

# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI‘I AT MĀNOA

## Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work

### BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM: AN OVERVIEW

The University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa confers a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree on undergraduate students who have majored in social work and have completed all the academic requirements of the University. This program involves a minimum two-year course of study that typically begins in the junior year. It combines both academic course work and field practicum. The primary goal of the BSW program is to prepare students to be competent beginning level professionals capable of integrating the knowledge, skills, and values of social work. A secondary goal is to prepare students for advanced social work education.

#### **Admission Requirements**

To be admitted to the BSW program, the applicant must:

1. Have been admitted to the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa;
2. Have completed the basic 31 credit requirement of the University of Hawai‘i General Education Core (or be in the process of completing the requirement if applying for spring admission – see page 2);
3. Have completed the social work knowledge base required courses identified by the School of Social Work (see page 2);
4. Have an adequate liberal arts background;
5. Have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale;
6. Provide evidence of motivation for and commitment to social work education (e.g., personal, volunteer, and/or social work related experiences).

In addition, the applicant must submit: (1) transcripts of all university level academic work completed; (2) a School of Social Work application including a narrative based on personal experiences; and (3) three letters of recommendation. It is helpful but not required for admission for students to complete their second language requirement (see Graduation Requirements) prior to application for the program.

#### **Application Deadlines**

The deadline for application for the Fall semester is February 1; for the Spring semester (early admission), October 1. Inquiries regarding application and admission should be addressed to:

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### Social Work Knowledge Base Required Courses

The following courses must be completed (or be in the process of being completed) with a grade of C or better (a grade of C- is not acceptable) when applying to the BSW program. Note that Philosophy 110, the introductory Political Science course, Psychology course, and the Biological Science course can be used to fulfill some of the UHM General Education Core requirements.

- A. Philosophy 110 – Introduction to Deductive Logic OR Philosophy 111 – Introduction to Inductive Logic
- B. Political Science – Any introductory course
- C. Psychology – Any psychology course
- D. Biological science course emphasizing human biology/development
- E. Social Work 200 – The Field of Social Work

### UHM School of Social Work General Education Requirements

In the fall of 2000, the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa changed the structure of the core requirements necessary for graduation with a bachelors degree. For prospective Social Work students it is important to note that the School of Social Work also has course requirements (see pages 3 – 4 of this handout). These requirements as well as some course selection suggestions are listed below. Students who entered the UH system prior to Fall 2001 and remained continuously enrolled have a different set of requirements. Contact the BSW program office for more information.

*UH Mānoa General Education Requirements for Students Entering the UH System – Fall 2001 or later*

			CREDIT HOURS
<b>I. University of Hawai'i at Mānoa General Education Core</b>			<b>31</b>
For area requirements and course listings, see the UHM catalog.			
<u>Foundations Requirement</u> – Foundations courses are intended to give students skills and perspectives that are fundamental to undertaking higher education.			
A.	Written Communication		3
	o English 100, 100A, 101 + 101 Lab, or English Language Institute (ELI) 100		
B.	Symbolic Reasoning		3
	o Philosophy 110 or 111 (also social work knowledge base courses)		
C.	Global and Multicultural Perspectives		6
	o Students must take two courses from different groups		
	Group A	Group B	Group C
Anthropology 151	American Studies 150	Geography 151	
Art 175	Anthropology 152	Language, Linguistics, and Literature 150	
History 151	Art 176	Music 107	
History 161A	Geography 102	Religion 150	
	History 152		
	History 155		
	History 162A		

Diversification Requirement – The Diversification Requirement is intended to assure that every student has a broad exposure to different domains of academic knowledge, while at the same time allowing flexibility for students with different goals and interests. Refer to the UHM Catalog.

