LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO

ORIENTATION

to the BSW PROGRAM
BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

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Activities in the School of Social Work

Goutham M. Menon, PhD, Appointed Dean of the School of Social Work

Loyola SSW and SSWSO Hold Inaugural Social Justice Summit

School of Social Work faculty and staff join National Institutions Coming Out Day in Support of Undocumented Students at Loyola University's Water Tower Campus.

Social Work Professor Nationally Honored at CSWE as PIE Award Recipient

Second $1.35 million grant will help unemployed adults

The First South Asian Womanhood and Girlhood Conference
Social work practice consists of the professional application of social work values, principles, and techniques to one or more of the following ends: helping people obtain tangible services; counseling and psychotherapy with individuals, families, and groups; helping communities or groups provide or improve social and health services; and participating in legislative processes. The practice of social work requires knowledge of human development and behavior; of social and economic, and cultural institutions; and of the interaction of all these factors.
Social Workers...

- Like working with others
- Are interested in helping others
- Understand government programs and social service organizations
- Are interested in promoting social justice, positive change
- Like conducting and engaging in research
- Have a positive outlook
- Are sensitive to others needs and problems
- Understand and appreciate human diversity

- *Campus life offers many programs that are involved in volunteer work in many areas. This is a great way to either decide if you want to be a social work or getting some experience.*

- *LUC Website: Student Activities and Greek Affairs: Find an Organization*
Where do social workers work? Who do social workers work with?

- HOSPITALS
- COMMUNITY CENTERS
- HOMELESS SHELTERS
- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTERS
- REFUGEE ORGANIZATIONS
- SCHOOLS
- NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS
- COUNSELING CENTERS
- NURSING HOMES

We work with anyone and everyone who needs help.
Declaring a Major(s) and a Minor

- You may have declared a Major when you applied to LUC.
- You can add a major, change a major and add or change a minor through the **Internal Transfer forms**.

- Social work majors often have a second major in Psychology, Sociology, Women’s Studies or other social science departments and sometimes even in Spanish which can be an asset on your resume.

- The Institute for Environmental Sustainability has courses in **Society, Ethics & Justice** which would be good collateral courses for social work.

- *If you do not know much about social work or want to decide between social work and another major, SOWK 200 Introduction to Social Work is a course that can help you decide.*
The CORE:

All students, regardless of major or program, take Core courses at Loyola. The Core classes are the foundation of a Jesuit education and build students’ capacities for critical thinking, effective communication, and ethical decision making.

- There are **10 Knowledge Areas**, plus **1 Engaged Learning area** from which students need to take courses. (SOWK majors get Engaged Learning credit from Service Learning in SOWK 200 and fieldwork in the senior year.)

- Tier 1 Core classes do not have any pre-requisites and any student can sign up for them.

- **Social Work majors** are required to take Psychology 101 and Sociology 101 for the major. These courses will also satisfy the Tier 1 and 2 CORE requirements in Social & Cultural Knowledge.

- **SOWK majors** are required to take a Statistics course. We recommend that they take one of the social science statistics courses. This will also fulfill the CORE requirement in Quantitative Analysis.

- There are lots of courses for Tier II Scientific Literacy. Some recommended courses for majors include: Anthropology 101, 103, 104, 105; ENVS 281; Biology 110.

- **There is no language requirement** for social work but there may be if a student has a double major that is in the College of Arts & Sciences (CAS).
Similar Majors: Social Work, Psychology, Human Services

- **Psychologists** and social workers are dedicated to helping others. Although the end goal is the same, there are significant differences between the two fields. In social work, professionals work within the social service system to find solutions to problems such as poverty and emotional or mental health. Psychologists are more likely to use their training and education in the human mind and human behavior to diagnose mental health issues and provide psychotherapy and other treatment. (http://www.socialworkdegreeguide.com/faq/what-is-the-difference-between-a-social-work-degree-and-a-psychology-degree/)

- **Social work** is a practice-based profession and an academic discipline that promotes social change and development, social cohesion, and the empowerment and liberation of people. Principles of social justice, human rights, collective responsibility and respect for diversities are central to social work. Underpinned by theories of social work, social sciences, humanities and indigenous knowledge, social work engages people and structures to address life challenges and enhance wellbeing. Social work incorporates psychological theories and practices. The BSW is the first level of a “profession.” (International Federation of Social Work)

- **Human Services** major: Social and human services assistant is a generic term for individuals with a wide variety of job titles, including human services worker, case management aide, social work assistant, community support worker, mental health aide, community outreach worker, life-skills counselor or gerontology aide. (LUC website)
BSW Curriculum

- **200**: Introduction to Social Work
- **201**: Social Welfare Policy & Services I *or* **507**: Social Welfare and Social Work (Sophomore/Junior Yr.)
- **305**: Human Behavior in the Social Environment *or* **500**: HBSE I (Junior Yr.)
- **370**: Cultural Diversity *or* **502**: Race & Ethnicity (Junior Yr.)
- **390**: Introduction to Research Methods *or* **506**: Social Work Research (Junior Yr.)
- **301**: Social Work Methods I *or* **503**: Social Work with Individuals & Family I (Senior Yr. 1st semester)
- **307**: Social Welfare Policy & Services II *or* **509**: Policies/Strategies Community Intervention (Senior Yr. 1st semester)
- **330**: Social Work Practice I (Senior Yr. 1st semester)
- **303**: Social Work Practice with Group *or* **505**: Social Work with Groups (Senior Yr. 1st semester)
- **302**: Social Work Methods II *or* **504**: Social Work with Individuals & Family II (Senior Yr. 2nd semester)
- **340**: Social Work Practice II (Senior Yr. 2nd semester)
- **350**: Integrative Practice Seminar
- **501**: Human Behavior in Social Environment II

- **BSW to MSW in 5 Years**
  - BSW majors can complete the 2-year MSW program in one year by meeting grade point requirements.
  - Students specialize in the MSW program – Health & Behavioral Health, Schools, Children & Families, Leadership Development. There are also joint programs at the MSW level.
School of Social Work Student Organization (SSWSO)

- For more information, connect with SSWSO on Facebook or email us at LUCSSWSO@gmail.com.

- Join the LGBTQIA, Advocacy, or Anti-Oppression, International Relations, Sports & Social Work, Academic & Professional Development, and Student Ambassador Committees and help facilitate SSWSO events.
Misc. Information

- The School of Social Work is on the Water Tower Campus in McGuire Hall. Some sections are at LSC but most are at WTC. The Shuttle runs between campuses several times an hour.

- Social Work majors complete fieldwork two days a week in the senior year. The School of Social Work assists students in securing a field placement.

- Study Abroad is possible by planning ahead. Study Abroad courses generally fulfill CORE courses or come back to LUC as electives.

- Incoming freshman and first semester sophomores are advised by “First and Second Advising” in Sullivan Center at LSC and can consult with a social work advisor at any time. Prior to registering for the junior year majors should be advised by a social work advisor.
The National Association of Social Workers (NASW) is the largest membership organization of professional social workers in the world, with 132,000 members. NASW works to enhance the professional growth and development of its members, to create and maintain professional standards, and to advance sound social policies.