



The University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley
Department of Social Work
1201 West University Drive — Edinburg, TX 78539

Dear Prospective Major:

We appreciate and welcome your interest in the Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) Program with the Department of Social Work at the University of Texas- Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV). The Bachelor of Social Work Program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). As a graduate of our program, you will qualify to take the Texas Bachelor of Social Work licensing examination (LBSW).

The Social Work degree plan consists of 120 hours, including the following:

- 43 hours of University Core Curriculum requirements
- 39 hours of Social Work core courses, including 30 hours of upper division courses
- 24 hours of upper division support courses
- 6 hours of Spanish
- 8 elective hours

The 24 hours of upper division support courses that must be completed include the following choices of specified course and electives from various academic disciplines. In order to take the following classes, you must have taken SOCI 1301 and PSYC 2301:

- 12 hours upper division courses (choose one from each of the following groups):
 - PSY 4313 Abnormal Psychology, *or*
 - SOCI 4314 Sociology of Deviance

 - PSY 3337 Development Psychology: Lifespan, *or*
 - PSY 3332 Development Psychology: Infancy and Childhood, *or*
 - PSY 3333 Psychology of Adulthood: Maturity and Old Age

 - SOCI 4313 Race and Ethnic Relations, *or*
 - SOCI 4323 The Mexican American Experience

 - SOCI 4352 Social Stratification (required)
- 12 hours of upper division support courses from: CRIJ, REHS, SOCW, PSY, SOCI, POLS, or ANTH.

To apply to become a social work major, you must have the following:

- 2.7 cumulative GPA (overall) for Catalog Year prior to Fall 2022 / 3.0 cumulative GPA (overall) for Catalog Year 2022-2023 and beyond.
- At least 30 hours of University Core Curriculum requirements, with a 2.0 GPA
- SOCW 2361 Intro to the Social Work Profession, with a grade of “C” or higher
- 6 hours of freshman English 1301 & 1302 (English 1305 is not accepted), with a grade of “C” or higher.
- 3 hours of college algebra or higher-level mathematics, with a grade of “C” or better

You must complete process for every application which includes the following:

- Application for Admission into BSW Degree Program
- Personal Statement (Required to use template in BSW website)



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- 1 Letter of Recommendation (Required to use template in BSW website)
- Copy of unofficial UTRGV transcript
- A recent 2X2 headshot, which the UTRGV Career Center can assist you, if a student at UTRGV

Before becoming a social work major, you can be designated as a pre-social work major using the code of HSH-NON-PSOW. As a pre-social work major, you may not take upper division social work core courses, but you can enroll in any required University Core Curriculum courses, support courses and the following lower division social work courses: SOCW 2361 Introduction to the Social Work Profession SOCW 2314/2362 Social Welfare Institutions SOCW 3375 Statistical Methods for Human Services.

After being admitted into the program, you will be required to meet with the Director of BSW Program for the following semester. The Director will explain the Social Work degree plan and develop a plan for graduation. You may continue advisement with the Director or use the UTRGV Academic Advising Department.

Students admitted Fall 2022 and forward should become aware of the course sequence progression relevant to program standing. In order to progress through the curriculum a minimum grade of "B" is required for SOCW 3323 (Practice I) as a prerequisite for enrollment in SOCW 4301 (Practice II), SOCW 4302 (Practice III), and SOCW 4303 (Practice IV). Moreover, a minimum grade of "B" is required in both SOCW 4301, SOCW 4302, SOCW 4303 in order to progress to SOCW 4353 (Integrated Field Seminar) and SOCW 4619 (Block Field Practicum). In addition, all three social work practice courses (SOCW 3321, SOCW 4301, SOCW 4302, SOCW 4303) are designed for skill development requiring a full semester and therefore are not offered during the summer sessions. For those students following a catalog year prior to Fall 2022, the grade requirement for Practice courses is a "C" and Practice III is not required.

Students are reminded that the department adheres to the Student Academic Responsibilities and Appeals policy found within the General Information section of the UTRGV Undergraduate Catalog and are expected to familiarize themselves thoroughly with the regulations relevant to their degree requirements.

