

## **SOCIAL WORK MAJOR - B.S.**

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The mission of the Social Work Major is to prepare students in a Christian context to be social work professionals who can effectively enhance the well-being of diverse individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities with competence, compassion and ethical integrity, and who are committed to promoting a just and caring society in a complex and interrelated world. In order to fulfill the mission, the Social Work Major has two goals: first, to prepare students to be generalist social work practitioners who integrate the knowledge, values, and skills of the social work profession in an educational context rooted in a Christian worldview; second, to prepare students for graduate education for social work, other professional disciplines, and lifelong learning.

The Social Work Major is an approved program under the New York State Board of Regents and its curriculum corresponds to the requirement of the Council of Social Work Education (CSWE). The Social Work Major is in the process of obtaining accreditation from the CSWE. (*The Social Work Major was granted Candidacy Status by the CSWE in February 2005.*)

### **Admission to the Social Work Major**

The Social Work Major encourages applicants who demonstrate both academic competency and characteristics that will serve as a sound base for professional development. It is important that students who apply for the Social Work Major have the motivation and ability to work effectively with people.

In addition to the general admission requirements listed in the catalog, admission to the Social Work Major requires the following items:

1. Completion of a substantial portion of the Nyack College core curriculum and most prerequisites.
2. A minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.5.
3. Submission of departmental application.

Students may apply for program admission following completion of approximately 50 credit hours and most prerequisites, or March 1<sup>st</sup> of the sophomore year. Exceptions can be made only on recommendation by the adviser to the program director and subsequent approval by the program director.

### **Prerequisites for the Social Work Major**

- SWK 101 - Introduction to Social Work & Social Welfare
- SWK 246 - Interpersonal Communication Skills
- SWK 254 - Understanding Diverse Populations
- ENG 101-102 - College Writing I and II
- PSY 101 - General Psychology
- SOC 101 - Introduction to Sociology
- POL 215 - American Government
- BIO 216 - Human Biology

**Field Education**

In the second semester of the junior year, students engage in field experiences combined with pre-practice seminar (SWK 357 Field Experience and Pre-practice Seminar). Students are required to work at social service agencies at least 60 hours during the semester. Placement begins in September and ends in December.

All students must have their own transportation for field experience.

During the senior year, students take two field instruction courses (SWK 417 and 457) working at least 400 hours at social service agencies under the supervision of professional social workers. It is combined with field instruction seminar. Placement begins in September and ends in July.

*Note: A student whose grade point average is below 2.5 may not be allowed to start field instruction.*

**Language Requirements**

Social work candidates can fulfill their language requirement through one of the following ways:

1. 6 credits in the same language.
2. Competency shown through NY state-recognized exam.
3. One course at the intermediate level or above.
4. Elementary level II plus Liberal Arts for a total of 6 credits.

The Bachelor of Science in Social Work requires completion of 126 credits, including 49 credits in required Social Work courses. Students must satisfy both the college's general education requirements and specific liberal arts requirements for the Department of Social Work.

**Liberal Arts and Science Core Component^ ..... 43\***

^Social Work Majors: take SOC 101 (Introduction to Sociology) as major-specific Social Science elective; replace SOC 347 (Multicultural America) with SWK 254 (Understanding Diverse Populations)

\*Foreign Language Component (6 credits)

1 year (2 semesters) of the same language. One year of American Sign Language will also meet this requirement.

**Bible and Ministry Minor Curriculum..... 15**

**Social Work Degree Specific Additional Liberal Arts Requirement (9 credits)**

- PSY 101 - General Psychology ..... 3
- POL 215 - American Government..... 3
- SWK 337-Statistics for Social Science ..... 3

**Social Work Major Component (49 credits)**

- SWK 101 - Introduction to Social Work and Social Welfare..... 3
- SWK 246 - Interpersonal Communication Skills..... 3
- SWK 314 - Human Behavior in the Social Environment I..... 3
- SWK 315 - Social Welfare Policy and Economic Justice..... 3
- SWK 316 - Principles of Social Work Practice ..... 3
- SWK 354 - Human Behavior in the Social Environment II..... 3
- SWK 356 - Social Work Practice with Individuals and Families ..... 3
- SWK 357 - Field Experience and Pre-practice Seminar ..... 3
- SWK 416 - Social Work Practice with Groups..... 3

**Social Work**

SWK 417 - Field Instruction and Seminar I.....5  
SWK 418 - Social Work Research Methods.....3  
SWK 456 - Social Work Practice with Organizations and Communities.....3  
SWK 457 - Field Instruction and Seminar II.....5  
SWK 499 - Integrative Seminar .....3  
Worldview elective .....3

**Miscellaneous Elective Component (10 credits)**

Miscellaneous electives..... 10

**Total credits required ..... 126**

**Social Work Major Suggested Program Plan**

**FIRST YEAR: Fall**

PMN 101-Intro to Spiritual Form. ...2  
INT 112-Found. for Excellence .....2  
ENG 101-College Writing I.....3  
HIS 113-World Civilization I.....3  
SWK 101-Intro. to Social Work .....3  
Foreign Language.....3

**SECOND YEAR: Fall**

BIB 102-Old Testament Lit.....3  
ENG 201 or 202-Global Lit. I or II.3  
BIO 216-Human Biology .....4  
SWK 246-Interpersonal Comm. ....3  
SOC 101-Intro. to Sociology .....3

**THIRD YEAR: Fall**

BIB 301or 302-Biblical Doc I or II.3  
SWK 314-Human Behavior I.....3  
SWK 315-Social Welfare Policy ....3  
SWK 316-Prin of Social Work .....3  
Electives.....6

**FOURTH YEAR: Fall**

Worldview elective.....3  
SWK 416-SW Practice w/Groups...3  
SWK 417-Field Instrn. & Sem. I ....5  
SWK 418-SW Research Meth .....3

**FIRST YEAR: Spring**

ENG 102-College Writing II.....3  
HIS 114-World Civilization II .....3  
FNA 101-Intro to Fine Arts .....3  
PSY 101-General Psych.....3  
Foreign Language.....3  
PMN 201-Nyack Heritage .....1  
INT 101-Info Literacy .....1

**SECOND YEAR: Spring**

BIB 201-New Testament Lit.....3  
PHI 101-Intro. to Philosophy .....3  
POL 215-American Government.....3  
SWK 254-Diverse Populations.....3  
MAT-Mathematics Elective.....3

**THIRD YEAR: Spring**

BIB-Elective .....3  
SWK 354-Human Behavior II .....3  
SWK 356-SW Pract with Ind/Fam.3  
SWK 357-Field Experience .....3  
SWK 337-Statistics for Soc. Sci. ....3

**FOURTH YEAR: Spring**

SWK 456-SW Pract w/ Org/Comm.3  
SWK 457-Field Instrn. & Sem. II...5  
SWK 499-Integrative Seminar.....3  
Two Electives .....4