

ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE

Build close relationships with faculty members who care about you and want you to succeed. At Alcorn State University, small class size are the rule, not the exception, which means that you'll get the individual attention you need to thrive in your studies.

What types of courses can you expect to take in your chosen major?

Students begin their studies with a strong liberal arts background-writing and oral communication skills, creative arts, social sciences, natural sciences, mathematics, physical education, and student adjustment.

MAJOR COURSES

- ◆ Introduction to Social Work
- ◆ Social Work Practice I and II
- ◆ Human Behavior and Social Behavior I and II
- ◆ Research Methods
- ◆ Cultural Diversity
- ◆ Social Welfare Policy and Service
- ◆ Social Work Internship(400 hours required)
- ◆ Social Work Field Practice Seminar
- ◆ Case Management
- ◆ Ethics and the Social Work Profession
- ◆ Marriage and The Family
- ◆ Social Work for the Aging
- ◆ Child Welfare

CONTACT INFORMATION

The Department of Social Work is located on the Main Campus of Alcorn State University in Dumas Hall. The Offices of all primary and support faculty and staff for the degree in Social Work may be found in this building. Information on the department may be obtained by contacting the main office.

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MISSION

The mission of the Department of Social Work is to prepare students for entry level social work careers as generalist practitioners. It emphasizes effective teaching and seeks to place its graduates in entry level job positions in Social Work as well as make them ready for graduate programs.

GOALS

The profession of Social Work places value on service, social and economic justice, dignity and worth of the person, importance of human relationships, and integrity and competence in practice. These values are seen as defining principles for the profession and are reflected in the goals of the Bachelor of Social Work, which are to:

- ◆ Educate students with the necessary knowledge and skills for entry level professional careers as generalist practitioners in Social Work and for graduate school.
- ◆ Provide students with a professional Social Work identity and acceptance of the values and ethics of the profession.
- ◆ Prepare students to become culturally competent to work with diverse populations, including oppressed, minority and rural populations within the region and globally.

DEGREE OFFERED

Our Bachelor of Social Work program is accredited through 2024 by the *Council on Social Work Education* (CSWE), the national accrediting body for professional social work education. Student graduating from the program are eligible to take the Social Work licensure examination administered by the State of Mississippi Social Work Licensing Board

SOCIAL WORK CURRICULUM

The social work curriculum includes one hundred twenty (120) semester credit hours of course work and field practicum. The curriculum consists of two components: the pre-professional requirements, scheduled generally in the freshman and sophomore years; and the professional courses, completed in the junior and senior years of study.

The general core curriculum consists of forty-four (44) hours of general education core requirements. The major course requirements consist of seventy-six (76) semester credit hours in eight basic social work curricular content areas: Social Work Values and Ethics; Diversity; Social and Economic Justice; Populations at-Risk; Human Behavior in the Social Environment; Social Welfare Policy and Services; Social Work Practice; and Research. The Social Work Program does not grant social work course credit for life experience or previous work experience.

THE ADMISSION PROCESS REQUIRES

- ◆ Declaration of social work as a major, complete forty-four(44) credit hours in the general core curriculum;
- ◆ A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 on a scale of 4.00.
- ◆ Completion of SW 230-Introduction to Social Work, with a grade of “C” or greater.
- ◆ Demonstration of an interest and aptitude for a career in social work.
- ◆ Submission of social work admission application along with a personal statement of goals, two reference letters and completion of a successful interview with the social work admission committee.
- ◆ Background Check
- ◆ TB Test for Internship

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A student pursuing a degree in the social work curriculum must be accepted into the Social Work program; complete all major courses with a grade of **C** or **better**; meet the requirements of the Department of Social Work, and pass the Social Work Comprehensive Examination, and Social Work Internship. Students are encouraged to follow the sequential arrangement of the curriculum for a major in social work. Consequently, students are strongly encouraged to remain in close contact with their departmental advisor. The minimum number of hours required for graduation for a Bachelor of Social Work degree is 120 credit hours.