



This course plan is a recommended sequence for this major. Courses designated as critical (!) may have a deadline for completion and/or affect time to graduation. Please see the Program Notes section for details regarding “critical courses” for this particular Program of Study.

Critical	Course Subject and Title	Credit Hours	Min. Grade ¹	Major GPA ²	Code	Prerequisites	Notes
Semester One (15-16 Credit Hours)							
	ENGL 101 Critical Reading and Composition	3	C		CC-CMW		
	STAT 201 Elementary Statistics ³	3			CC-ARP	MATH 111/115 <i>or</i> STAT 110	
	Foreign language ⁴ <i>or</i> other Carolina Core Requirement ⁵	3-4			CC-GFL		
	PSYC 101 Introduction to Psychology <i>or</i> SOCY 101 Introductory Sociology	3			CC-GSS		
	UNIV 101 The Student in the University <i>or</i> Carolina Core Requirement ⁵	3			PR/CC		
Semester Two (16-17 Credit Hours)							
	ENGL 102 Rhetoric and Composition	3	C		CC-CMW CC-INF		
	MATH 122 Calculus for Bus. Admin. & Soc. Sciences <i>or</i> MATH 141 Calculus I ³ <i>or</i> Any other STAT course approved for Carolina Core ARP	3-4			CC-ARP	MATH 111/111I/115 (<i>MATH 122 only</i>); MATH 112, 115, 116 (<i>MATH 141 only</i>); <i>or</i> Math placement test score	
	Foreign language ⁴ <i>or</i> other Carolina Core Requirement ⁵	3			CC-GFL		
	Carolina Core Requirement ⁵	3			CC		
	History ⁶	3			PR		
Semester Three (15 Credit Hours)							
	SOWK 201 Intro. to Social Work Profession & Social Welfare	3			MR		
	Economics course	3			PR		
	POLI 201 American National Government	3			CC-VSR		
	Carolina Core BIOL course and lab	4			CC-SCI		
	Carolina Core Requirement ⁵ <i>or</i> Approved Elective ⁷	3			CC/PR		
Semester Four (15 Credit Hours)							
	SOWK 222 Social Welfare Institutions, Policies, & Programs	3			MR		
	Literature course (<i>200-level or above</i>) ⁸	3			PR		
	Philosophy course ⁹	3			PR		
	Cultural Awareness Course ¹⁰	3			PR		
	Carolina Core Requirement ⁵ <i>or</i> Approved Elective ⁷	3			CC/PR		
Semester Five (15-16 Credit Hours)							
!	SOWK 311 Generalist Practice I: Intro. to Social Work Practice	3			MR	Adm. to Upper Division	
	SOWK 331 Diversity & Social Justice in Contemporary Society	3			MR	SOWK 201	
	SOWK 341 Human Behavior & Social Environment I: Individual Development across the Life Span	3			MR	SOWK 201	
	Carolina Core Requirement ⁵ <i>or</i> Approved Elective ⁷	3			CC/PR		
	Approved Elective ⁷ (<i>only 4 credits if needed to meet hours to graduate</i>)	4			PR		
Semester Six (15 Credit Hours)							
	SOWK 312 Generalist Practice II: Social Work with Individuals & Families	3			MR	SOWK 311; Prereq/Coreq: SOWK 342	
	SOWK 322 Social Policy Analysis	3			MR	SOWK 201, 222	
	SOWK 342 Human Behavior & Social Environment II: Family Development & Diversity	3			MR	SOWK 341	
	SOWK 352 Social Work & Scientific Inquiry	3			MR	SOWK 201, 222 & STAT 201 <i>or</i> higher, PSYC 227 <i>or</i> SOCY 220	
	SOWK 382 Intro. to Field Education	3			MR	SOWK 311	
Semester Seven (15 Credit Hours)							
	SOWK 411 Generalist Practice III: Social Work with Small Groups	3			MR	SOWK 312, 322, 342, 352, & 382	
	SOWK 441 Human Behavior & the Social Environment III: Large Systems	3			MR	SOWK 342	
	SOWK 481 Practicum I: Field Education	3			MR	Prereq/Coreq: 322; Coreq: SOWK 483	
	SOWK 483 Practicum Seminar	3			MR	SOWK 382; Coreq: SOWK 481	
	SOWK Elective ¹¹	3			MR		

