



Bachelor of Arts in SOCIAL WORK

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIAL WORK (BASW)

The **BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIAL WORK (BASW)** program at California State University, Long Beach is designed 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 size systems (individuals, families, groups, institutions and communities).

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

BASW students have the opportunity to study in a daytime or evening program model. Classes are usually scheduled at the times indicated below but are subject to change (depending on University restrictions and classroom availability):

- Daytime Program classes: Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30am – 12:15pm and from 2:00 – 4:45pm
- Evening Program classes: Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30 – 9:45pm and Tuesdays from 7:00 – 9:45pm

SAMPLE PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Fall Semester	Spring Semester
<u>Junior Year</u> SW 220* : Introduction to Social Welfare SW 221 : Introduction to Social Welfare Practicum SW 330* : Human Behavior and Social Environment: Birth through Adolescence SW 351* : Social Policy: Formulation and Analysis	<u>Junior Year</u> SW 331* : Human Behavior and Social Environment: Young Adulthood through Old Age SW 340 : Generalist Social Work Practice SW 341 : Social Work Practicum SW 350* : Law, Court Decisions and Policy Practice
<u>Senior Year</u> SW 440 : Generalist Social Work Practice with Groups SW 442 : Generalist Social Work Practice with Individuals and Families SW 495A : Field Experience in Social Work I	<u>Senior Year</u> SW 441 : Generalist Social Work Practice with Communities & Institutions SW 465 : Research Methods in Social Work SW 495B : Field Experience in Social Work II

NOTE: Courses indicated with an asterisk (*) are open to non-majors. Students who are interested in enrolling in one of these courses should contact the School of Social Work for more information.

PRACTICUM EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

The practicum experience is an integral part of the BASW curriculum, providing an opportunity for students to apply social work knowledge and practice skills in an agency-based, educationally-focused setting.

BASW students in their junior year must complete an 80-hour practicum at a community agency (8 hours per week for 10 weeks). BASW students in their senior year must complete 450 hours of practicum experience throughout the academic year as well as attend a weekly seminar. Students must complete 16 hours per week in an assigned agency setting, which must include either two 8-hour weekdays, or one 8-hour and two 4-hour weekdays.

STIPEND OPPORTUNITIES

The CalSWEC Public Child Welfare BASW Program provides financial support to BASW students in exchange for a commitment to work in a public child welfare agency after graduation. The intent of the program is to strengthen and enhance the quality of practice by professionally trained and educated public child welfare social workers.