Bachelor of Arts in Social Work

- Apply in spring of your sophomore year to begin program in fall of your junior year
- Abundant practicum placement opportunities
- Emphasis on social justice
- Undergraduate Certificates available in Critical Cultural Competence, Aging & Longevity Studies, and Trauma & Resilience
- Honors program available for exceptional students
- 120+ semester hours, including 60+ hrs of work for the major:
  - 35+ hrs in social work courses
  - 13+ hrs in cognate areas
  - 12 hrs electives (including 6+ in social work)

OUR MISSION
To develop culturally responsive practitioners, scholars, researchers, and leaders to create a more just society.

IOWA™ School of Social Work
BA Program


Earn your versatile Social Work degree on the beautiful University of Iowa main campus!
Admission Requirements

Application is due February 15th, prior to the fall semester for which the student is applying

- Completion of SSW:1022 Social Justice and Social Welfare in the United States or SSW:2222 Intro to Social Work, with a grade of C or higher.*
- Cumulative GPA of 2.50 (on a 4.0 scale) at the time of admission. Applicants who do not meet the minimum GPA but demonstrate aptitude and commitment may be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Completion of an application form including essays. **

*For transfer students, completion of an equivalent class (for example, Intro to Social Work or Intro to Human Services) with a grade of C or above may be accepted by the department. ** Those who have completed the equivalent class at another institution must also submit a completed recommendation form and transcripts. Recommendations and letters of reference will otherwise not be accepted.

Honors

The School of Social Work has an honors program leading to a Bachelor of Arts with honors in social work. A cumulative GPA of at least 3.33 is required for participation in the program, which enables students to do in-depth study in subjects that interest them.

Minor

A minor in social work requires a minimum of 15 hrs in social work courses, including 12 hrs in UI courses numbered 3000 or above. Students must maintain a GPA of at least 2.0 in all courses for the minor, and must complete Social Justice and Welfare in the United States or Introduction to Social Work (or for transfer students, an equivalent course from another institution approved by the department).

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A versatile degree delivering critical skills for leaders who want to make social justice work in their communities and the world.

Educating students to be culturally intelligent, generalist social work practitioners with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities

- Liberal-arts-focused program offered in person, on the main University of Iowa campus in Iowa City.
- Principally driven by the ethics of the social work profession and core values of service, social justice, dignity and worth of the person, importance of human relationships, integrity, and competence.
- Strong emphasis on social justice and cultural humility, deepening students’ understanding of their own cultural heritage in the context of other cultures.
- Development of knowledge, attitudes, critical thinking, and means of communication that are characteristic of a broadly educated person.
- Exploration of methods and limitations of various systems of inquiry, hand in hand with scholarly honing of critical thinking skills.
- Discovery of social, psychological, and biological determinants of human behavior and of diverse cultures, social conditions, and social problems.

For more info about admission and course requirements:

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Program or application questions?

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