [www.uces.csulb.edu](http://www.uces.csulb.edu)

### Professional

#### Council on Social Work Education

[www.cswe.org](http://www.cswe.org)

#### National Association of Social Workers

[www.socialworkers.org](http://www.socialworkers.org)

[www.naswdc.org](http://www.naswdc.org)

### Financial Resources

[www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)

### Academic

[www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org) (California Statewide transfer courses)



# Bachelor of Arts in Social Work

The Bachelor of Arts in Social Work Program  
is accredited by the  
Council on Social Work Education.

**Application Information Hotline:** (562) 985-5427

**Web Site:**  
[www.csulb.edu/social-work](http://www.csulb.edu/social-work)

## Mission

The mission of the social work profession is to improve the quality of life for all people and to enhance the human potential for full and productive participation in society. Based on the history and philosophy of the profession, social work is committed to working with disenfranchised individuals and groups to alleviate poverty and oppression, and to facilitate empowerment.

The mission of the School of Social Work at California State University, Long Beach is to prepare a diverse student population for Bachelor of Arts in Social Work (BASW) and Master of Social Work (MSW) degrees for professional social work practice. The graduates of these programs are able to: demonstrate competent, ethical, and multicultural practice from a base that builds on social work knowledge, values, and skills; enhance the well-being and address the needs of diverse people across the life span; and advocate for social justice, social change, and for the elimination of oppression and discrimination.

### **BASW Program Description**

The School of Social Work offers, in conjunction with the general education requirements, a professional program leading to a BASW. The goals of the BASW program are to prepare students for entry-level, professional, generalist Social Work practice and for graduate Social Work education, including advanced standing. Students learn to practice as professional social workers with persons and groups representing the range of human diversity and with all system sizes (individuals, families, groups, and institutions). Human diversity is an inclusive term that encompasses groups of people who comprise a society and are distinguished from one another by age, ethnicity, culture, gender, sexual orientation, religion, physical or mental ability, and national origin and/or common ancestry and/or cultural and ethnic heritage. The School of Social Work places a strong emphasis on recruiting a student body with the willingness and capability to work professionally with any person needing assistance.

Students planning to major in Social Work should consider taking courses as electives or for fulfillment of general education requirements in ethnic studies, women's studies, gerontology, and other programs in the Colleges of Health and Human Services and Liberal Arts.

### **BASW Information**

#### Information Meetings

Applicants are encouraged to attend a BASW information meeting for an overview of the BASW program, application procedures, deadlines, and acceptance criteria. Utilization of these resources can strengthen an application!

#### Web Site

For more information on contacts, faculty information, course descriptions, course equivalencies, admission information, and the Social Work undergraduate application, visit our web site:

[www.csulb.edu/social-work](http://www.csulb.edu/social-work)

#### Regulations

School of Social Work, University, and Council on Social Work Education regulations do not permit the substitution of life or work experience for curriculum requirements and expectations.

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The Bachelor of Arts in Social Work degree offers the opportunity for study in two program models: full-time and part-time. The full-time model can be completed in two years, whereas the part-time model takes three years to complete. The School of Social Work also offers the BASW CalSWEC stipend program.

## Full-Time Sequence of Courses

### ▲ Fall Semester - Junior Year

Day Classes: M & W 9:30-12:15; 2:00-4:45

Evening Classes: M & W 5:30-9:45 and Tues 7:00-9:45

SW 220 Introduction to Social Welfare (3)

SW 221 Introduction to Social Work Practicum (3)

SW 330 Human Behavior and Social Environment:  
Birth through Adolescence (3)

SW 350 Social Policy: Law and Court Decisions (3)

### ▲ Spring Semester - Junior Year

Day Classes: M & W 9:30-12:15; 2:00-4:45

Evening Classes: M & W 5:30-9:45 and Tues 7:00-9:45

SW 331 Human Behavior and Social Environment:  
Young Adulthood through Old Age (3)

SW 340 Generalist Social Work Practice (3)

SW 341 Social Work Practicum (3)

SW 351 Social Policy: Formulation and Analysis (3)

### ▲ Fall Semester - Senior Year

Day Classes: M 9:30-12:15 & W 9:30-2:45

Evening Classes: M 7:00-9:45 & W 5:00-9:45

SW 440 Generalist Social Work Practice with Groups (3)

SW 442 Generalist Social Work Practice with Individuals  
and Families (3)

SW 495A Field Experience in Social Work (7)

### ▲ Spring Semester - Senior Year

Day Classes: M 9:30-12:15 & W 9:30-2:45

Evening Classes: M 7:00-9:45 & W 5:00-9:45

SW 441 Generalist Social Work Practice with  
Communities and Institutions (3)

SW 465 Research Methods in Social Work (3)

SW 495B Field Experience in Social Work (7)

## Application Information

Applications may be submitted after October 1st. The deadline to submit an undergraduate application to the School of Social Work is March 1. The deadline to submit the University application is November 30th, for admission the following fall. **The School of Social Work does not admit in the spring; students in the Social Work Program can only start in the fall terms.**

For the cost of tuition, see the schedule of classes or visit:

[www.csulb.edu/depts/enrollment](http://www.csulb.edu/depts/enrollment)

## Part-Time Sequence of Courses\*

### ▲ Fall Semester - First Junior Year

Classes M & W 7:00-9:45 p.m.

