



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)
- **Transcript:** For UTRGV students a transcript will not be required. **Transfer students:** A copy of unofficial transcripts for each college you attended. Ensure that all your official transcripts have been submitted for each college you attended to the Registrar's Office.

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, EINNV 1.125.

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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: <b>2021/2022</b>
City:	

<b>General Education: 42 Hrs.</b>	<b>Social Work Core : 39 Hrs.</b>
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	Hrs. Needed	Hrs. Taken	Social Work Courses should be taken in the following sequence	Hrs. Needed	Hrs. Taken
<b>010 Communication - 6 hrs</b>					
ENG 1301 (C min.)	3		SOCW 2361 Intro. to SocW Prof. (C min.)	3	
ENG 1302 (C min.)	3		SOCW 2362 Welfare Institutions	3	
			SOCW 3375 Stats Meth. For Human Services	3	
<b>020 Mathematics - 3 hrs</b>					
MATH 1314 or MATH 1324 or higher level mathematics (C min.)	3		<i>Registration for the following courses requires Admission into the BSW Program.</i>		
<b>030 Life &amp; Physical Sciences - 6 hrs(lecture only)</b>					
(Choose 2, Part I & II, of any sciences)					
BIOL. 2401 & BIOL 2402			SOCW 3314 Pol. & Prog.		
BIOL. 1406 & BIOL 1407			SOCW 3321 Human Behavior I	3	
CHEM 1311 & CHEM 1312			SOCW 3322 Human Behavior II	3	
GEOL 1403 & GEOL1404			SOCW 3323 Social Work Prac. I (C min.)	3	
PHYS 1401 & PHYS 1402			SOCW 4301 Social Work Prac. II (C min.)	3	
PSCI 1421 & PSCI 1422			SOCW 4302 Social Work Prac. III (C min.)	3	
			SOCW 4311 Research for Social Services	3	
			<b>(MUST be Social Work Research Class- No substitutions)</b>		
<b>040 Language, Philosophy &amp; Culture - 3 hrs</b>					
PHIL 1305, 1310, 1312 or 2351	3		<i>Admission into Field requires a Min. Cum. 2.7 a 2.0 General Ed. GPA and completion of SOCW Core Courses.</i>		
			SOCW 4353 Integrative Seminar		
			SOCW 4619 Block Field or	3	
			SOCW 4354 & SOCW 4355	6	
<b>050 Creative Arts - 3 hrs</b>					
ARTS 1301	3		<b>Total Social Work Core</b>		
ARTS 1303				39	0
DANC 2323			<b>Social Work Support Courses: 24 Hrs.</b>		
MUSI 1306 & 1308			<b>12 Hours Required from the following:</b>		
<b>060 American History- 6 hrs</b>					
HIST 1301 HIST 1302	3		<b>3 Hours:(Choose one from the following 2)</b>		
			PSYC 4313 Abnormal Psychology		
			SOCI 4314 Sociology of Deviance		
<b>070 Government/Political Science - 6 hrs</b>					
POLS. 2305	3		<b>3 Hours: (Choose one from the following 3)</b>		
POLS. 2306	3		PSYC 3337 Developmental Psychology: Lifespan		
			PSYC 3332 Developmental Psychology : Infancy through Adolescence		
			PSYC 3333 Psychology of Adulthood : Maturity & Old Age		
<b>080 Social &amp; Behavioral Sciences - 3 hrs</b>					
ANTH 1324, 2302 & 2351	3		<b>3 Hours: (Choose one from the following 2)</b>		
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			<b>3 Hours: (required)</b>		
			SOCI 4352 Social Stratification		
<b>Integrative/Experiential Learning - 6 hrs</b>					
COMM 1311, 1315, MGMT 1101	3		<b>12 Hours of Upper Division Courses:</b>		
Science Labs, Interdisciplinary, Technologies	3		CRIJ, REHS, SOCW, PSY, SOCI, POLS, or ANTH courses		
Language Diveristy and Writing	3		<b>(3000 or 4000 course number)</b>		
<b>Total Gen. Edu. Requirments</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Total Social Work Support Courses:</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>Department Requirements: 8 Hrs.</b>			<b>General Elective Hours : 6 Sem. Hrs.</b>		
<b>(Advanced or Non -Advanced)</b>					
<b>Modern Language:</b> Any two Spanish courses dictated by Spanish Dept.			W/ Univ 1301	6	
			W/O Univ 1301	3	
<b>Choose course not completed in the GE Core</b> SOCI 1301 or PSYC 2301			<b>Total General Elective Hours</b>	6	
					0
<b>Total Hours Needed for Degree:</b>				<b>120</b>	
<b>Total Hours :</b>					<b>0</b>
<b>Total Dept. Requirements</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Cummulative Grade Point Average:</b>		

