

## Contact

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## Admission Requirements

(In years as established by the college)

A high school diploma with the following specific courses:

- 4 English
- 2 Algebra I & II
- 1 Geometry
- 2 Lab Science
- 2 History/Social Studies

*To ensure current mathematical skills, students should take a mathematics course during their senior year of high school.*

## Major Requirements

- 43 credits Social Work
- 4 semesters Field Experience and Practicum
- 18 credits Humanities & Social Sciences
- 8 credits Sciences

*120 Minimum total credit hours required for graduation*

## College of Business, Public Policy & Health

### Program Description

The undergraduate curriculum in Social Work builds upon a solid liberal arts foundation with courses in human behavior and the social environment, social welfare policies and issues, social work research, social work practice, and field instruction.

During the junior and senior years, students complete internships in fields of practice such as: child welfare, medical social work, youth services, geriatric social work, community mental health, and community services.

Sequencing of courses which are prerequisites for enrollment into the Junior Year Field Experience is important. Students who are considering a major in Social Work should contact the Program Coordinator for information.

The Social Work major needs to meet the following graduation requirements: A grade of "C-" or better is mandatory in all prerequisite courses, a grade of "C" in all required courses, and a grade point average of 2.50 or higher must be maintained. Students must conduct themselves in a professional manner consistent with the Code of Ethics of the National Association of Social Workers.

The B.A.S.W. program of the School of Social Work is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Each B.A.S.W. graduate is qualified to take the examination for certification as a Licensed Social Worker in the state of Maine.

### Career Opportunities

There are many opportunities for social workers in Maine and throughout the United States. Bachelor of Arts in Social Work graduates are employed in public settings such as the Maine Department of Health & Human Services and in private, nonprofit organizations—youth- serving agencies, nursing homes, day care centers, hospitals, adoption agencies, community centers and mental health programs. Graduates work with people of all ages and with a wide variety of problems and issues.

### General Education Requirements\*

- ENG 101 College Composition
- 18 credits Human Values & Social Context area (*a single course may satisfy more than 1 sub-category, but a total of 18 credits must be completed*)
  - Western Cultural Tradition
  - Social Context & Institutions
  - Cultural Diversity & International Perspectives
  - Population & the Environment
  - Artistic & Creative Expression
- 2 courses Designated Writing Intensive (*1 must be within the major*)
- 2 courses Biological or Physical Sciences (*must include at least 1 laboratory course*)
- 1 course Ethics (*emphasis on discussion of ethical issues in 1 course or series of courses*)
- 2 courses Mathematics (*including statistics & some computer science, only 3 credits in computer science can count toward this requirement*)
- 1 capstone An approved experience in which the student integrates the components of his or her undergraduate training to perform at a professional level. The capstone experience is usually completed during the senior year in consultation with the student's academic advisor.

*\*All UMaine students must complete these general education requirements, which are counted in the total credit hours required for graduation and may be contained in the Major Requirements previously listed.*

## **Specialized Information**

Students are required to have the following courses completed (or currently enrolled) prior to the junior year: BIO 100\*\*, BIO 208\*\*, SOC 101, SOC 201 or SWK 330, PSY 100, POS 100 or PAA 100 or PAA 220, SWK 101\*, SWK 320, ENG 212 or 317, and PHI 100 or 230 or 240 or 344.

In fall of the junior year students must apply for permission to enter the Practice Sequence. Application packets are distributed to students enrolled in SWK 395 in September and must be submitted to the Practice Sequence Review Committee on or before October 15 each year.

\*Waived for transfer students.

\*\* Students may choose to meet the Human Biology pre-requisite by taking SWK 380, The Biological Person and the Environment. This course DOES NOT substitute for a university general education science requirement.

## **Graduate Study**

University of Maine Bachelor of Arts in Social Work graduates qualify to apply for “advanced standing” in the Master of Social Work program at the University of Maine, at the weekend MSW Program at the Hutchinson Center in Belfast, and at many graduate programs of Social Work nationwide. In most programs, admission to “advanced standing” means the student may complete the M.S.W. program in less than the traditional two years. The B.A. in Social Work degree is also good preparation for graduate study in psychology, human development, family studies, and counselor education.

### **Academic Programs 2008-2009**

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