

Degree Path: B.S.W. in Social Work

College of Behavioral Sciences & Community Services

Freshman Year

<u>Fall Semester</u>	<u>16 hours</u>
GES 1122	Strategies for Student Success ∞
ENG 1113	Composition and Rhetoric I ∞
MTH 1113/1123	(Math option) ∞
PED 1101-2291	(Activity Course option 1) ∞
PSY 1153	Introduction to Psychology ∞
REL 1173	Introduction to Biblical Literature ∞

<u>Spring Semester</u>	<u>16 hours</u>
COM 1143	Fundamentals of Speech Comm. ∞
ENG 1123	Composition and Rhetoric II ∞ (prereq: ENG 1113)
HIS 1113	American History I ∞
PED 1101-2291	(Activity Course option 2) ∞
XXX XXXX	(General Elective Course option 1)
REL 1133	Authentic Christianity ∞

Sophomore Year

<u>Fall Semester</u>	<u>17 hours</u>
BIO 1113	Biological Science ∞
SWK 2113	Introduction to Social Work ∞
PED 2232	Wellness and Lifestyle ∞
PSY 2423	Cultural Issues in Helping Prof. ◇
SWK 2123	Social Work Practice I
THE 2333	Pentecostal Doctrine and History ∞

<u>Spring Semester</u>	<u>15 hours</u>
ENG 2273/2243	(English option) ∞/◇ (ENG 2233, if preferred, is fall only) (prereq: ENG 1123)
GOV 2213	National and State Government ∞
SWK 3523	Social Welfare Policies, Programs, & Issues ◇
SWK 3xx3	Case Management
BIB 2213	Bible Study ∞

Junior Year

<u>Fall Semester</u>	<u>12 hours</u>
SWK 3153	Human Behavior in Social Environ. I ◇
SWK 2233	Abuse & Neglect
XXX XXXX	(General Elective Course option 2)
THE 2113	Intro to Theology & Apologetics ∞

<u>Spring Semester</u>	<u>15 hours</u>
SWK 4153	Human Behavior in Social Environ. II ◇
SWK 3213	Social Work Practice II ◇
SWK 3113	Church & Community Social Work ◇
SWK 3173	Forensic Social Work
BIB 1223	The Church in Ministry & Mission ∞

Senior Year

<u>Fall Semester</u>	<u>15 hours</u>
PSY 3143	Statistics & Research Design for Clinical Practitioners
SWK 4814	Social Work Practicum I ∞
SWK 4212	Integrative Practice-Social Work I ∞
SWK 4233	Social Work Practice III
XXX XXXX	(General Elective Course option 3)

<u>Spring Semester</u>	<u>15 hours</u>
SWK 4824	Social Work Practicum II ∞
SWK 4222	Integrative Practice-Social Work II ∞
XXX XXXX	(General Elective Course option 4)
XXX XXXX	(General Elective Course option 5)
XXX XXXX	(General Elective Course option 6)

Please Note:

- This plan is one example of how to complete the degree in 4 years. It assumes no transfer credit and no developmental coursework. It will work for some, but not for all.
- You can meet with your scheduler, program coordinator, or department chair to plan around your circumstances and develop your personal degree path. Degree requirements and offerings are subject to change, so consult advisors for on-going updates.
- Course Offering Codes:
 - ∞ every fall and spring semester
 - * only that semester in odd years
 - *** to be taken *only* in specified semester
 - ** only that semester in even years
 - ∞/◇ offering differs in order listed

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OVERVIEW

A bachelor's degree in Social Work at Nelson University prepares generalist practice students to develop competent skills, values, and knowledge through the ethical integration of the Christian faith across micro, mezzo, and macro systems. It serves every system by promoting social justice and committing to advocacy and empowerment through prevention, intervention, and evidence-based practices, particularly among marginalized populations.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

A BSW degree is preferred for case management roles in Child Protection Services (CPS), mental health facilities, addiction services, homeless shelters, and beyond. Recently, our graduates were employed by CPS, private child-placing agencies, public schools, Teen Challenge, and beyond.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Rachelle Rial holds a Master of Social Work with a specialization in working with Children and Families. As a Licensed Clinical Social Worker with over 14 years of experience in the mental health field, she has worked in psychiatric hospitals and outpatient clinics. Additionally, Rachelle holds a Master's in Business Administration, which has allowed her to specialize in Healthcare Administration over the last 5 years. Rachelle currently serves as the program coordinator for the Bachelor of Social Work Program.
- Dr. Godsby, LCSW, holds a doctorate in Social Work and has many years of direct practice in psychiatric social work and supervision. She is the Field Director for the BSW program, and is closely connected to non-profit leaders in the DFW area. Our social work classes are infused with personal and direct practice experiences. SAGU BSW graduates have had very high rates of success with finding employment before or soon after graduation.
- The Nelson's BSW program is fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), which emphasizes the highest quality program and educational opportunities. Graduating from Nelson with a BSW degree is an avenue for students to qualify for Advanced Standing in an accredited MSW program. This is a phenomenal advantage!

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

GENERAL EDUCATION STUDIES 51 Hours

General Education: 14 hours

- COM 1143 Fundamentals of Speech Communication
- ENG 1113 Composition and Rhetoric I
- ENG 1123 Composition and Rhetoric II
- GES 1122 Strategies for Student Success
- 3 hours from the following:
 - ENG 2273 Introduction to Literature
 - ENG 2233 American Literature through the Civil War
 - ENG 2243 American Literature after the Civil War

Social/Behavioral Sciences: 9 hours

- GOV 2213 National and State Government
- HIS 1113 American History I
- PSY 1153 Introduction to Psychology

Natural Science/Mathematics: 6 hours

- BIO 1113 Biological Sciences OR
- 3 hours from the following:
 - MTH 1113 College Mathematics OR
 - MTH 1123 College Algebra

Physical Education: 4 hours

- PED 2232 Wellness and Lifestyle
- 2 hours from Activity Courses PED 1101-2291

General Biblical Studies: 18 hours

- BIB 1223 The Church in Ministry and Mission
- BIB 2213 Bible Study
- REL 1133 Authentic Christianity
- REL 1173 Introduction to Biblical Literature
- THE 2113 Introduction to Theology and Apologetics
- THE 2333 Pentecostal Doctrine and History

MAJOR STUDIES 51 Hours

- PSY 2423 Cultural Issues in Helping Prof
- PSY 3143 Statistics & Research Design for Clinical Practitioners
- SWK 2113 Introduction to Social Work
- SWK 2123 Social Work Practice I
- SWK 2233 Abuse & Neglect
- SWK 3xx3 Case Management
- SWK 3113 Church & Community Social Work
- SWK 3153 Human Behavior in the Social Environment I
- SWK 3173 Forensic Social Work
- SWK 3213 Social Work Practice II
- SWK 3523 Social Welfare Policies, Programs, and Issues
- SWK 4153 Human Behavior in the Social Environment II
- SWK 4212 Integrative Practice I (with 4814)
- SWK 4222 Integrative Practice II (with 4824)
- SWK 4233 Social Work Practice III
- SWK 4814 Social Work Practicum I (with 4212)
- SWK 4824 Social Work Practicum II (with 4222)

GENERAL ELECTIVES 18 Hours

- 18 hours of student's choice

TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS 120 Hours