



School of
Social Work

Bachelor of Social Work (Honors)

Fall Group Advising Sessions

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What is Social Work?

Social work is a profession concerned with helping individuals, families, groups and communities to enhance their individual and collective well-being. It aims to help people develop their skills and their ability to use their own resources and those of the community to resolve problems. Social work is concerned with individual and personal problems but also with broader social issues such as poverty, unemployment and domestic violence.

<https://casw-acts.ca/en/what-social-work> retrieved October 2017

What is Social Work?

Human rights and social justice are the philosophical underpinnings of social work practice. The uniqueness of social work practice is in the blend of some particular values, knowledge and skills, including the use of relationship as the basis of all interventions and respect for the client's choice and involvement.

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Why Social Work at King's?

- Social Work is a **profession**
- title “Social Worker” is protected under legislation
- must be registered with the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers



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Social Workers and
Social Service Workers

King's is fully accredited by the Canadian Association for Social Work Education, which means our graduates are eligible for registration with the OCSWSSW.

Why Social Work at King's

King's GENERALIST BSW program equips our graduates to work with

- Individuals
- Families
- Groups
- Communities

as well as developing an understanding of social policy, organizational contexts and evidence based practice.

Why Social Work at King's

- Full-time and Extended Study available
- Extensive and varied practicum experience
- Top-ranked faculty that are accessible inside and outside the classroom
- Small interactive classes
- Comprehensive student services
- A strong sense of community

Real Experience – Real Jobs

BSW Graduates:

- 79% employed within six months of graduation
- 88% employed at time of survey, regardless of how far from graduation
- 76% said their King's BSW prepared them very well or well for their current position
- 50% went on to complete an MSW

Structure of the Program



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Structure of the BSW

- Professional program: means higher than normal time commitment and structure
- 2 years pre-program, working on alternate degree plan
- 2 years in the professional program
- Admission into year 3 (BSW3)
- Apply from year 2 or later
- 45-50 admitted each September

What You'll Learn

- Social Work Theory
- Interview Skills
- Documentation and Recording
- Assessment
- Therapeutic Interventions
- Community Development
- Research Skills
- Advocacy
- Group Work
- Interprofessional Practice
- Program Planning and Evaluation
- Social Justice and Ethics
- Mental Health Issues and Interventions

First and Second Year

- Follow alternate degree path in first and second year
- Take Social Work pre-program courses as electives
- Meet minimum grade requirements

Pre-Program Courses

- SW 1021A/B – Intro to Social Welfare
- SW 1022A/B – Intro to Social Work
- SW 2214A/B – Generalist SW Practice
- SW 2215A/B – SW Practice: Theories and Skills
- SW 2206A/B – Research Methods*
- Writing 1020F/G or 2101F/G
- 7.0 additional courses

BSW3

- Orientation
- Professional Development Conference
- Co-curricular activities and workshops
- 5.0 required courses
- BSW3 Practicum: 200+ hours
- Integration Seminars

BSW3 Courses

Fall Term

- Direct Practice Skills
- Resiliency
- Political, Economic and Social Context
- Individual and Family Development
- Social Work, Ethics and the Law
- Practicum Preparation

Winter Term

- Individuals and Families
- Small Groups
- Communities
- Social Justice and Social Work
- Practicum and Integration

BSW4

- Professional Development Conference
- Co-curricular activities and workshops
- 2.5 required courses
- 2.5 electives
- BSW4 Practicum: 500+ hours
- Integration Seminars

BSW4 Courses

- Analysis of Canadian Social Policies
- Organizational Context of Practice
- Practice-Based Research
- Practicum and Integration Seminar
- Electives

Social Work Electives

- Addictions
- Crisis and Trauma Intervention
- Mental Health
- Children and Adolescents
- Health Care
- Social Work with the Elderly
- Advocacy
- Social Work with First Nations
- Transcultural Social Work

Field Education

Practicum

- Signature pedagogy of social work
- Experiential Learning
- practicing/learning under supervision with support of School and agency
- King's has relationships with 300+ human service agencies and settings

BSW Practicum

- 700+ Hours
 - BSW3 = 200+ hours
 - BSW4 = 500+ hours
- ASIST Training
- Faculty Consultants
- Integration Seminars

Admission Requirements



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Academic

- Completion of 10.0 credits
 - Pre-program social work courses
 - Writing course
 - Research Methods
 - Categories A, B, and C
 - Electives (for alternate degree plan)
- 70% on 10.0 courses used for admission



NEW: Statistics is no longer required for admission

Grades – Required Courses

3.0 courses with a minimum grade of 70% in each:

- SW 1021A/B
- SW 1022A/B
- SW 2214A/B
- SW 2215A/B
- SW 2206A/B (or equivalent)
- Writing 1020F/G or 2101F/G (or 0002F + 1022G)

Grades – Additional Courses

7.0 additional courses with minimum grade of 60% in each:

- 1.0 Category A (Social Science / Interdisciplinary)
- 1.0 Category B (Arts and Humanities) in addition to the Writing course
- 1.0 Category C (Science)
- 4.0 additional courses (e.g., Disability Studies, Thanatology, Social Justice and Peace Studies, Psychology, Sociology ...)

