



University Profile

The University of Saint Francis was founded in 1890 and has a rich heritage of offering quality education. Rooted in the Catholic and Franciscan traditions of Faith and Reason, the University of Saint Francis engages a diverse community in learning, leadership and service.

The campus has 108 acres of rolling lawns and trees with 19 buildings and four residence halls that surround beautiful Mirror Lake.

Personal attention to students is what makes a USF education so meaningful and enriching to its approximately 2,000 students.

Overview

The Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) Program at the University of Saint Francis is administered by the Department of Social Work. The Bachelor of Social Work degree is provided to students through a four-year curriculum consisting of liberal arts and general education courses and foundation courses in social work.

The BSW Program has shaped its mission, goals and objectives to be consistent with the Franciscan mission of the university and with the Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards (2002) as defined by the Council on Social Work Education.

Mission Statement of the BSW Program

The BSW Program at the University of Saint Francis exists to provide students at the undergraduate level with the academic and experiential knowledge of social work necessary to serve today's diverse populations and to do so in the spirit of Franciscan values and the values of the profession of social work. The BSW Program also strives to broaden students' understandings of fundamental human needs within a global and intercultural context through a solid liberal arts base and a strong social work core and to provide students with professional competencies appropriate to assisting others in meeting

these needs and in promoting social justice.

The BSW Program is designed to prepare its graduates to enter the world of professional social work at the entry level as generalist social work practitioners, to pursue graduate studies and to advance the profession through scholarly endeavors.

Goals

Derived from our mission statement, the BSW Program has six program goals:

1. Prepare students for competent entry-level generalist social work practice in a variety of human service settings.
2. Help students meet the various social service needs of individuals, groups and communities either within the State of Indiana, other parts of the United States or internationally.
3. Foster understanding about and promote appropriate forms of assistance to vulnerable and diverse populations.
4. Promote values, skills and knowledge for students that promote social justice for all people.
5. Prepare students for competent research and scholarly activity designed to advance the field of professional social work.
6. Prepare students for future graduate studies.

Accreditation

The Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredits the Bachelor of Social Work at the University of Saint Francis. The CSWE is the organization that sets national standards relating to curriculum and overall program requirements and supports. Being an accredited program means that the program has successfully met the high standards set forth by the CSWE and prepares students for professional practice or continuation of further studies or graduate work.

Program Admission and General Requirements

Before the conclusion of the student's junior year, and upon completion of designated coursework, the student makes final application to the Social Work Program. Program admission criteria and grade requirements can be found in the BSW Program Handbook, available in the Department of Social Work, or may be downloaded from our website at www.sf.edu/socialwork.

Field Experience-Practicum

Upon completion of general education requirements and the social work professional foundation courses, all social work majors complete a 450 hour practicum during their senior year. Our faculty work with each student based upon his or her strengths and interests to secure a field experience in a social service agency, where students are able to put into practice knowledge, values and social work skills they have acquired in our program. This rich field experience serves as a capstone to academic preparation and moves the student from the academic world to the professional world of social work, from theory to practice.

Faculty

The BSW Program at the University of Saint Francis employs faculty who mirror the characteristics they seek to instill in their students: scholarship, motivation, concern, and a focus on service. BSW Program faculty are all MSW prepared and have had years of practice in the social work field. Our well-rounded faculty bring theoretical and practice expertise to the classroom, creating a stimulating environment for students to develop the knowledge and skills necessary to address today's challenges facing individuals, families, groups, and communities.

Career Connections

Social Work graduates find career possibilities in many different areas, such as social service agencies, hospitals, mental health centers, children and family agencies, nursing homes, group homes, psychiatric hospitals, probation departments, school systems, and medical facilities.

Minors Offered

Child Welfare and Advocacy

Introduction to Social Work and Social Welfare	3
Introduction to Psychology	3
Child and Adolescent Psychology	3
Human Behavior in the Social Environment	3
Child Welfare	3
Introductory Forensic Social Work I: Children	3
Violence	3
Total	21

Introductory Forensic Social Work Practice

Introduction to Social Work	3
Causes of Crime and Delinquency	3
Introductory Forensic Social Work I: Children	3
Introductory Forensic Social Work II: Adults	3
Criminal Justice System or Corrections	3
Child Welfare	3
Violence	3
Total	21

Diversity Studies

Cultural Diversity and Human Rights	3
Introduction to Sociology	3
Introduction to Race and Ethnicity	3
Comparative Racial and Ethnic Relations	3

One of the following: 3

Latin American History
African American History
Native American History
Middle Eastern History
Russian History
History of East Asia
Comparative Genocide

One of the following: 3

Religions East and West
Islam
The Jew and His/Her World
Total 18

Gerontology

Grief and Loss	3
Societal Challenges for Baby Boomers and Beyond	3
Introduction to Social Work and Social Welfare	3
Introduction to Psychology	3
Death and Dying	3
Psychology of Aging	3
Total	18

Financial Aid

Financial aid is available in the form of scholarships, grants, loans, and work study. Over 95 percent of undergraduate students receive some form of financial assistance; most receive more than one type of aid. Early estimator packages are available for dependent students during the fall at www.sf.edu/financialaid.

All students are encouraged to complete the Free Application for Federal Aid (FAFSA). Priority deadline is no later than March 10.

For More Information

Contact the Office of Admissions at 260-434-3279 or 1-800-729-4732 or visit our website at www.sf.edu.