**About the major:**
Social work, as a helping profession, involves working with people in a variety of situations. Social workers assist individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities in areas of child and family welfare, corrections, health, mental health, and a variety of other service settings. You’ll build knowledge of human development, explore theories of how people change to become more productive citizens, and develop the skills needed for helping others in a diverse society. **Why Social Work?** Join a vital profession, dedicated to correcting or reducing the impacts of poverty, racism, mental illness or any other condition that leads to social isolation and prevents people from reaching their full potential; advocating for social justice for vulnerable, oppressed and at-risk groups; ensuring the benefits of a democratic society are available for all.

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**Required GE Courses:**

| Category IA: Spanish is encouraged but not required |
| Category IB: MATH 246 (Elementary Statistics) |

**Category II: 9-12 credits, including**
BIOL 151 (Biology of Humans)

**Category III:** (these are required)
ECON 201 (Introduction to Political Economy)
OR, ECON 103 AND ECON 104 (Principles of Micro/Macroeconomics)
IDIS 100 (Introduction to Social Welfare Services)
POLS 110 (American National Politics)
POLS 301 (State and Local Politics)
PSYC 100 (Introduction to Psychology)
PSYC 230 (Human Development)
SOC 101 (Introduction to Sociology)

**Category IV: 9-12 credits**
6 credits must be from a specific list of courses dealing with diverse populations. Consult catalog.

**Essential Courses**

**First Year:** Students should take IDIS 100

**Second year:** Students should take SW 290 Human Rights and Global Justice (provides Service Learning) the first semester and SW 220 (Interpersonal Skills) the second semester.

During the first two years students should complete:
- BIOL 151
- PSYC 100
- PSCY 230
- SOC 100

**Information for exploring students:**
IDIS 100 – Introduction to Social Welfare Services-- is a G.E. III course that introduces students to the field.

**Helpful Tips:**

- Courses in Social Work are sequentially; declare the major as early as possible.
- You’re encouraged to participate in the Association of Student Social Workers (ASSW)
- Volunteer! A great way to see what social workers actually do and investigate possible career paths.
- Your 2nd year is the best time to Study Abroad or do National Student Exchange (NSE). If you plan early enough, it is relatively easy to still graduate in 4 years.
- Students have the opportunity to participate in an internship in South Africa.

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