

# SCHOOL *of* SOCIAL WORK

## Time-tested Knowledge, Contemporary Insight

Loyola's commitment to social work runs deep. Founded in 1914 and accredited since 1921, our school—the first ever established at a Jesuit institution of higher learning—is the oldest school of social work at a Catholic university in North America. The values and mission of this profession, as well as Loyola's Jesuit tradition and commitment to social justice, fortify our pledge to serve others.

Our dedication to our students and academic excellence is equally strong. "Loyola's School of Social Work is known for undergraduate and graduate programs that engage and challenge our students in a transformative learning process that provides in-depth integration of direct practice theory, knowledge, and values," affirms Professor and Dean of the School of Social Work, Jack C. Wall, PhD. "We strive to build a strong foundation for the lifelong learning expected of social

workers and to meet the individual needs of our students."

Loyola's School of Social Work introduces you to this dynamic profession and prepares you to rise to its challenges. Courses engage the many contemporary clinical, community, and social issues encountered by social workers today. Internship and career development opportunities in our urban classroom—the city of Chicago—are vast, varied, and invaluable toward building a framework for your career. Study abroad, international fieldwork, and service-learning opportunities offer a global view and help you develop a sensitive understanding and respect for diversity of thought, experience, and culture.

Chicago's social work professionals and agencies have influenced practice nationally and internationally. Through service-learning, volunteer, and internship positions in Chicago, you will learn while you make an impact on the world around you.

## SOCIAL WORK DEGREES

SOCIAL WORKERS help people of all ages from all social and economic backgrounds. They work in various settings, including child and family agencies, programs for the mentally ill, programs for the developmentally and physically disabled, vocational rehabilitation and employment counseling centers, the criminal justice system, community centers, the child welfare system, hospitals, day care centers, and schools. Loyola's School of Social Work prepares you for success in these settings.

### Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)

The Bachelor of Social Work provides the knowledge, values, and skills you need as a beginning-level generalist in social work practice. With a BSW degree, you can work to improve the lives of individuals, families, and groups. You'll also possess the skills necessary to collaborate with organizations and communities. With a BSW degree plus one year of supervised post-graduation experience, you will qualify to become a licensed social worker (LSW). A social work minor also is available.

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### Five-year Degree (BSW/MSW)

Because of the complexity of modern societal systems, the MSW degree is a requirement for many positions. Earn both the bachelor's and master's degrees in social work and you will enjoy increased career mobility and a wider scope of job prospects in clinical work, supervision, and administration. The BSW program, in cooperation with the School of Social Work's graduate programs, offers a five-year BSW/MSW program, enabling you to complete a bachelor's degree and obtain the Master of Social Work (MSW) degree simultaneously. You will earn both degrees in just five years, following a compressed format that saves you the time and expense usually required to complete a Master's degree. Loyola offers the only combined BSW/MSW degree program in the United States.

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## FACULTY

THE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK is fortunate to have a distinguished collection of full-time professors with a wealth of experience in a variety of practice settings. Faculty also includes a select group of part-time professors who bring their field expertise to the classroom, illustrating contemporary issues faced by social workers and their clients. Faculty believe strongly in a student-centered learning environment, and classes reflect a diverse

learning community that can be characterized as open-minded, lively, and inclusive. You will benefit from the expertise of our faculty, who are actively engaged in ongoing research across a broad spectrum of issues, including child welfare, domestic violence, gerontology, health care, international social work, multiculturalism, philanthropy, program evaluation, social policy, spirituality, and treatment modalities.

## ACCREDITATION

LOYOLA'S BSW and BSW/MSW programs are fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). Founded in 1952, the CSWE is recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation as the sole accrediting agency for social work education in the United States.

## CORE CURRICULUM

IN ADDITION to fulfilling major requirements to earn an undergraduate social work degree, you must complete Loyola's Core Curriculum. The Core lays the groundwork for your success as a social worker, helping you to think critically, to embrace diversity, and to express yourself clearly and eloquently.

Values, an important part of a Loyola education, are integrated throughout the Core Curriculum. Courses focus on promoting justice, diversity, spirituality or faith in action in the world, and promoting civic engagement and leadership.

