

SOCIAL WORK, BSW

THREE-YEAR PLAN

SAMPLE THREE-YEAR PLAN

This Sample Three-Year Plan is a tool to assist students and their advisor(s). Students should use it –along with their DARS report, the Degree Planner, and Course Search & Enroll tools – to make their own three-year plan based on their placement scores, credit for transferred courses and approved examinations, and individual interests.

Three-year plans may vary considerably from student to student, depending on their individual preparation and circumstances. Students interested in graduating in three years should meet with an advisor as early as possible to discuss feasibility, appropriate course sequencing, post-graduation plans (careers, graduate school, etc.), and opportunities they might forgo in pursuit of a three-year graduation plan.

DEPARTMENTAL EXPECTATIONS

Students planning to graduate within three years from the Bachelor of Social Work program should enter the University with a minimum of 30 advanced standing credits, and have satisfied the following requirements with course credit or via placement examination:

- Communication Part A
- Quantitative Reasoning Part A
- 18 combined credits of Humanities, Social Science, and Natural Science coursework
- 3-4 units of language

Students wishing to apply to the Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) program (<https://socwork.wisc.edu/admissions/bsw-application/>) must do so in spring of Junior year.

First Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
SOC WORK 205	4	SOC WORK 206	4
Social Science Concentration course	3-4	Social Science Concentration course	3-4
Biological Science Breadth	3	Humanities Breadth	3
Literature Breadth	3	Literature Breadth	3
Language (if interested in retroactive credit or to reach 4 units)	3	Physical Science Breadth	3
	16		16

Second Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
STAT 301, 371, PSYCH 210, or SOC 360 (also meets Quantitative Reasoning B)	3	SOC WORK 650 (spring only) ²	3
SOC WORK 640 (fall only) ¹	3	SOC WORK 457 (spring only)	3

SOC WORK elective (Intermediate/Advanced-level)	3	Humanities Breadth	3
Communication B	3	Science Breadth	3
Science Breadth (if not taking STAT 301 or 371)	3	Elective (Intermediate/Advanced-level)	3-4
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Third Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
SOC WORK 400 (fall only)	4	SOC WORK 401 (spring only)	4
SOC WORK 441 (fall only)	3	SOC WORK 612 (spring only) ²	2
SOC WORK 442 (fall only)	2	Ethnic Studies	3
Elective (Intermediate/Advanced-level)	3-4	SOC WORK Elective (Intermediate/Advanced-level)	3-4
Elective	2-4	Elective (Intermediate/Advanced-level)	2
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Total Credits 90

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SOC WORK 640 counts towards the BSW ethnic studies requirement, providing three of the six credits needed.

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SOC WORK 612 and SOC WORK 650 are often available in the summer. Check with an Advisor regarding availability and how summer courses might fit into your schedule.