

Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)
Social Work

The 2026-2027 list of core courses can be found in the 2026-2027 Undergraduate Catalog: www.utrgv.edu/catalog > See 'Bachelors Degree Program Regulations'

Symbols Key										
Campus: B - Offered in Brownsville; E - Offered in Edinburg; L - Offered in Laredo; O - Offered Online; T - Travel Required										
Bolded Course Number*: Program Admission Requirement										
Min Grade: A - Excellent; B - Good; C - Satisfactory; D - Below Average; CR - Credit; P - Passing; S - Satisfactory.										
Core: 010 - Communication; 020 - Mathematics; 030 - Life and Physical Sciences; 040 - Language, Philosophy & Culture; 050 - Creative Arts; 060 - American History; 070 - Government/Political Science; 080 - Social and Behavioral Sciences;										
Core: 090 - Applied Communication and Literacies; Humanities; Leadership; Science Labs; Interdisciplinary; Technologies; Language Diversity & Writing										
This program is delivered in a hybrid format with courses offered through a combination of face-to-face and online instruction. Additionally, some Social Work (SOCW) coursework may be taken at the UT Center in Laredo.										
Year	Semester	Credit Hours	Campus	Course Number	Course Title	Minimum Grade	Core	Prerequisite	Additional Notes	
1	Fall	3	B/E/O	ENGL 1301	Rhetoric and Composition I	C	010	Satisfactory scores on English portion of ACT test and TSI examination or ENGL 0301.	See General Education Core for more details.	
1	Fall	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Language, Philosophy, and Culture		040		See General Education Core for course options.	
1	Fall	3	B/E/O	SOCW 2361	Introduction to the Social Work	C			Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
1	Fall	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Mathematics	C	020	College Ready TSI status in Mathematics.	See General Education Core for more details. Options: MATH 1314, MATH 1414, MATH 1324, MATH 1342, MATH 1343, MATH 2412, or MATH 2413	
1	Fall		B/E/O	UNIV	1301 Learning Framework 1101 Academic and Career Success 1001/1300 Living and Working by Design				As required, based on a number of factors such as credit hours earned, TSI status, high school rank, major declaration, etc.	
1	Fall	12	Semester Total Hours							
1	Spring	3	B/E/O	ENGL 1302	Rhetoric And Composition II	C	010	A grade of 'C' or better in ENGL 1301	See General Education Core for more details.	
1	Spring	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	American History		060		See General Education Core for more details. Options: HIST 1301 or HIST 2327	
1	Spring	3	B/E/O	POLS 2305	U.S. Federal Government & Politics		070		See General Education Core for course options.	
1	Spring	4	B/E/O	Choose 1	Life and Physical Sciences		030/ 090		BIOL 2401 recommended	
1	Spring	3	B/E/O	SOCI 1301	Introduction to Sociology		080		PSYC 2301 may satisfy the 080 category if SOCI 1301 is used towards the major.	
1	Spring	16	Semester Total Hours							
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2	Fall	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	American History		060		See General Education Core for more details. Options: HIST 1302 or HIST 2328	
2	Fall	3	B/E/O	POLS 2306	Texas Government & Politics		070		See General Education Core for course options.	
2	Fall	4	B/E/O	Choose 1	Life and Physical Sciences		030/ 090		BIOL 2402 recommended (BIOL 2401 pre-req)	
2	Fall	3	B/E/O	PSYC 2301	General Psychology				SOCI 1301 may satisfy the major if PSYC 2301 is used towards the 080 category of the core.	
2	Fall	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Integrative & Experiential Learning		090		See General Education Core for course options. CSCI 1380 or INFS 2398 recommended	
2	Fall	16	Semester Total Hours							
2	Spring	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Creative Arts		050		See General Education Core for course options.	
2	Spring	3	B/E/O	SOCW 2362	The Social Welfare Institutions				Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
2	Spring	3	B/E/O	SOCW 3375	Social Work Statistics			Grade of "C" or better in MATH 1314 , MATH 1414, MATH 1324, MATH 1342, MATH 1343, MATH 2412 or MATH 2413.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement. SOCW 3375 may be satisfied by another Statistics course. Please meet with your Academic Advisor to request a possible course substitution.	
2	Spring	1	B/E/O	Choose 1	Integrative & Experiential Learning		090		See General Education Core for course options.	
2	Spring	3	B/E/O	13XX-43XX	Free Elective				See Degree Plan for course options.	
2	Spring	13	Semester Total Hours							
Must apply to program (See Social Work website or call 956-665-3575 for more details).										
2	Summer	3	O	SPAN 13XX-43XX	Spanish Language Elective				Any two Spanish language courses listed in the undergraduate catalog approved by the Spanish department.	
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2	Summer	6	Semester Total Hours							