Semester Eight (15 Credit Hours)							
	SOWK 412 Generalist Practice IV: Organizations and Communities	3			MR	SOWK 411; Prereq or Coreq: SOWK 441	
	SOWK 422 Advocacy for Social & Economic Justice	3			MR	SOWK 322	
	SOWK 482 Practicum II: Field Education	3			MR	Prereq or Coreq: SOWK 412, 422, 484	
	SOWK 484 Capstone	3			MR	Coreq: SOWK 482	
	SOWK Elective ¹¹	3			MR		

Graduation Requirements Summary

Minimum Total Hours	Major Requirements Hours	College & Program Requirements Hours	Carolina Core Hours	Minimum Overall GPA
122	60	19-31	31-43	2.000

- Regardless of individual course grades, students must maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA.
- Some colleges require a minimum GPA for major courses. Courses indicated in this column are included in the major GPA for this program of study.
- Students who do not place into the required ARP courses must complete the necessary prerequisites before continuing with the required Carolina Core ARP courses.
- Students in the College of Social Work are required to demonstrate proficiency in one foreign language by a score of 2 or higher on the foreign language placement test, or credit equivalent to USC 109 and 110 courses, or credit equivalent to the USC 121 course.
- The [Carolina Core](#) provides the common core of knowledge, skill and academic experience for all Carolina undergraduate students.
- The College of Social Work requires two 100-level history courses, one of which must be U.S. History (HIST 111 or 112). Whichever is not fulfilled through the Carolina Core GHS requirement must be fulfilled through this college requirement.
- No elective courses of a remedial and developmental nature may apply as credit toward the 122 hours minimum.
- One 200-level and above literature course, which may be selected from a list of approved courses, is required. See an advisor for details.
- Philosophy courses that are approved Carolina Core courses may also fulfill the VSR or CMS component of the Carolina Core.
- A wide variety of courses can be considered under the general category of “cultural awareness.” Students are to consult with their advisors for approved courses.
- Social Work Electives (6 credit hours)

Choose from the following:	
SOWK 302 – Intro. to Social Welfare (3)	SOWK 309 – Life Transitions: Grief & Loss (3)
SOWK 303 – Social Welfare for Children & Families (3)	SOWK 399 – Independent Study (3)
SOWK 304 – Social Welfare for Families & Aged (3)	SOWK 402 – Non-Professional Participation in Social Welfare Agencies (3)
SOWK 305 – Social Welfare Services for Women & Minorities (3) (<i>cross-listed: W/GST 306</i>)	SOWK 403 – Social Welfare in Literature (3)
SOWK 307 – International Social Work & Social Justice (3)	SOWK 404 – Current Issues in Social Welfare (3)
SOWK 308 – History & Philosophy of Social Welfare (3)	

Program Notes:

- Courses identified as “critical” must be completed by semester five in order to remain on track for graduation in four years.
- A student must have an overall 2.0 GPA and must complete all social work core courses with an overall GPA of 2.50.
- A student may attempt a social work core course a maximum of two times to fulfill the requirement. A grade of W (withdrawal) will be recognized as an attempt. A student may repeat a maximum of two core courses.
- Progression into upper division social work occurs primarily in the fall semester. Students who complete 39 hours of general education and wish to apply to upper division must submit a completed College of Social Work – BSW Application by the announced due dates published each year.
- The last 30 credit hours toward your degree must be earned in residence at the University of South Carolina-Columbia.

University Requirements: Bachelor’s degree-seeking students must meet Carolina Core (general education) requirements. For more information regarding these requirements, please visit the [Carolina Core](#) page on the University website.

Codes:			
CC	Carolina Core	CC-INF	Carolina Core – Information Literacy
CC-AIU	Carolina Core-Aesthetic and Interpretive Understanding	CC-INT	Carolina Core – Integrative Course
CC-ARP	Carolina Core-Analytical Reasoning and Problem-Solving	CC-SCI	Carolina Core – Scientific Literacy
CC-CMS	Carolina Core-Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Spoken Component	CC-VSR	Carolina Core – Values, Ethics, and Social Responsibility
CC-CMW	Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Written Component	CR	College Requirement
CC-GFL	Carolina Core-Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Foreign Language	MR	Major Requirement
CC-GHS	Carolina Core – Historical Thinking	PR	Program Requirement
CC-GSS	Carolina Core – Social Sciences		

Disclaimer: Major maps are only a suggested or recommended sequence of courses required in a program of study. Please contact your academic advisor for assistance in the application of specific coursework to a program of study and course selection and planning for upcoming semesters.