



TUSKEGEE
UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

THE SOCIAL WORK MINOR

Dr. Francis A. Taylor, PhD (1980-2006), the second Department Chair of Social Work, implemented the social work minor on August 23, 2006, at Tuskegee University College of Arts and Sciences Department of Social Work. A social work minor is for undergraduates who are interested in learning about the social work field and values but do not want to pursue a BSW degree. The minor will help those from other disciplines of study work more effectively with social work professionals and will give you an introductory understanding of vulnerable populations and the skills and knowledge to work with them. Uniquely, the minor consists of a service-learning component to obtain hands-on experience about a social work practice topic. In addition, it uses simulations as part of the curriculum for students to apply theoretical concepts learned into practice with a virtual human.

It's a great complement to majors such as nursing, health sciences, pre-law/political science, veterinary medicine, performing arts, ROTC, biology, communications, sociology, psychology, and education that may have careers that involve helping people. For those in other majors such as chemistry, business, agricultural and nutrition sciences, learning more about social welfare, social justice, and populations can expand your understanding of the world and how to interact in it.

Form to Fill

Students who have interest in a minor of Social Work should complete the Declaration of Social Work Minor form to request approval to declare a minor in Social Work.

Requirements

The Social Work minor requires 18 hours of coursework with a grade of a minimum of a C. To request to declare a minor, please contact the Department of Social Work BSW Program Director, Dekara Daniel, LMSW, at ddaniel@tuskegee.edu. If you are accepted into the minor program, you will need to complete the Declaration of Minor Form at <https://forms.office.com/r/ncUdCEJpJG> or by scanning the QR code in this brochure. You will be assigned an academic advisor to assist with your matriculation through the Social Work Minor.

Important Note: *Students pursuing a Social Work minor may not enroll in any courses than those listed for credit towards the minor nor any courses involving a social work field placement. Students are not eligible for the social work license exam; however, the minor courses may transfer to graduate school for social work should a student wish to pursue the traditional Master of Social Work program and assist with jobs closely related to social work in various settings.*

The minor courses descriptions consist of the following:

SOWK 0145. INTRODUCTION TO HUMAN SERVICES.

1st and 2nd Semesters. Lect., 1 credit. This course is designed to introduce students to the profession of social work and to the human-services field in general. It presents an integration of social work both as a field and a method. In addition, it seeks to show how social work helps people to solve problems in social functioning and to strengthen their social relationships. The fields of social welfare and social work are described and exemplified with cases.

SOWK 0235. HUMAN BEHAVIOR AND THE SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT I.

1st and 2nd Semesters. Lect., 3 credits. Prerequisite: Psychology 270. This is a two-semester course designed to develop in the student a knowledge of the inter-relationship of biological, psychological, and social contributions of human growth and adaptation. Social factors such as ethnicity, gender, and culture are emphasized.

SOWK 0354. INTERPERSONAL SKILLS LABORATORY.

1st and 2nd Semesters. 3 credits. Interpersonal skills consist of the behaviors (verbal and non-verbal) which are necessary for individuals to establish and maintain relationships with one another. Even though the skills covered in this course are meant to enhance the helping relationship, they are also relevant for other types of human relationships such as the supervisor/supervisee relationship, business relationships, relationships in work groups, peer and friendship relationships, and so on. The skills form a foundation for interviewing techniques and for providing therapeutic assistance for clients and or patients. This course also provides an opportunity for students to enhance their self-esteem and assertiveness as young men and women and as beginning professionals. In addition to lectures and readings this course utilizes in-class exercises and role-plays with audio-video feedback. Computer Monitored Instruction (CMI) is also used. Students are expected to make regular

entries in a personal journal and to try out and practice the interpersonal skills in real-life situations.

SOWK 0495. INDEPENDENT STUDY, 2 credits.

Study of a social work practice topic of interest along with a service-learning experience related to the topic to apply theory to practice to understanding topic. Students study independently throughout the semester with guidance from faculty member. Social Work Practice Electives (9 credits):

SOWK 0360. PATTERNS OF DRUG ABUSE.

1st and 2nd Semesters. Lect., 3 credits. The purpose of this course is to introduce the student to the socio-psychological and environmental factors that influence the abuse of behavior altering substances. Also, it provides the student with an exploration of the historical context in which legal controls were developed to alleviate drug abuse, and strategies for treatment and rehabilitation. Knowledge and skills for professional practice are emphasized.

SOWK 0456. SOCIAL GERONTOLOGY.

1st and 2nd Semesters. Lect., 3 credits. This course aims to equip students with a framework and method of studying, assessing and understanding gerontology. The basic theoretical approach will be psycho social. With increasing numbers of older persons in the population, major issues about our social policies and practices toward the aging have arisen. The phenomenon of aging has had a major impact on our social arrangements and institutions, including the family, government, the political process, income maintenance, and work, as well as in the areas of health and social welfare delivery systems.

SOWK 0457. FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES. 1st

and 2nd Semesters. Lect., 3 credits. An introduction to the field of child welfare, including programs, policies, problems and services. Principles and techniques for working with needy, neglected, abused and delinquent children are emphasized.

SOWK 0356. SOCIAL WORK IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE SETTINGS.

1st and 2nd Semesters. Lect., 3 credits. This course seeks to introduce the student to the role of social work in Corrections. In an effort to give a thorough introduction, theories of crime causation, past and present, will be presented. Students will be expected to analyze these theories viewed with emphasis on the effectiveness of rehabilitation programs, in the context of the social forces, which promote crime. Special attention will be given to the issue of black crime with causes, cures, and consequences.



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College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Social Work
Minor in Social Work
Provisional Sheet

Student Name: _____ Student ID: _____

Advisor Name: _____ Advisor Department: _____

Student Major: _____

Students who wish to earn the Social Work Minor must complete 18 semester hours of courses work in Social Work with a "C" grade or higher.

Note: Please note a student may select for SOWK 0495 Independent Study course 2 or 3 credit hours. You must email the University Registrar (registrar@tuskegee.edu) to select one of the credit hours options as the registration system only defaults 1 credit hour. Two or more hours are required for the course to fulfill the social work minor credit hours.

Mandatory Social Work Practice Courses:	Semester	Grade	Credits
SOWK 0145 Introduction to the Human Services	_____	_____	_____
SOWK 0235 Human Behavior and the Social Environment I	_____	_____	_____
SOWK 0354 Interpersonal Skills Lab	_____	_____	_____
SOWK 0495 Independent Study/Extended Service Learning	_____	_____	_____

Choose Three (3) Social Work Course Electives (9 Semester Credit Hours):

SOWK 0356 Criminal Justice	_____	_____	_____
SOWK 0360 Patterns of Drug Abuse	_____	_____	_____
SOWK 0456 Social Gerontology	_____	_____	_____
SOWK 0457 Family and Children Services	_____	_____	_____

Total Number of Credits: _____

NOTE: The provisional sheet is provided as view of courses towards the minor in social work. Once you are accepted into the Minor of Social Work by the BSW Program Director, you should email the Registrar at registrar@tuskegee.edu to request the Minor of Social Work placement in your Tigerweb Eval, to default the SOWK 0495 course to 2 credits, and note that you have been accepted into the Social Work Minor. Once the courses are completed the Registrar will place the Social Work Minor on your transcription upon graduation from the University. No further action or signatures are required.