During your last semester, you must complete a 480-hour field internship (SOCW 4619) and a field education seminar (SOCW 4353). You must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or 2.7 for those students prior to Fall 2022 and no incomplete grades. Your director will review your degree plan to confirm that you meet all the requirements to enroll in your field practicum.

You may submit an application at any time.

If you have any questions, please contact the Social Work Department at (956) 665-3575 / (956) 665-2972 or visit the Social Work office at Innovation Building, E1NNV 1.168.

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Unofficial Degree Plan
Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)
(120 hours of which 54 hours are advanced)

Name:		SID# :			
Address:		UTRGV Catalog Code: 2021/2022			
City:					
General Education: 42 Hrs.			Social Work Core : 39 Hrs.		
	Hrs. Needed	Hrs. Taken	Social Work Courses should be taken in the following sequence	Hrs. Needed	Hrs. Taken
010 Communication - 6 hrs			SOCW 2361 Intro. to SocW Prof. (C min.)	3	
ENG 1301 (C min.)	3		SOCW 2362 Welfare Institutions	3	
ENG 1302 (C min.)			SOCW 3375 Stats Meth. For Human Services	3	
020 Mathematics - 3 hrs			<i>Registration for the following courses requires Admission into the BSW Program.</i>		
MATH 1314 or MATH 1324 or higher level mathematics (C min.)	3		SOCW 3314 Pol. & Prog.		
030 Life & Physical Sciences - 6 hrs(lecture only)			SOCW 3321 Human Behavior I	3	
(Choose 2, Part I & II, of any sciences)			SOCW 3322 Human Behavior II	3	
BIOL. 2401 & BIOL 2402			SOCW 3323 Social Work Prac. I (C min.)	3	
BIOL. 1406 & BIOL 1407	6		SOCW 4301 Social Work Prac. II (C min.)	3	
CHEM 1311 & CHEM 1312			SOCW 4302 Social Work Prac. III (C min.)	3	
GEOL 1403 & GEOL1404			SOCW 4311 Research for Social Services	3	
PHYS 1401 & PHYS 1402			(MUST be Social Work Research Class- No substitutions)	3	
PSCI 1421 & PSCI 1422			Admission into Field requires a Min. Cum. 2.7 a 2.0 General Ed. GPA and completion of SOCW Core Courses.		
040 Language, Philosophy & Culture - 3 hrs			SOCW 4353 Integrative Seminar		
PHIL 1305, 1310, 1312 or 2351	3		SOCW 4619 Block Field or	3	
050 Creative Arts - 3 hrs			SOCW 4354 & SOCW 4355	6	
ARTS 1301			Total Social Work Core	39	0
ARTS 1303	3		Social Work Support Courses: 24 Hrs.		
DANC 2323			12 Hours Required from the following:		
MUSI 1306 & 1308			3 Hours:(Choose one from the following 2)		
060 American History- 6 hrs			PSYC 4313 Abnormal Psychology		
HIST 1301 HIST 1302	3		SOCI 4314 Sociology of Deviance		
070 Government/Political Science - 6 hrs			3 Hours: (Choose one from the following 3)		
POLS. 2305	3		PSYC 3337 Developmental Psychology: Lifespan		
POLS. 2306			PSYC 3332 Developmental Psychology : Infancy through Adolescence		
080 Social & Behavioral Sciences - 3 hrs			PSYC 3333 Psychology of Adulthood : Maturity & Old Age		
ANTH 1324, 2302 & 2351	3		3 Hours: (Choose one from the following 2)		
ECON 1301 & 2301	3		SOCI 4313 Race and Ethnic Relations		
ENGL 2315 or PHIL 2301			SOCI 4323 The Mexican American Experience		
PSYC 2301 SOCI 1301			3 Hours: (required)		
Integrative/Experiential Learning - 6 hrs			SOCI 4352 Social Stratification		
COMM 1311, 1315, MGMT 1101	3		12 Hours of Upper Division Courses:		
Science Labs, Interdisciplinary, Technologies	3		CRII, REHS, SOCW, PSY, SOCI, POLS, or ANTH courses		
Language Diveristy and Writing			(3000 or 4000 course number)		
Total Gen. Edu. Requirments	42	0	Total Social Work Support Courses:	24	0
Department Requirements: 8 Hrs.			General Elective Hours : 6 Sem. Hrs.		
Modern Language:			(Advanced or Non -Advanced)		
Any two Spanish courses dictated by Spanish Dept.	3		W/ Univ 1301	6	
	3		W/O Univ 1301	3	
Choose course not completed in the GE Core			Total General Elective Hours		0
SOCI 1301 or PSYC 2301			Total Hours Needed for Degree:		
			Total Hours :		
Total Dept. Requirements	9	0	Cummulative Grade Point Average:		

