

Social Work (BSW)

COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY

This degree map is based on the 2023-24 Academic Catalog and is subject to change. Students should meet with their academic advisor each semester and use Degree Works to monitor their individual progress toward degree completion. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on several factors including summer/winter enrollment, dual enrollment and number of courses successfully completed each semester. We recommend taking a minimum of 15 credits each fall and spring semester.

Sample 4-Year Plan

First Year

| Fall Courses | Credits | Spring Courses | Credits |
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| SOWK100 INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL WORK | 3 | SOWK200 DIVERSITY & SOCIAL JUSTICE | 3 |
| HUMAN BIOLOGY (BIO101) or BASIC BIOLOGY (BIO105) (GEN ED) | 3 | SOWK210 PRE-PRACTICE SWK EXPER. | 3 |
| GEN ED | 3 | GEN ED | 3 |
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| FIRST YEAR SEMINAR (FYS) | 3 | GEN ED | 3 |
| Semester Total | 15 | Semester Total | 15 |

Second Year

| Fall Courses | Credits | Spring Courses | Credits |
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| SOWK310 HUMAN BEHAV. IN SOCIAL ENV. I | 3 | SOWK320 HUMAN BEHAV. IN SOC ENV II | 3 |
| SOCIAL WORK ELECTIVE (REQUIRED) | 3 | SOWK360 SWK PRACT. WITH IND & FAMILIES | 3 |
| GEN ED | 3 | GEN ED | 3 |
| GEN ED | 3 | GEN ED | 3 |
| GEN ED | 3 | FREE ELECTIVE | 3 |
| Semester Total | 15 | Semester Total | 15 |

Third Year

| Fall Courses | Credits | Spring Courses | Credits |
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| SOWK300 SOCIAL WORK RESEARCH METHODS | 3 | SOWK400 SWK PRAC WITH ORG & COMM | 3 |
| SOWK350 SWK PRACT. WITH GROUPS | 3 | SOCIAL WORK ELECTIVE (REQUIRED) | 3 |
| GEN ED | 3 | GEN ED | 3 |
| FREE ELECTIVE | 3 | FREE ELECTIVE | 3 |
| FREE ELECTIVE | 3 | FREE ELECTIVE | 3 |
| Semester Total | 15 | Semester Total | 15 |

Fourth Year

| Fall Courses | Credits | Spring Courses | Credits |
|---------------------------------|---------|--|---------|
| SOWK410 SWK POLICY AND PRACTICE | 3 | SOWK490 FIELD SEMINAR | 3 |
| FREE ELECTIVE | 3 | SOWK497 SW FIELD EDUCATION (400-480 hours) | 10-12 |
| FREE ELECTIVE | 3 | | |
| FREE ELECTIVE | 3 | | |
| FREE ELECTIVE | 3 | | |
| Semester Total | 15 | Semester Total | 13-15 |

Winter/Summer College - Optional

While not required, Winter and Summer sessions are offered each year and may help you stay on track or get ahead. You may take up to seven (7) credits during Winter College and up to 14 credits during Summer College.

Curriculum Checklist

ORIENTATION – 9 CR

- ___ SOWK 100 Intro to Social Work (3)
- ___ SOWK 200 Diversity & Soc. Justice (3)
- ___ SOWK 210 Pre-Practice Experience (3)

PROFESSIONAL FOUNDATION – 12 CR

- ___ SOWK 310 HBSE I (3)
- ___ SOWK 320 HBSE II (3)
- ___ SOWK ELECTIVE (3)
- ___ SOWK ELECTIVE (3)

SOWK ELECTIVE OPTIONS:

- ___ SOWK 321 Child Welfare
- ___ SOWK 322 Mental/Behav. Health
- ___ SOWK 323 Expl. LGBTQ+ Exper.
- ___ SOWK 324 SW & Issues of Aging
- ___ SOWK 325 Case Management
- ___ SOWK 326 Addictions
- ___ SOWK 327 SW & Healthcare

RESEARCH AND PRACTICE – 28-30 CR

- ___ SOWK 300 SW Research Methods (3)
- ___ SOWK 350 Practice w/ Ind & Fam (3)
- ___ SOWK 360 Practice w/ Groups (3)
- ___ SOWK 400 Practice w/ Comm & Orgs (3)
- ___ SOWK 410 Social Work Policy Practice (3)
- ___ SOWK 497 Field Education (3)
- ___ SOWK 490 Field Seminar (10-12)

FREE ELECTIVES (24-26 CR)

General Education Requirements (45 credits)

Note: Some requirements may be fulfilled by coursework in your major program including directed Gen Ed courses noted below

- Foundations (15 credits)
- Interconnections (9 credits)
- Citizenship & Responsibility (6 credits from at least two goals)
- Natural World & Technologies (9 credits)
- Creativity & Expression (6 credits)

Degree Requirements

All students must obtain a minimum of 120 credits, complete all General Education requirements, and all requirements for the selected major. Meet with your advisor and consult Degree Works to monitor your progress and for all graduation requirements.

1. 2.0 overall GPA requirement for social work candidacy
2. 2.2 overall GPA requirement for continued matriculation post candidacy
3. 2.2 overall GPA for matriculation to the field practicum

Campus Locations

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| Bloomsburg | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Online; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-person; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blended |
| Lock Haven | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Online; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-person; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blended |
| Mansfield | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Online; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-person; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blended |
| Clearfield | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Online; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-person; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blended |