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| D. | Arts, Humanities, and Literatures (DA, DH, DL)  |                                    | 6                    |
| E. | Natural Sciences (one with lab)   |                                    | 7                    |
|    | Biological Sciences (DB) – 3 credits  | Physical Sciences (DP) – 3 credits | Lab (DY) – 1 credit  |
|    | These UHM courses also fulfill the human biology/development social work knowledge base requirement                     |                                    |                      |
|    | Biology 101, 350  | See the UHM catalog.               | See the UHM catalog. |
|    | Women’s Studies 350   |                                    |                      |
|    | Food Science and Human Nutrition 185  |                                    |                      |
|    | Microbiology 130, 351   |                                    |                      |
|    | Physiology 103, 141, 142, 301, 302  |                                    |                      |
| F. | Social Sciences   |                                    | 6                    |
|    | o Psychology 100 or any other psychology class (also a social work knowledge base course)                               |                                    |                      |
|    | o Political Science introductory course (also a social work knowledge base course)                                      |                                    |                      |
|    | o Family Resources 230 (This course also fulfills the human biology/development social work knowledge base requirement) |                                    |                      |

**II. University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa Graduation Requirements 23-25**

Note that the specified number of credit hours is a maximum. The actual number of credit hours for this category will depend upon the number of courses taken that overlap with the major and Diversification requirement. For area requirements and course listings, see the UHM catalog and MyUH.

Focus Requirements\* - The Focus Requirements identify important additional skills and discourses necessary for living and working in diverse communities. Focus Requirements may be satisfied through major and Diversification courses. Most must be taken at UHM (see catalog).

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| A. | Contemporary Ethical Issues (E, ETH)   |  | 3     |
| B. | Hawaiian, Asian, and Pacific Issues (H, HAP)   |  | 3     |
| C. | Oral Communication (O, OC)   |  | 3     |
| D. | Hawaiian or Second Language (HSL): up to 202 level, OR 2 semesters of same language and 2 semesters of culture classes |  | 14-16 |
| E. | Writing Intensive (WI): 5 courses total, including 2 numbered 300 and above  |  |       |

**III. Social Work Major Requirements 41**

Most required courses are offered once a year in selected semesters.

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| SW | 200 The Field of Social Work (fall and spring)                       | 3 |
| SW | 302 General Social Work Practice I (fall)                            | 3 |
| SW | 303 General Social Work Practice II (spring) (WI)                    | 3 |
| SW | 325 History of Social Welfare (fall)                                 | 3 |
| SW | 326 Social Welfare as a Social Institution (spring)                  | 3 |
| SW | 360 Sociocultural Content for Social Work Practice (fall)            | 3 |
| SW | 361 Human Development and Behavior for Social Work Practice (spring) | 3 |
| SW | 391 Junior Practicum (spring of junior year)                         | 3 |

SW 402 General Social Work Practice III (fall)	3
SW 403 General Social Work Practice IV (spring) (WI)	3
SW 440 Research Development in Social Welfare (fall)	3
SW 490 – 491 Senior Practicum (fall and spring of senior year)	8

**IV. Electives Required in Upper Division Liberal Arts Courses** **21**

One course in small group, community, or organizational theory	3
One course involving the analysis of a social institution, problem, or issue	3
One course with emphasis on ethnic or cultural factors	3
One course with emphasis on American values	3
One course with emphasis on women's issues	3
One course with emphasis on research design and methodology	3
One course related to the social problems, issues, or practice skills the student is particularly concerned with and is interested in as a practice area	3

**V. Other Electives** **6-8**

Courses in this area may include either lower or upper division courses as well as knowledge base courses not taken as part of the General Education Requirements

\*Focus courses are not listed in UHM catalog. The MyUH schedule of classes should be consulted prior to the start of each semester to determine focus designations.

**Practicum**

Practicum or internship with professional social work field instruction is an integral part of social work education.

Junior practicum (SW 391) is required for all students enrolled in the second semester of their junior year while concurrently enrolled in SW 303. The course involves classroom work as well as 80 hours of selected fieldwork experiences for one semester in a social agency.