Research Methods for 2018

Many programs require Research Methods courses, including Sociology, Criminology, and Psychology. The School will accept the courses required for these modules also.

- Sociology 2206A/B
- Psychology 2840F/G
- Psychology 2820E or 2800E (Western)
- Health Sciences 2801A/B
- Nursing 3519A/B

Non-Academic

- Personal Profile of relevant experience
 - Work (paid and unpaid)
 - Volunteer
 - Diversity
- Experiences should be relevant, but it is up to the applicant to demonstrate the relevance of any given experience.
- References
 - TWO Non-Academic References

Personal Profile

Work Experience

- Paid or unpaid work.
- Co-ops and practica undertaken for educational purposes would be considered unpaid work. This includes volunteer hours for high school credit.
- Caregiving responsibilities for family members could also be considered unpaid work.

Personal Profile: Volunteer Experience

- Working directly with people is more heavily weighted than volunteer work of a more administrative nature.
- Experience with more than one population will be an asset.
- Currently there is not a minimum number of required volunteer hours.

Personal Profile: Diversity Experience

- Experiences with marginalized, oppressed, and/or diverse populations
- May be personal or from a work and/or volunteer experience already noted above.
- Examples: experience with visible minorities, ethno-specific clubs or programs, persons with physical or mental health challenges, camps or services for disadvantaged children, women and children who have experienced violence or abuse, the elderly, indigenous peoples, newcomers to Canada, having lived in another and/or developing country, or other related activities

References

- Two non-academic references are required.
- From people who can make statements about your personal qualifications for entry into undergraduate socialwork education.
- If possible, both should be from a work and/or volunteer experience, preferably in the social services.
- They should be able to provide responses to the categories noted on the reference form.

Indigenous Applicants

The School of Social Work celebrates the gifts that Indigenous students bring to post-secondary education. We also recognize the discrimination and systemic barriers that indigenous learners have faced and continue to face in the pursuit of education. In accordance with the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People and Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, the School has designated two places in its BSW program for indigenous learners who meet all admission requirements for the program.

Admissions Scoring

- Academic Score – out of 60 points
 - Calculated after all academic criteria are met and based only on the 10.0 courses required for admission
 - Minimum individual course grades
 - Minimum 70% average on 10.0 courses used for admission
- Non-Academic Score – out of 40 points
 - Personal Profile – up to 30 points
 - References – up to 10 points (5 points each)
 - Minimum 24 out of 40 points to be eligible
- Total Overall Score – out of 100 points


Who is Offered Admission?

- After calculating Total Overall Scores, applicants are ranked, and offers of admission are made to the applicants with the highest scores.
- The number of applicants taking summer school is considered before offers are made; you are not disadvantaged by taking summer school.
- The School admits between 45-50 students each year, including Extended Study students.

Intent to Register

- Program Counselling in February/March – you will declare your program / modules for next year.
- You must submit your Intent to Register for your alternate degree path.
- When you are accepted into the BSW, the School will change your registration and courses for you.

Important Dates

	DATE
Application Deadline	March 1 NEW for 2018 
Email regarding application status after Non-Academic criteria scored	April 30
Letters to applicants who have completed academic requirements (by email)	Mid-End June
Deadline to complete academic requirements	July 1
As summer grades become available, further letters will be sent	Mid-End July

Summer School

- Deadline to complete academic requirements: **July 1.**
- Intersession (mid-May to end of June) and first-half of summer evening/distance studies
- Summer School Calendar out early February; registration opens early March
- SW 1021A/B, 1022A/B, 2214A/B and 2215A/B
- Writing 1020F/G and Sociology 2206A/B

Application Materials

- BSW Admissions Guide 2018 – available online November 6, 2017
 - It is each applicant's responsibility to be familiar with the contents of the Admissions Guide
- Application Form
- Reference Form
- Personal Profile Instructions and Template

<https://Socialwork.kings.uwo.ca/bsw>

Application Process

- Read the 2018 Admissions Guide
- Contact your Referees and give link to forms
- Prepare your Personal Profile
- Complete the Application Form
- Submit ALL application materials by

MARCH 1st

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