# Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)

**Admissions:** Selective  
**Process:** Application

Min. Total Credits: 120 (105 in core & major + 15 in electives)

## UHM General Education Core Requirements

### Foundations
- FW ENG 100, 100A, 190, or ESL 100
- FS PHIL 110, 111
- FG (A / B / C)
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### Diversification
- DA / DH / DL
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- DB BIOL 100, 101, 171, 350; FSHN 185, MICR 130; PHYL 103, 141, 142, 160, 301, or 302
- DP
- DY
- DS POLS xxx
- DS PSY xxx

* See degree, college and major requirements for courses that can also fulfill these.

## UHM Graduation Requirements

### Focus
- H
- E (300+)
- O (300+)

### Hawaiian / Second Language – complete one option
- Four semesters of one language (202 equivalent)
- Two-semester sequence (usually 101 and 102) in a single language and two approved culture courses

## College Requirements

### Admission Requirements
- Admission is in the fall or spring semesters.
- Submit an application no later than the following:
  - February 1 for fall semester
  - October 1 for spring semester (early admission)
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5
- Completion of (or scheduled to complete) UHM General Education Core Requirements
- Completion of (or scheduled to complete) Social Work Knowledge Base Courses with a grade of C or better
- Evidence of motivation for and commitment to social work (e.g., volunteer, social work-related experience)
- Application materials include:
  - School of Social Work application, including narrative based on personal experience
  - Transcripts of all college-level academic course work completed
  - Three letters of reference
  - Refer to [www.hawaii.edu/sswork/bsw-forms.html](http://www.hawaii.edu/sswork/bsw-forms.html) for complete application requirements, forms, and instructions

### Social Work Knowledge Base Courses
- PHIL 110* or 111*  
- POLS xxx* or xxx (any)  
- PSY xxx* or xxx (any)  
- Biology course emphasizing Human Biology/Development (choose one course):
  - Can also fulfill DB: BIOL 101, 171; BIOL/WS 350; FSHN 185; MICR 130; PHYL 103, 141, 142, 301, or 302
  - Does not fulfill DB: FAMR 230  
- SW 200

### Grade Point Average
- 2.5 cumulative or higher

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This program sheet was prepared to provide information and does not constitute a contract. See back for major requirements.  
Meet regularly with your major advisor.
## Major Requirements for BSW

### Admission

- Open Application
- Deadline: October 1 for spring (early) admission, February 1 for fall admission. See [www.hawaii.edu/sswork/bsw-forms.html](http://www.hawaii.edu/sswork/bsw-forms.html) for BSW program application forms and instructions.

### Min. major credits

- 62 (74 with related prerequisites; includes 56-59 upper division credits)

### Min. C grade

- (not C-) in all courses

### Pre-Social Work Course (3 credits)

- SW 200

### Social Work Core Courses (38 credits)

#### Junior Year

- **Fall Semester**
  - SW 302
  - SW 325
  - SW 360

- **Spring Semester**
  - SW 303 (WI)
  - SW 326
  - SW 361
  - SW 391 (concurrently with 303)

#### Senior Year

- **Fall Semester**
  - SW 402
  - SW 440
  - SW 490

- **Spring Semester**
  - SW 403 (WI)
  - SW 491 (concurrently with 403)

### BSW Program Social Justice and Diversities Upper-Division Elective Courses (21 credits; see [www.hawaii.edu/sswork/bsw-prog.html](http://www.hawaii.edu/sswork/bsw-prog.html) for course lists)

- One Course in each of the following four course areas:
  - The U.S. Experience
  - Social Dynamics and Group Interaction
  - Politics, Government, and Economics
  - Research

- Three (3) courses in the Diversities focus area
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### Notes

- Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work: [www.hawaii.edu/sswork/](http://www.hawaii.edu/sswork/), Gartley 203, (808) 956-7182, sswadmit@hawaii.edu
- Social Work Undergraduate Advisors: Michael DeMattos; Gartley 006; (808) 956-6135; mmdattos@hawaii.edu
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- www.hawaii.edu/sswork/bsw.html