

The BASW Degree

At California State University
San Bernardino

Accredited by the Council on Social Work Education

What is the goal?



- To educate students for beginning social work (SW) practice-helping people and communities solve problems and enhance social functioning
- For example, working with Child Protective services to strengthen families and keep kids safe.

Other Places Graduates Have Gone

- Social worker with San Bernardino's Public Health Department
- Social worker at Central City Lutheran Mission
- Social worker at the Inland Regional Center
- Graduate study in Social Work or another field

- So how do you get there?



- What are the challenges and opportunities along the way?

First, lets talk about Undergraduate Degrees

- *In the old days...* Students came to campus and expected to graduate after 4 years of full time study, with summers off
- *These days...* many students combine work and family, start later in life, attend part-time, and take courses in the evening and in the summer
- But somehow, four years of college credits (180 units at CSUSB) still need to be earned!

About Undergraduate Degrees

- Students need to meet the requirements of the university AND the requirements of the specific degree
- All universities have required lower division courses (numbers in the 100's and 200's) And required upper division courses. (numbers in the 300's and 400's)

Lower division coursework can be taken at a community college, but you be careful to take the right things!





Find out if SW is right for you

- As soon as possible, take **SW 200** to find out if Social Work is a good fit for you. (*Ask about cross-enrollment or “dual admission” programs available for students currently at a community college...you can take the class here at CSUSB for little or no cost...except during summer session!*)
- Then, be sure that you have declared your major as Pre-Social Work (not Sociology Social Service track)

Important to Know!

- The BASW program accepts students applications in April. Students begin courses in the major only in the fall following acceptance.
- The BASW courses are offered in a strict order- and it takes two years to complete them
- The second (last) year of the program you will need 2 free days per week for field-no exceptions! These need to be daytime hours.

Examples of Field Placements

- Central City Lutheran Mission
- Bilingual Family Counseling
- Department of Aging and Adult Services
- Child Protective Services

- What courses should you take?



- There are several sources of information that are critical for course planning:
 - Your PAWS report (must indicate PRE-SOCIAL WORK)
 - The CSUSB catalogue & quarterly schedules: <http://catalog.csusb.edu/>
 - The BASW website: <http://socialwork.csusb.edu/>

PAWS URL:

<http://rre.csusb.edu/PAWS.html>

- **PAWS: Program Advising Worksheet for Students**

What is PAWS?

PAWS is an automated credit summary, for undergraduate degrees, that provides students with a listing of all coursework required for graduation from CSUSB. It allows students to see the classes they will need to take in order to complete their undergraduate degree program.

- **To access PAWS on the web, you must**
 1. **First, activate your MyCoyote Account at <http://cms.csusb.edu/cms/ehelp/howToActivateAccount.jsp>**
 - you will need your current Student Identification Number (SID) and PIN
 2. **Then, go to <http://mycoyote.csusb.edu>**
 - You will use your new Coyote ID and password

Prerequisite Courses

- The BASW program requires that you take certain lower division courses before entering the major. (see brochure) *Which one do we recommend taking as soon as possible?*
- We may allow you to finish one or two after admission to the major. This depends on the feasibility of your overall plan.

Don't Forget



- You will also have CSUSB lower division general education courses to complete
- If you have too many lower division GE courses to take when you apply, we may not admit you because it will not be feasible to complete in 2 years.

Tips

- There are usually more opportunities to take GE courses, so try first to get other courses you need and fill in the GE courses.
- Some prerequisite courses have a minimum grade required-so plan to do well in your courses!

- Your goal is to have all, or nearly all of your social work prerequisites completed so that you can apply to the BASW major in April
- If accepted you will start the program the following Fall



The Admission Process

- Starting in April (or before), admission packets are available: online or from support staff
- What's in the packet? How long will it take to complete it?

Admissions Packet

- Letters of recommendation
- Personal Statement
- Provisional Plan of Study
- Transcript/PAWS



Deadlines!

- The end of April (*the last Friday*) is the priority deadline for admission
- Space is limited in the program, so getting your admission application in before the priority deadline is a good idea.



Once you are in

- Letters go out to students who are admitted as they are accepted
- If you have your application in by the priority deadline, you should know by the end of the school year.

Title IV-E Stipend Program

- For those students who are...
 - interested in working in public child welfare
 - willing to **commit** to working for a county child welfare agency in California for two years upon graduating from the BASW program
- The stipend is \$15,000.00 (3 installments of \$5,000.00) granted in your second year in the BASW program. *You must apply separately once admitted to the program.*

Main Social Work Courses

- Year One

- Fall

- SW 302A HBSE I
- SW 300A Policy I

- Winter

- SW 302B HBSE II
- SW 300B Policy II

- Spring

- SW 301 Research
- SW Elective/590

- Year Two

- Fall

- SW 400A Practice I
- SW 401A Field Placement I

- Winter

- SW 400B Practice II
- SW 401B Field Placement II

- Spring

- SW 400C Practice III
- SW 401C Field Placement III

Keep your eye on the ball!



- Know the prerequisite courses for admission to the major (*you can declare yourself a “PRE-SOCIAL WORK major while you are doing this”*). Learn to read your PAWS
- Take Social Work 200 as soon as possible!
- Know the admission procedures
- Know what the program entails once you are admitted.
- Know what else is required by the university to graduate

For Further Assistance



- Double check our web-site to see if you can get your question answered
- Call the BASW reception desk at 909-537-5501, option #2
- Contact Dr. Margaret Hughes via email (mhughes@csusb.edu) to ask a question or ask for an appointment
- Dr. Hughes also has walk-in appointment hours on (Mondays & Wednesdays) posted on her door in SB 402F

Any Questions?

- Thank you for coming!

