Social Work program graduates are prepared to use interventions with individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities in a variety of settings. Our goal is to produce graduates who respond to emerging practice challenges, are able to work in partnership with agencies and organizations, and are able to engage in practice based research. The eligibility standards for enrollment into our major sequence to ensure that our students in field had the level of competence necessary to effectively assist clients in our community. All entering students will be placed into the premajor designation. Seniors need to meet a threshold academic performance measured by a 2.25 cumulative GPA and a social work GPA of 2.50 before becoming a major.

Our curriculum is a 121 credit BSW comprised of 16 three credit courses in our major including two three credit field practicum courses plus a one credit field preparation seminar. The curriculum is organized into content areas; each area includes from one to three courses required for degree completion (see degree plan). Each curriculum area provides essential elements and measurable practice behaviors to assure that students achieve competency benchmarks.

The Philosophy of Knowledge Core curriculum is composed of general education requirements consisting of English composition and literature, philosophy, fine arts, speech, history, and political science. Students are also required to complete eight hours of laboratory science and six hours of mathematics. Biology is the preferred laboratory science for Social Work majors, and all Social Work majors must complete at least college algebra and statistics.