SW 220 Introduction to Social Welfare (3)

SW 221 Introduction to Social Work Practicum (3)

### ▲ Spring Semester - First Junior Year

Classes M & W 7:00-9:45 p.m.

SW 330 Human Behavior and Social Environment:  
Birth through Adolescence (3)

SW 350 Social Policy: Law and Court Decisions (3)

### ▲ Fall Semester - Second Junior Year

Classes M & W 7:00-9:45 p.m.

SW 331 Human Behavior and Social environment:  
Young Adulthood through Old Age (3)

SW 351 Social Policy: Formulation and Analysis (3)

### ▲ Spring Semester - Second Junior Year

Classes M & W 7:00-9:45 p.m.

SW 340 Generalist Social Work Practice (3)

SW 341 Social Work Practicum (3)

### ▲ Fall Semester - Senior Year

Classes M 7:00-9:45 & W 5:00-9:45

SW 440 Generalist Social Work Practice with Groups (3)

SW 442 Generalist Social Work Practice with Individuals  
and Families (3)

SW 495A Field Experience in Social Work (7)

### ▲ Spring Semester - Senior Year

Classes M 7:00-9:45 & W 5:00-9:45

SW 441 Generalist Social Work Practice with Communities  
and Institutions (3)

SW 465 Research Methods in Social Work (3)

SW 495B Field Experience in Social Work (7)

**\*The Part-Time has been temporarily suspended.**

## Field Education

Fieldwork is an integral part of the BASW curriculum. It offers students the opportunity to integrate and apply beginning social work practice, including advocacy, in community agencies under supervision of qualified field instructors. In their junior year, students have a one-semester, 80-hour practicum experience. In their senior year, students have 450 hours of fieldwork, 16 hours per week, for which they can earn 14 academic units. In these field education courses, students participate in identifying, planning, and providing services.

## Admission Under Impaction

The number of applicants to the BASW program exceeds the number that can be accepted. For this reason, the Social Work program has been designated as impacted by the California State University. **Applicants must submit an application to the School of Social Work as well as to the University.** Admission is on a competitive basis and is determined on the basis of meeting all requirements.

### Continuing Students

Students who indicate a Social Work major when they enter as freshmen will be assigned a pre-social work major code. Acceptance into the pre-major by the University does not imply acceptance into the major by the School of Social Work. Students who are not accepted into the major cannot continue as pre-social work majors.

### Transfer Students

Students must be eligible for admission to the University as transfer students and must **apply for admission to the University no later than November 30th for admission the following fall.** Applicants who are not admitted to the major will not be admitted to the University unless they have listed a second choice of major on the application form.

## Prerequisites

All prerequisite courses must be completed prior to entering the program:

- ▲ Cultural Anthropology (CSULB - ANTH 120)
- ▲ Human Biology/Lab recommended for General Education requirement (CSULB - BIOL 205)
- ▲ Introduction to Psychology (CSULB - PSY 100)
- ▲ Introduction to Sociology (CSULB - SOC 100)
- ▲ Elementary Statistics (CSULB - HDEV 250; MATH 108; PSY 110; or SOC 250)

## Admission Requirements

1. Complete a minimum of 60 semester units, including the five prerequisite courses.
2. Earn a minimum GPA of 2.5 in the prerequisites. Because of the rigorous academic and professional demands of the program, students must demonstrate the ability to perform well academically.
3. Submit an **application to the School of Social Work** which includes statements of biographical and educational background, a description of community and/or social work experience (download PDF file paper version from the web site).
4. Submit two reference forms (one academic and one professional).
5. Submit official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended to University Enrollment Services.
6. Submit a **University application** no later than November 30th for admission the following fall (apply through CSU Mentor located online at: [www.csulb.edu/depts/enrollment/admissions](http://www.csulb.edu/depts/enrollment/admissions))

In determining eligibility of an applicant for admission to the program, the admission committee will consider:

- ▲ All information in the application
- ▲ All college/university academic work completed, with an emphasis on the prerequisite courses
- ▲ Documented exposure to the field of social work or volunteer experience
- ▲ An interview of the applicant (at the discretion of the admission committee)

Students will be permitted to declare Social Work as a major and enter subsequent levels of courses after they have successfully completed all of the requirements noted above and have been accepted to the BASW Program.

The following must be completed successfully during the first year as a social work major:

- ▲ Abnormal Psychology (CSULB-PSY 370)
- ▲ Pass the CSULB Writing Proficiency Examination (WPE)
- ▲ Earn a minimum GPA of 2.0 in the first level of courses, with no grade lower than a "C."