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3	Fall	3	B/E/O	SOCW 3310	Professional Communication in Social Work		Admission into the School of Social Work.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
3	Fall	3	B/E/O	SOCW 4311	Social Work Research		SOCW 3375 or departmental approved statistics course and admission into the School of Social Work.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
3	Fall	3	B/E/O/L	SOCW 3321	Human Behavior and the Social Environment I		SOCW 2361 and admission into the School of Social Work and credit or registration in SOCW 3310 and SOCW 4311.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
3	Fall	3	B/E/L	SOCW 3323	Social Work with Individuals	C	SOCW 2361, admission into the School of Social Work and credit or registration in SOCW 3321 and SOCW 4311.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
3	Fall	3	B/E/O	SOCI 4313 or SOCI 4323	Race and Ethnic Relations or The Mexican American Experience		SOCI 4313: Three hours of Sociology. SOCI 4323:	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
3	Fall	15	Semester Total Hours						
3	Spring	3	B/E/L	SOCW 4303	Social Work with Families	C	Admission into the BSW program and grade of "C" or better in SOCW 3323.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
3	Spring	3	B/E/O/L	SOCW 3322	Human Behavior and the Social Environment II		SOCW 3321.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
3	Spring	3	B/E/O	SOCW 3317	Social Work in Complex Environments		Admission into the School of Social Work.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
3	Spring	3	B/E/O	SOCW 3314	Connecting Social Work Practice through Policy Change		SOCW 2362 and admission into the School of Social Work.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
3	Spring	3	B/E/O	SOCI 4352	Social Stratification		Three hours of Sociology.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
3	Spring	15	Semester Total Hours						
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4	Fall	3	B/E/L	SOCW 4301	Social Work with Groups	C	Admission into the School of Social Work and grade of "C" or better in SOCW 3323. Students must be concurrently enrolled in SOCW 4354.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
4	Fall	3	B/E/O	SOCW 3363	De-Escalation and Crisis Intervention		Grade of "C" or better in SOCW 3323.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
4	Fall	3	B/E/L	SOCW 4354	Generalist Field Education I	P	Admission into the School of Social Work and approval by the Office of Field Education.	SOCW 4619 is an alternative option provided with approval from the Social Work Department. Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
4	Fall	3	B/E/O	PSYC 4313 or SOCI 4314	Abnormal Psychology or Sociology of Deviance		PSYC 4313: Grade of "C" or better in PSYC 2301. SOCI 4314: Three hours of Sociology.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
4	Fall	3	B/E/O	33XX-43XX	Advanced Restricted Elective			Choose from any advanced CRIJ, REHS, SOCW, PSYC, SOCI, POLS, or ANTH courses	
4	Fall	15	Semester Total Hours						
4	Spring	3	B/E/L	SOCW 4302	Social Work with Organizations and Communities	C	Admission into the School of Social Work and a grade of "C" or better in SOCW 3323. Students must be concurrently enrolled in SOCW 4355.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
4	Spring	3	B/E/L	SOCW 4355	Generalist Field Education II	P	SOCW 4355: Admission into the School of Social Work, SOCW 4354 and approval by the Office of Field Education.	SOCW 4619 is an alternative option provided with approval from the Social Work Department. Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
4	Spring	3	B/E/O	33XX-43XX	Advanced Restricted Elective			Choose from any advanced CRIJ, REHS, SOCW, PSY, SOCI, POLS, or ANTH courses	
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4	Spring	12	Semester Total Hours						
		120	TOTAL HOURS						
		(42)	Advanced minimum credit hours						