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NUMBER OF **COURSES** REQUIRED TO SATISFY THE CORE—ONE-THIRD OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CLASSES NEEDED TO GRADUATE

## FIELD WORK, INTERNSHIPS, AND CAREERS



PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE is built into Loyola's social work curriculum. It allows you to integrate and apply your academic knowledge in a real-world setting and prepares you for professional practice. Loyola's urban setting provides you unprecedented access to supervised internships and field experiences, as well as exposure to a vast array of diverse cultural experiences. We have relationships with over 400 agencies, non-profit organizations, hospitals, and schools in the Chicagoland area.

Throughout your undergraduate career, you will complete approximately 500 hours of field work. The end result: you will be a social worker with a wide range of knowledge and experience—as well as the confidence—to successfully engage future clients and make an immediate impact in the world.

Employers recognize this in Loyola BSW graduates, and as a graduate of Loyola's School of Social Work you will have access to great career opportunities. While most select careers in the social service field, some BSW graduates choose to work in the corporate sector or to pursue advanced degrees in social work, law, industrial relations, business administration, or public health. Many students go on to work in the agencies where they completed field placements.

WE RECOMMEND that all Loyola students extend their academic experiences through service-learning and volunteering. Learning outside the classroom, as you will learn from your field instruction, helps you achieve more than practical experience in a particular field—it gives you an opportunity to learn about the community, expand your professional contacts, and bring your personal interests to life.

» [LUC.edu/experiential](http://LUC.edu/experiential)



GET INVOLVED in one of the more than 175 student groups—or start a new one—and you'll enrich your college experience and make great connections. In addition to social and special interest groups, student groups geared toward future social workers are also available, such as the School of Social Work Student Organization.

» [LUC.edu/activities](http://LUC.edu/activities)

## COLLEGE LIFE IN A WORLD-CLASS CITY

THE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK is located in the heart of Chicago on Loyola's Water Tower Campus. Because of its location in a dynamic urban setting, the school maintains strong relationships with many local not-for-profit and social service agencies. You will have an expansive list of field service sites to choose from.

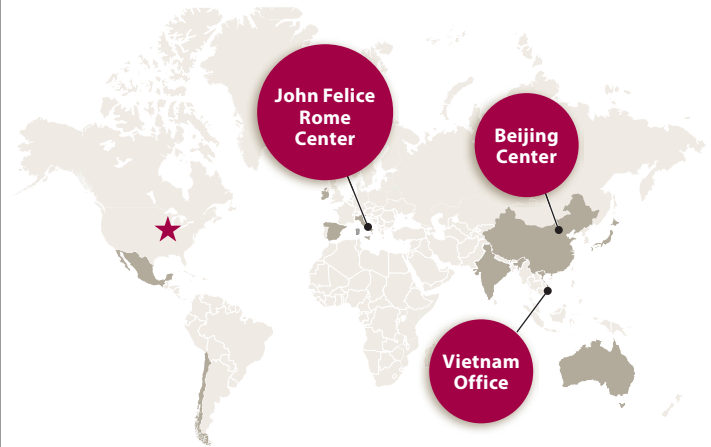
Major courses are offered at the Water Tower Campus, while many Core courses are offered at the Lake Shore Campus. Frequent exposure to both campuses gives you the opportunity to experience a vibrant urban environment as well as the comfort of a more traditional collegiate setting, just steps from the shore of Lake Michigan.

At both campuses, you'll have access to computers, study areas, and dining halls, as well as a network of student groups and activities. For your convenience, Loyola provides a free intercampus shuttle.

## STUDY ABROAD

LOYOLA ENCOURAGES study abroad as a unique opportunity to expand your world view through immersion in another culture. Spending a year, a semester, or a summer in another country is not only an eye-opening experience, but is also a primer for understanding today's global society. Study abroad is a great way for social work students to meet new people from around the world as they discover other cultures and integrate new experiences into their broad foundation of knowledge. "As members of the global community, we are excited about our recent developments in international programming," says Dean Wall. "The school offers opportunities at Loyola's John Felice Rome Center and The Beijing Center for Chinese Studies as well as immersion programs to India. In addition, we offer internships in Mexico and are planning to expand our programs to other parts of the world."

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MANY OTHER STUDY ABROAD opportunities are available through the Office for International Programs. You can choose from more than 100 programs in 55 countries, many of which do not require proficiency in the host country's language.

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