

Bachelor of Social Work/ BS Human Development Family Science



A degree in social work prepares you for a career with meaning, action, diversity, satisfaction, and an abundance of employment options.



Hands-on learning



All classes on NDSU campus



Get involved: SSWO



Above average job market growth

What do social workers do?

Social work is a profession devoted to helping people function the best they can in their environment. This means social workers provide direct services to help individuals, groups, organizations, and communities solve problems and improve social conditions. Social workers strive to alleviate suffering, promote social justice, and make a difference.

Is social work right for you?

Social workers have a strong desire to help others, effective communication skills, ethical responsibility, and time management skills. Human service jobs involve direct contact with people who are vulnerable to exploitation or mistreatment, thus social workers uphold six core values: service, social justice, dignity, integrity, competence, and the importance of human relationships.

Learn with us

As a dual-degree student, you will earn two degrees while taking classes on the North Dakota State University (NDSU) campus: a Minot State Bachelor of Social Work and an NDSU Bachelor of Science in Human Development and Family Science. Social work courses are delivered through a variety of modalities including face-to-face, online, and/or web based.

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Be seen. Be heard. Be you.

Collaborative registration

Dual-degree students at the Fargo program option utilize a collaborative registration process to enroll in Minot State social work courses. You will be assigned an NDSU advisor and an MSU advisor who will assist you with course registration.

Employment outlook

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, employment of social workers is expected to grow much faster than the average for all occupations, and job prospects are expected to be excellent, particularly for social workers working in rural areas. Social workers are employed in public agencies, private organizations, hospitals, clinics, schools, long-term care facilities, penal institutions, and many other workplaces.

Admission requirements

- Successful admission and enrollment at NDSU for the Human Development and Family Science Degree
- Successful completion of prerequisite courses including ENGL 110 and 120, COMM 110, PHIL 210, PSY 111, SOC 110, POLS 115 or 215, SWK 250, and SWK 256
- Successful admission to Minot State University
- Social Work program admission application and acceptance into the Social Work program.
- GPA requirements: 2.0 cumulative/3.0 in courses with SWK prefix
- Submission of the Non-Criminal Justice Request for Criminal History Record Information through BCI

Accreditation

The Bachelor of Social Work curriculum at Minot State has been accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) since 1978.

Minot State University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (hlcommission.org), a regional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.



COURSES REQUIRED – 126 SH

Dual Degree: Bachelor of Social Work (Minot State), Bachelor of Science in Human Development and Family Science (NDSU)

All general education and HDFS courses are taken through NDSU in accordance with HDFS program requirements.

The following NDSU courses are required:

COMM 110 Fundamentals of Public Speaking (3)
CSCI 114 or TL 116
ECON 105 Elements of Economics (3)
 or ECON 201 Microeconomics (3)
 or ECON 202 Macroeconomics (3)
ENGL 110 Composition I (3)
ENGL 120 Composition II (3)
ENGL 320, 325, 358, 459 Upper Level English (3)
Humanities Gen Ed (6)
HDFS 230 Life Span Development (3)
HDFS 242 Couples, Marriages, & Families (3)
HDFS 250 Intro. to Research Methods (3)
HDFS 275 Diversity & Multiculturalism (3)
HDFS 353 Children, Family, & Public Policy (3)
HDFS 390 Career Development (1)
HDFS 496 Field Experience (1)
HDFS Option Electives (9)
HDFS Electives (6)
Lab Science Elective (4)
PHIL 210 Ethics
POLS 115 American Government (3)
 or POLS 215 Problems and Policies in American Govt. (3)
PSYC 111 Intro. to Psychology (3)
PSYC 212 Psychological Aspects of Drug Use and Abuse (3)
PSYC 270 Abnormal Psychology (3)
Science/Technology Elective (3)
SOC 110 Intro. to Sociology (3)
STAT 330 Intro. to Statistics (3)

Required Minot State Courses (42 SH)

SWK 250 Interpersonal Skills (3)
SWK 256 Development of Social Welfare (3)
SWK 330 Human Behavior and the Social Environment (3)
SWK 331 Family Dynamics (3)
SWK 335 Social Work Methods I (3)
SWK 426 Social Work Methods II (3)
SWK 427 Social Work Methods III (3)
SWK 430 Diversity, Oppression, and Social Change (3)
SWK 490 Field Education (12)
SWK 491 Senior Seminar (3)

SWK Elective – select one of the following (3):

SWK 402 Native American Children and Adolescents (3)
SWK 428 Crisis Intervention (3)
HMS 279 Death & Dying (3)

All courses subject to change