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Address:		UTRGV Catalog Code: 2022/2023			
City:					
General Education: 42 hrs		Social Work : 72 hrs			
UTRGV Core Curriculum	Hrs. Needed	Hrs. Taken	Social Work Courses should be taken in the following sequence	Hrs. Needed	Hrs. Taken
010 Communication - 6 hrs	6		SOCW 2361 Intro. to Social Welfare Profession (B min.)	3	
ENG 1301 (C min.)			SOCW 2362 The Social Welfare Institution	3	
ENG 1302 (C min.)			SOCW 3375 Statistical Methods	3	
020 Mathematics - 3 hrs	3		<i>Registration for the following courses requires Admission into the BSW Program.</i>		
MATH 1314, 1414, 1324, 1332, 1342, 1343, 2412, 2413 or higher level mathematics (C min.)			SOCW 3314 Social Welfare Policy and Programs	3	
030 Life & Physical Sciences - 6 hrs(lecture only)	6		SOCW 3321 Human Behavior and the Social Environment I	3	
(Choose 2, Part I & II, of any sciences)			SOCW 3322 Human Behavior and the Social Environment II	3	
ASTR 1401 & ASTR 1402 OR BIOL. 1406 & BIOL 1407,			SOCW 4311 Research for Social Services	3	
BIOL. 2401 & BIOL 2402 OR CHEM 1311 & CHEM 1312			(MUST be Social Work Research Class- No substitutions)		
ENVR 1401 & ENVR 1402 OR GEOL 1403 & GEOL1404			SOCW 3323 Social Work Practice I (B min.)	3	
PHYS 1401 & PHYS 1402 OR PHYS 2425 & PHYS 2426 PSCI 1421 & PSCI 1422			SOCW 4301 Social Work Practice II (B min.)	3	
040 Language, Philosophy & Culture - 3 hrs	3		SOCW 4302 Social Work Practice III (B min.)	3	
ANTH 1354, ENGL 2313, ENGL 2321, ENGL 2326, ENGL 23 ENGL 2341, ENGL 2351, FREN 2382, HIST 2321, HIST 2322			SOCW 4303 Social Work Practice IV (B min.)	3	
MASC 2301, MUSI 1309, PHIL 1300, PHIL 1301, PHIL 1305			<i>Admission into Field requires a Min. Cum. 2.7 a 2.0 General Ed. GPA and completion of SOCW Core Courses.</i>		
PHIL 1306, PHIL 1310, PHIL 1312, PHIL 1366, PHIL 2306, PHIL 2322, PHIL 2326, PHIL 2351, SPAN 2320, SPAN 2330			SOCW 4353 Integrative Field Seminar	3	
050 Creative Arts - 3 hrs	3		SOCW 4354 Field Education I & SOCW 4355 Field Education II or SOCW 4619 Field Education Block	6	
ARTS 1301, ARTS 1303, ARTS 1304, DANC 2323			Total Social Work Core		
ENGL 2312/FILM 2312, FREN 2323, MUSI 1306, MUSI 1308			42	0	
MUSI 1310, PHIL 1330, THTF 1310, THTF 2366			Social Work Support Courses: 18 hrs		
060 American History- 6 hrs	6		Support Courses - 12 Hours Required from the following:		
Choose one: HIST 1301, HIST 2327/MASC 2327			3 Hours: (required)		
Choose one: HIST 1302, HIST 2328/ MASC 2328			SOCI 4352 Social Stratification	3	
070 Government/Political Science - 6 hrs	6		3 Hours: (Choose one from the following 3)		
POLS. 2305, POLS 2306			PSYC 3337 Developmental Psychology: Lifespan	3	
080 Social & Behavioral Sciences - 3 hrs	3		PSYC 3332 Developmental Psychology : Infancy through Adolescence		
ANTH 1324, ANTH 2302, ANTH 2351, ECON 1301, ECON 2301, ENGL 2315, PHIL 1362, PSYC 2301, SOCI 1301			PSYC 3333 Psychology of Adulthood : Maturity & Old Age		
90 - Integrative/Experiential Learning - 6 hrs	6		3 Hours: (Choose one from the following 2)		
Applied Communication & Literacies, Humanities, Leadership, Science Labs, Interdisciplinary, Technologies, Language Diversity & Writing			SOCI 4313 Race and Ethnic Relations	3	
			SOCI 4323 The Mexican American Experience		
			3 Hours:(Choose one from the following 2)		
			PSYC 4313 Abnormal Psychology	3	
			SOCI 4314 Sociology of Deviance		
			Advanced Restricted Electives - 9 hrs - Free ELECTIVES		
			CRIJ, REHS, SOCW, PSYC, SOCI, POLS, or ANTH courses (3000 or 4000 course number)	6	
Total Gen. Edu. Requirements	42	0	Total Social Work Support Courses:	18	0
Department Requirements: 6 hrs		Prescribed Electives			
Modern Language:		(Advanced or Non -Advanced)			
Any two Spanish courses dictated by Spanish Dept.		W/ Univ 1301 : 3 hrs			
Or CLEP Exam		W/O Univ 1301: 3 hrs			
(Do not take writing class)		Total General Elective Hours			
Choose course not completed in the GE Core		12 0			
SOCI 1301 or PSYC 2301		Total Hours Needed for Degree:			
		120			
Total Dept. Requirements		Total Hours :			
6 0		0			
Cumulative Grade Point Average:					

