

## Program Highlight

- Child Welfare Case Manager Certification built into degree
- Paid 460-hour field placement before graduation
- Full-time case management job immediately upon graduation once requirements are met

## Engagement Opportunities

- BRIDGE Healthcare Clinic
- Education abroad
- Legislative Education and Advocacy Days (LEAD)
- National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Tampa Bay Chapter
- Phi Alpha Honors Society
- USF Global Citizens Award Pathway
- USF Social Work Society

For more information, contact the School of Social Work academic advisor: **813-974-7292**

For appointments with the academic advisor:

### Current Students

[https://usf.appiancloud.com/suite/sites/archivum/page/archivum/report/M\\_NuSA](https://usf.appiancloud.com/suite/sites/archivum/page/archivum/report/M_NuSA)

### Prospective Students

<https://cloud.usf.edu/escheduler/NonStudentLogin.aspx>

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# Bachelor of SOCIAL WORK

The University of South Florida offers a program leading to a **Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)** degree in the School of Social Work within the College of Behavioral and Community Sciences. The BSW program is fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, the national accrediting body for social work education programs.

**The primary objective of the BSW program is the preparation of the graduate for beginning level practice as a social work generalist.**

Students can expect to develop an understanding of the following:

- Dynamics of human behavior in individual, group, community, and organizational contexts
- Influences of the social cultural environment upon those behaviors
- Social welfare systems and institutions
- Social, economic, and political processes affecting policy development and program implementation
- Utilization of basic social work research skills

The BSW program is intentionally broad to prepare students to care for a variety of populations that are at risk across different settings. It is an excellent option for students that want to help others and for students who are looking for variety and flexibility in their careers.

## Admissions Criteria

To be admitted to the BSW at USF students should complete most, if not all, of the general education requirements, achieve junior status, and:

- Declare a major in social work in the USF College of Behavioral and Community Sciences at <https://www.usf.edu/cbcs/undergraduate/major-minor-declaration-change.aspx>
- Complete all prerequisites and be in good academic standing
- Earn a minimum of a “C” grade in all prerequisites (no “C-” grades)
- Take SOW 3203, Introduction to Social Work course, and earn a minimum of a “B” grade in that course (no “B-” grades)

## Admissions Process

- Apply to USF during any semester (fall, spring, or summer)
- Apply to the Tampa campus for the in-person social work cohort
- Apply to the Sarasota-Manatee campus for the online social work cohort

## USF Prerequisites (one from each area)

### Human Biology

BSC 1005 Principles of Biology  
 BSC 1020 Human Biology  
 BSC 2085 Anatomy and Physiology

### Political Science

POS 2041 American Government

### Psychology

PSY 2012 Psychological Science I  
 DEP 2004 The Life Cycle

### Economics

ECO 1000 Basic Economics  
 ECO 2013 Economics Principles (Macro)  
 ECO 2023 Economics Principles (Micro)

### Sociology

SYG 2000 Introduction to Sociology  
 SYG 2010 Contemporary Social Problems

Contact the social work academic advisor for prerequisite equivalencies at your institution!

## Structure of the Program

First Term	Second Term	Last Term
SOW 3101 – Human Behavior & Social Environment I	SOW4602 – SW Practice in Mental Health & Health Care	SOW 4510C – Integrative Seminar/Field Placement
SOW 4522 – Multi-Cultural America in a Global Society	SOW 4233 – Social Welfare Policy Practice	SOW 4650 – Child Maltreatment or SOW 4930 – Selected Topics
SOW 4341 – SW Practice with Individuals, Families, & Groups	SOW 4343 – SW Practice with Organizations & Communities	
SOW 3401 – Research & Statistics for Social Work	SOW 4315 – Case Management	
SOW 3210 – The American Social Welfare System	SOW 4414 – Data Management	

Social work major cohorts will begin their BSW coursework in either the spring or fall semesters. The major coursework will take four semesters to complete; however, there are no social work major courses offered during summer semesters. Summer semesters are reserved for students to complete any missing prerequisites, general education requirements, electives, or study abroad opportunities.

The BSW program is a full-time, lock-step structured program with two different modalities.

- The in-person cohort takes their coursework through the Tampa campus. Students will generally be on campus three days a week.
- The online cohort takes their coursework through the Sarasota-Manatee campus. It is a mixture of synchronous and asynchronous coursework. There will generally be two days a week in which students are expected to be online for live, virtual class sessions.

Both cohorts have a 460-hour field placement in their final semester of the program. Students will be placed in a social work agency for 32 hours per week which generally breaks down to Monday – Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Then they have classes on Fridays. There is currently no option to complete the BSW program in a part-time format.