



# SOCIAL WORK

***Find your purposeful and meaningful life building up the strengths of our communities***

## **DEGREE OVERVIEW:**

Become part of a community dedicated to building on strength, facilitating change, and empowering communities. Grow your skills and knowledge through one-on-one mentoring relationships with faculty and through internships in career-relevant settings. As you prepare to serve the most vulnerable in our society, you will find yourself equipped to face the challenges and joys of a life of service.

## **PROGRAM DISTINCTIVES**

- Become a change-agent in the world who is equipped to support diverse communities.
- Embrace a person-centered approach to helping people, designed for students of any background, that is rooted in God's love for all people.
- Discover internship and career opportunities in community development, hospitals, homeless shelters, child welfare, adoption/foster care, mental health, corrections facilities, and international settings.



**Educational background recommended before beginning this degree:**

- Strong high school college preparatory curriculum

**General Education Courses required for completion in first two years:**

- You must enroll in the appropriate level of English 145 and/or 200 each semester until the sequence is successfully completed.

**Required Courses for Major**

- SWK 222 - Introduction to the Profession & Practice of Social Work
- SWK 242 - Human Behavior and Social Environment
- SWK 262 - Research & Writing for SWK Professionals
- SWK 311 - History of Social Welfare
- SWK 312 - Social Welfare Policy Analysis
- SWK 345 - Practice with Individuals
- SWK 347 - Practice with Families and Groups
- SWK 348 - Community & Organizational Development
- SWK 372 - Methods of Social Research
- SWK 401 - Professional Issues in Social Work
- SWK 440 - Field Instruction in Social Work
- SWK 460 - Field Instruction Seminar
- SWK 470 - Social Work Specialization Seminar

**Social Work Support Courses:**

- BIOL 172 - Introduction to Human Biology
- HIST 211 - American History I: Colonial Era to the Civil War or  
HIST 212 - American History II: Gilded Age to the Present
- POL 201 - Introduction to American Government
- PSYC 121 - Introduction to Psychology
- PSYC 140 - Introduction to Statistics
- PSYC 220 - Psychology of Human Development
- PSYC 344 - Abnormal Psychology
- SOC 310 - Prejudice, Discrimination, and Inequality

<b>Recommended Sequence of Major Courses:</b>		
	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Spring</b>
<b>Freshman Year:</b>	PSYC 121	PSYC 220 BIOL 172
<b>Sophomore Year:</b>	(HIST 211) SOC 310 SWK 262, SWK 222	(HIST 212) POL 201 PSYC 140 SWK 242

**Special notes regarding this major:**

- Must maintain a GPA of 2.5 to be accepted into the major and to graduate
- Students must receive a C or higher in SWK 345, SWK 347, SWK 348 and SWK 401. No teaching option is available with this major.
- The Malone University Social Work major meets all state licensing requirements, and prepares graduates to take the Licensed Social Worker (LSW) credential exam.
- To remain in the program, students must abide by the NASW Code of Ethics and by program policies as outlined within the Program Handbook.
- Students can plan to do their Senior Field requirement (SWK440, SWK460) over two consecutive semesters if advised before entering into practicum.

**NOTE:** This is a suggested guide. Actual requirements may be subject to change (refer to the current Undergraduate Catalog).