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<b>UTRGV Core Curriculum</b>					
<b>010 Communication - 6 hrs</b>					
ENG 1301 (C min.)	6		SOCW 2361 Intro. to Social Welfare Profession (B min.)	3	
ENG 1302 (C min.)			SOCW 2362 The Social Welfare Institution	3	
			SOCW 3375 Statistical Methods	3	
<b>020 Mathematics - 3 hrs</b>			<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.)	3		SOCW 3314 Social Welfare Policy and Programs	3	
			SOCW 3321 Human Behavior and the Social Environment I	3	
			SOCW 3322 Human Behavior and the Social Environment II	3	
<b>030 Life &amp; Physical Sciences - 6 hrs(lecture only)</b>			<b>(MUST be Social Work Research Class- No substitutions)</b>		
(Choose 2, Part I & II, of any sciences)	6		SOCW 4311 Research for Social Services	3	
ASTR 1401 & ASTR 1402 OR BIOL. 1406 & BIOL 1407, BIOL. 2401 & BIOL 2402 OR CHEM 1311 & CHEM 1312 ENVR 1401 & ENVR 1402 OR GEOL 1403 & GEOL1404 PHYS 1401 & PHYS 1402 OR PHYS 2425 & PHYS 2426 PSCI 1421 & PSCI 1422			SOCW 3323 Social Work Practice I (B min.)	3	
			SOCW 4301 Social Work Practice II (B min.)	3	
			SOCW 4302 Social Work Practice III (B min.)	3	
			SOCW 4303 Social Work Practice IV (B min.)	3	
<b>040 Language, Philosophy &amp; Culture - 3 hrs</b>			<i>Admission into Field requires a Min. Cum. 2.7 a 2.0 General Ed. GPA and completion of SOCW Core Courses.</i>		
ANTH 1354, ENGL 2313, ENGL 2321, ENGL 2326, ENGL 23 ENGL 2341, ENGL 2351, FREN 2382, HIST 2321, HIST 2322 MASC 2301, MUSI 1309, PHIL 1300, PHIL 1301, PHIL 1305 PHIL 1306, PHIL 1310, PHIL 1312, PHIL 1366, PHIL 2306, PHIL 2322, PHIL 2326, PHIL 2351, SPAN 2320, SPAN 2330	3		SOCW 4353 Integrative Field Seminar	3	
			SOCW 4354 Field Education I & SOCW 4355 Field Education II or SOCW 4619 Field Education Block	6	
<b>050 Creative Arts - 3 hrs</b>			<b>Total Social Work Core</b>		
ARTS 1301, ARTS 1303, ARTS 1304, DANC 2323 ENGL 2312/FILM 2312, FREN 2323, MUSI 1306, MUSI 1308 MUSI 1310, PHIL 1330, THTF 1310, THTF 2366	3			42	0
<b>060 American History- 6 hrs</b>			<b>Social Work Support Courses: 18 hrs</b>		
Choose one: HIST 1301, HIST 2327/MASC 2327 Choose one: HIST 1302, HIST 2328/MASC 2328	6		<b>Support Courses - 12 Hours Required from the following:</b>		
<b>070 Government/Political Science - 6 hrs</b>			3 Hours: (required)		
POLS. 2305, POLS 2306	3		SOCI 4352 Social Stratification	3	
<b>080 Social &amp; Behavioral Sciences - 3 hrs</b>			3 Hours: (Choose one from the following 3)		
ANTH 1324, ANTH 2302, ANTH 2351, ECON 1301, ECON 2301, ENGL 2315, PHIL 1362, PSYC 2301, SOCI 1301	6		PSYC 3337 Developmental Psychology: Lifespan	3	
			PSYC 3332 Developmental Psychology : Infancy through Adolescence		
	PSYC 3333 Psychology of Adulthood : Maturity & Old Age				
<b>90 - Integrative/Experiential Learning - 6 hrs</b>			3 Hours: (Choose one from the following 2)		
Applied Communication & Literacies, Humanities, Leadership, Science Labs, Interdisciplinary, Technologies, Language Diversity & Writing	6		SOCI 4313 Race and Ethnic Relations	3	
			SOCI 4323 The Mexican American Experience		
<b>90 - Integrative/Experiential Learning - 6 hrs</b>			3 Hours:(Choose one from the following 2)		
			PSYC 4313 Abnormal Psychology	9	
			SOCI 4314 Sociology of Deviance		
<b>90 - Integrative/Experiential Learning - 6 hrs</b>			<b>Advanced Restricted Electives - 9 hrs - Free ELECTIVES</b>		
			CRII, REHS, SOCW, PSYC, SOCI, POLS, or ANTH courses (3000 or 4000 course number)		
<b>Total Gen. Edu. Requirments</b>	42	0	<b>Total Social Work Support Courses:</b>	21	0
<b>Department Requirements: 6 hrs</b>			<b>Prescribed Electives</b>		
<b>Modern Language:</b>			<b>(Advanced or Non -Advanced)</b>		
Any two Spanish courses dictated by Spanish Dept. <b>Or CLEP Exam</b> (Do not take writing class) <b>Choose course not completed in the GE Core</b> SOCI 1301 or PSYC 2301			W/ Univ 1301 : 3 hrs		
			W/O Univ 1301: 3 hrs		
			<b>Total General Elective Hours</b>		
			9		
			<b>Total Hours Needed for Degree:</b>		
			120		
			<b>Total Hours :</b>		
			0		
<b>Total Dept. Requirements</b>	6	0	<b>Cummulative Grade Point Average:</b>		

BSW Director

Dean or Associate Dean

Dept. Chair

**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. Transcript: For UTRGV students a transcript will not be required. Transfer students: A copy of unofficial transcripts for each college you attended. Ensure that all your official transcripts have been submitted for each college you attended to the Registrar's Office.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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)

**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?

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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: \_\_\_\_\_