Senior practicum (SW 490 – 491) is required for all students prior to graduation and must be done concurrently with SW 402 – 403. The courses entail spending approximately 16 hours a week or a total of 450 hours at an assigned social service agency for the academic year. In addition, students enrolled in SW 490 – 491 are required to attend an Integration Seminar class that meets once a month during the academic year. The Practicum Coordinator in consultation with the student being placed makes all agency assignments.

**Graduation Requirements for Students Entering the UH System - Fall 2001 or Later**

To qualify for the BSW degree, the student must:

- A. Fulfill all University of Hawai'i at Mānoa General Education requirements;
- B. Complete the required undergraduate social work curriculum, including the knowledge base courses, with a grade of C or better (a C- is not acceptable);
- C. Complete the practicum successfully in keeping with specific standards of the School, under professional social work supervision and instruction;
- D. Earn an aggregate of no less than 124 credits;
- E. Have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5.

## **BSW Program Courses**

Note: Most required courses are offered once a year in selected semesters. Elective courses are offered according to the availability of resources.

### SW 200 The Field of Social Work (3)

Orientation to the profession of social work: the nature and scope of social work, historical development, values and philosophy, scope and aims.

### SW 302 General Social Work Practice I (3)

Orientation to practice principles, concepts, values, knowledge base, and their application. Pre: majors only.

### SW 303 General Social Work Practice II (3)

Introduction to practice skills with individuals, families, groups and communities. Pre: majors only. Co-requisite: SW 391

### SW 325 History of Social Welfare (3)

Historical developments and implications of social welfare activities, institutions, and policies and European backgrounds; introduction of social welfare developments in selected non-European countries. Recommended: SW 200

### SW 326 Social Welfare as a Social Institution (3)

Study of U.S. social welfare institutions and policies as an expression of societal response to human needs; interrelationship of American value system to goals, objectives and policies of social security programs; focus on examination of Hawai'i's social service programs. Recommended: SW 200

### SW 360 Sociocultural Content for Social Work Practice (3)

An overview of social work's person-in-environment focus as it applies to human behavior in the context of families, groups, communities, and organizations. Using an ecological perspective, theories and evidence about human behavior are introduced and examined. Recommended: SW 200

### SW 361 Human Development and Behavior for Social Work Practice (3)

An overview of human behavior and healthy and unhealthy development over the life span. Social work's person-in-environment perspective is used to organize knowledge about biological, psychological, social, and cultural systems as they affect and are affected by human behavior. Recommended: SW 200

### SW 380 Topics in Social Welfare (V)

Current trends in the field of social welfare.

### SW 391 Junior Practicum (3)

Introduction to field instruction; application of social work knowledge, skills and values to field experience. Pre: SW 302; majors only; junior standing; and completion of required sophomore and first-semester junior level SW courses. Co-requisite: SW 303

SW 402 General Social Work Practice III (3)

Use of problem-solving process in practice with individuals, families, groups, and communities. Pre: majors only; senior standing; completion of required sophomore and junior level social work courses. Co-requisite: SW 490

SW 403 General Social Work Practice IV (3)

Examination of practice methods and interventive models; identification and analysis of issues related to practice. Pre: majors only; senior standing; completion of required sophomore and junior level social work courses. Co-requisite: SW 491

SW 440 Research Development in Social Welfare (3)

Introduction to and application of language of research, theoretical concepts underlying advancement of knowledge, practical steps in research. Pre: senior standing

SW 480 Topics in Social Welfare (V)

Current trends in the field of social welfare.

SW 490 Senior Practicum (4)

Field instruction, application and integration of classroom knowledge with field experiences. Pre: majors only; senior standing; completion of required sophomore and junior level SW courses. Co-requisite: SW 402

SW 491 Senior Practicum (4)

Field instruction, application and integration of classroom knowledge with field experiences. Pre: majors only; senior standing; completion of required sophomore and junior level SW courses. Co-requisite: SW 403

SW 499 Directed Reading and Research (V)

Planned individualized study or research in specialized area related to social work practice interest: up to 3 credits. Pre: majors only; senior standing; consent of program chair and faculty advisor.