

Social Work

Bachelor of Arts Degree

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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 (including biology)
- 2 History/Social Studies
- 2 Foreign Language
(same language or two years of American Sign Language)
- Academic electives (to equal at least 17 credits)

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

Did You Know?

- This is a vibrant and interesting school in which you will make strong, lasting connections with faculty and classmates.
- When you graduate, you will be prepared for a challenging and rewarding career in a professional field that is much in demand.
- At the UMaine School of Social Work, you will be supported and challenged by experienced faculty who care about your professional development and the contributions you make in a world badly in need of your services.

College of Natural Sciences, Forestry, and Agriculture

Program Description

At the University of Maine School of Social Work, students learn from and work with nationally and internationally recognized faculty who care about and enjoy interacting with them. It is a small, accessible program with large and impressive connections, experiences and accomplishments made available to our students. Students learn not just from books but from experienced social work practitioners and from their own supervised social work experiences.

Specialized Information

The UMaine School of Social Work recently created an innovative and nationally recognized junior field experience in which students rotate through four social service agencies to gain a breadth of understanding in the field. To further that breadth, students are paired with a classmate who rotates through four different agencies. The students share assignments, so they effectively get experience in eight different agency settings. In addition, students attend small seminars in which they increase the depth of their understanding and skills in practice. In their senior year, students participate in a field placement two days a week under the guidance of on-site field faculty.

The University of Maine School of Social Work has received two U.S. Department of Education grants, providing financial support to students attending a semester abroad that includes innovative international internships, language study and academic coursework. In addition, three to six students from Belgium, Denmark and Spain attend the School of Social Work each year. These international exchanges offer all students an opportunity to learn about international social services in their classes.

Our students also have worked with faculty on nationally recognized projects in disabilities studies and gerontology.

Associated Honor Societies and Student Organizations

Students are encouraged to join the School of Social Work Student Organization and the Eta Zeta Chapter of the Phi Alpha Honor Society, and participate in a Social Work Semester Abroad Program in Belgium, Denmark or Spain for a junior or senior semester. Internships also are available in Washington, D.C.; Antwerp, Belgium; Aarhus, Denmark; and Barcelona, Spain.

Career and Graduate Opportunities

Positions in child welfare, criminal justice, education, community mental health services, residential facilities and homeless centers.

UMaine Graduate Programs

Master of Social Work

Representative Courses

SWK 101 Opportunities in Social Work
SWK 320 Introduction to Social Work
SWK 330 Contemporary Issues in Diversity and Pluralism
SWK 350 Human Behavior and the Social Environment I
SWK 351 Human Behavior and the Social Environment II
SWK 361 Generalist Practice I
SWK 365 Problems of Child Abuse and Neglect
SWK 380 The Biological Person and the Environment

SWK 395 Beginning Field Experience in Social Work
SWK 440 Social Welfare Policy and Issues
SWK 462 Generalist Practice II
SWK 463 Generalist Practice III
SWK 491 Methods of Social Work Research
SWK 495 Field Practicum in Social Work I
SWK 495 Field Practicum in Social Work I

About UMaine

The University of Maine, founded in Orono in 1865, is the state's premier public university. It is among the most comprehensive higher education institutions in the Northeast and attracts students from across the U.S. and more than 60 countries. It currently enrolls 12,000 total undergraduate and graduate students who can directly participate in groundbreaking research working with world-class scholars. Students are offered 88 bachelor's degree programs, 64 master's degree programs, 25 doctoral programs and one of the oldest and most prestigious honors programs in the U.S. The university promotes environmental stewardship on its campus, with substantial efforts aimed at conserving energy, recycling and adhering to green building standards in new construction. For more information about UMaine, go online (umaine.edu). Equal opportunity information also is available online (umaine.edu/eo).

How do I apply?

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