opportunities may be restricted due to agency prohibitions pertaining to the
Qualified students who have been convicted of misdemeanor or felony
Work Methods with Individuals
Individuals unable to obtain a permit to register for
majors who are not formally admitted to the social work program will be
and to gain access to upper-division social work classes. Pre-social work
Full admission to the program is required to become a social work major
a pre-social work major guarantees full admission to the social work program.
Neither admission to the University nor enrollment in social work courses as
graduating from the BSW program students are expected to:

1. Demonstrate ethical and professional behavior
2. Engage diversity and difference in practice
3. Advance human rights and social, economic and environmental justice.
4. Engage in research-informed practice and practice-informed research.
5. Engage in policy practice
6. Engage with individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities.
7. Assess individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities.
8. Intervene with individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities.
9. Evaluate practice with individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities

Admission Policy
Neither admission to the University nor enrollment in social work courses as
a pre-social work major guarantees full admission to the social work program.
Full admission to the program is required to become a social work major
and to gain access to upper-division social work classes. Pre-social work
majors who are not formally admitted to the social work program will be
unable to obtain a permit to register for SCWK 3736 Social Work Methods with
Individuals and subsequent social work courses for which SCWK 3736 Social
Work Methods with Individuals is a prerequisite.

Qualified students who have been convicted of misdemeanor or felony
offsenses may be admitted to the program. However, field internship
opportunities may be restricted due to agency prohibitions pertaining to the
engagement of students in agency work in possession of criminal records.
Additionally, students should be aware that state licensure in social work
may not be possible for individuals with past convictions. Students with
convictions are advised to become informed of requirements pertaining to
social work licensure and possible avenues of appeal as they consider their
enrollment in the Bachelor of Social Work program and the limitations prior
convictions may impose on their ability to practice the profession of social
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Majors
• Pre-Social Work (http://catalog.ysu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-
programs/college-health-human-services/department-social-work/pre-
social-work)
• Social Work (http://catalog.ysu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-
programs/college-health-human-services/department-social-work/social-work)

Minors
• Minor in Social Work (http://catalog.ysu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-
programs/college-health-human-services/department-social-work/minor-
social-work)

SCWK 1510 Introduction to Social Work 3 s.h.
An overview of the values, systems, policy, theories and concepts central to
the profession of social work. This course will also review roles, licensure
requirements and history of the social work profession. This is the first course
orienting students to the social work profession.
Prereq.: SOC 1500.

SCWK 2600 Health Issues for Social Work Practice 3 s.h.
Explores impact of physical and biological forces on client issues/needs
and importance of understanding these factors for professional social work
practice. Emphasis given to biological development across the human
lifespan, ecological issues, genetic influences, health concerns.
Prereq.: ENGL 1550 and SCWK 1510.

SCWK 2622 Social Work Processes 3 s.h.
Addresses the full range of communication skills in systems of all sizes
for professional social work practice. Includes principles of effective
communication, functions and purposes of communication, and the roles of
social workers. Thirty clock hours of volunteer engagement required. Three
hours lecture.
Prereq.: SCWK 1510.
SCWK 2641  American Social Welfare  3 s.h.
Overview of the history and evolution of social welfare programs and services in America. Emphasis on the identification and interrelationships of social values and structures, political factors, and economic conditions on resource allocation, including meeting the needs of special populations.

SCWK 2642  Human Behavior and the Social Environment for Social Workers  1  3 s.h.
A general social systems approach as a conceptual framework to the understanding of culture and society, communities, organizations, groups, families, and individuals as they develop over the lifespan. Application of theory and research to social work.
Prereq.: SCWK 1510, PSYC 1560.

SCWK 2644  Human Behavior and the Social Environment for Social Workers  2  3 s.h.
An ecosystems perspective in understanding families, groups, organizations and communities. Focus on individuals and their transactions with each other and their environment. Application of theory and research to social work.

SCWK 2695  Applied Social Work  6 s.h.
A practicum in human service agencies for the Social Services Technology major. The student must spend 225 hours in an agency for a total of 6 s.h. credit.
Prereq.: Completion of all courses for admission to the two-year Social Services Technology Internship.

SCWK 3720  Cultural Diversity  3 s.h.
This course emphasizes understanding the experiences, values, beliefs, and inherent problems of racial, ethnic, and other vulnerable population groups. The course focuses on groups affected by socioeconomic disparities, gender, sexual orientation and expression, religion, physical and cognitive challenges, and age. Students will be asked to apply theories, use differential assessments, and develop and use intervention skills necessary for effective social work practice with a diverse population.
Prereq.: Admission to the social work program.

SCWK 3726  Child Welfare and Case Planning  3 s.h.
This course provides the knowledge, concepts, and skills needed for beginning level social work practice in public and child welfare settings. Major focus is on protecting at-risk children by strengthening, supporting and empowering families.
Prereq.: SCWK 1510.

SCWK 3727  Child Welfare Permanency Planning  3 s.h.
Provides the knowledge, concepts, and skills needed for beginning level social work practice in public child welfare settings. Major focus is on the developmental needs and permanency planning associated with at-risk children served by the child welfare system.
Prereq.: SCWK 2622.

SCWK 3728  Social Services for Children  3 s.h.
Social welfare agencies and services developed by communities for the care and training of children. Development of a conceptual framework for understanding the issues, problems, and policies in children's services.
Prereq.: SCWK 2622.

SCWK 3730  Social Services and the Aged  3 s.h.
An empirical and analytical base for understanding the policies, problems, and trends in services for the aged.
Prereq.: SCWK 2622.

SCWK 3731  Social Services and the Disabled  3 s.h.
Problems arising from or related to illness and disability; adjustment of disabled persons. General interventive techniques for working with the disabled; recent research and treatment innovations.
Prereq.: SCWK 2622.

SCWK 3736  Social Work Methods with Individuals  3 s.h.
Overview of generalist practice methods with client systems of varying sizes. In-depth analysis of problem solving strategies and skills in working with individuals. Theory and research relating to practice. Social work purposes, functions, and values are addressed from the systems perspective.
Prereq.: Admission to SCWK Program.
SCWK 5823  Cultural Diversity in Practice  3 s.h.
Emphasis on understanding the experiences, beliefs, and inherent problems of racial and ethnic minority groups. Focuses also on populations distinguished by socioeconomic status, gender, age, sexual orientation, religion, and physical or mental disability. Application of theories, differential assessment, and intervention skills necessary for effective social work practice.