BSW Director

Dean or Associate Dean

Dept. Chair

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School of Social Work
APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION INTO BSW DEGREE PROGRAM
Submit Application to the Social Work Department Office

Print Name: _____ UTRGV SID#: _____
DOB: _____ Gender: _____ Ethnicity: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Cellular Phone #: _____ Alternate Phone #: _____
UTRGV Email address: _____ UTRGV Campus: _____

CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION INTO BSW MAJOR

- _____ 1. University College requirement of 30 hours, including.
_____ Six hours (6) of freshman English 1301& 1302 (English 1305 is not accepted) with a "C" or better.
_____ Math 1314 or higher-level math, with a "C" or better.
- _____ 2. SOCW 2361, Introduction to Social Work with a "C" or better.
- _____ 3. Sophomore, Junior, or Senior standing.
- _____ 4. Catalog year 2021-2022 and prior 2.7 cumulative (overall) grade point average (GPA) / Catalog year 2022-2023 3.0 cumulative (overall) grade point average (GPA) or better at time of application.
- _____ 5. Copy of unofficial UTRGV transcript attached to this application.
- _____ 6. No incomplete grades on transcript.
- _____ 7. Personal Statement (Please use template in BSW tab)
- _____ 8. 1 Letter of Recommendation (Please use template in BSW tab)
- _____ 9. Attach a recent 2X2 picture of yourself. (It can be a copy of your student ID picture)

Must Complete this section:

Have you ever been convicted of a Misdemeanor or Felony (Underline) If so, when did it occur?

a. Nature of misdemeanor/felony:

b. Were you convicted or placed on probation?

All applicants must understand that they will have to take and pass the Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker examination as well as passing an online Jurisprudence Exam and a criminal background check. Should you have answered yes to committing a misdemeanor or felony it may affect your ability to be licensed in the State of Texas.

In compliance with the Social Work admissions requirements, I hereby submit this application for admission into the Baccalaureate Social Work Degree Program.

Student's Signature

Date

Decision:

Admission into BSW Program:

Date: _____

BSW Program Director Signature: _____

Denial:

Reason: _____

Date: _____

BSW Program Director Signature: _____