



# Bachelor of Social Work

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES



## Who We Are

Social Work is both the art and the science of providing services designed to assist people individually and in relationship to their environment. It is a profession committed to the improvement of the quality of life for individuals, families, communities, and society. The mission of the School of Social Work is to promote social justice through quality professional education, advocacy, community partnerships, and the development and dissemination of knowledge.

*the degree  
that works*

## Why Windsor

### The Right Choice

Quality programs. Exceptional faculty members. A friendly, supportive campus. These are just a few of the reasons why Windsor is the right choice for you. We provide "the degree that works," an innovative, student-focused approach that combines learner-centred teaching with practical experiences to prepare its students for the challenges of tomorrow.

### Vibrant and Dynamic

Windsor ([www.city.windsor.on.ca/home](http://www.city.windsor.on.ca/home)) is a friendly community of 200,000. We're known for our exciting arts and entertainment scene, hundreds of restaurants, and abundant shopping. Outdoor enthusiasts can enjoy our moderate climate, many major waterways and countless parks. And, our strategic, international border location means Michigan is just across the river with concerts, world-class museums and four major league sports teams.

# The Windsor advantage

## The Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) Degree

The BSW program provides a first professional degree that prepares students for generalist social work practice and for graduate studies in Social Work.

### Why should you choose the University of Windsor Bachelor of Social Work degree?

- In the 21st century, the social work profession is projected to be one of the growth areas in terms of occupational opportunities in both Canada and the United States. More than 90 percent of our graduates find employment within six months of graduation.
- We are a mid-sized university which believes that the learning environment is enhanced – and that our society benefits – from a diversified student body. We welcome students of diverse interests, perspectives and circumstances.
- We were the first university in Ontario to offer an accredited Bachelor of Social Work Program. We offer four different programs, each of which serves the particular needs of students with varying backgrounds and interests.
- The University of Windsor BSW Honours Program is accredited by the Canadian Association of Schools of Social Work. Graduates are eligible for registration under the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers. Our graduates are employed throughout Canada and internationally.
- We offer the only Combined Honours Bachelor of Social Work in Social Work and Women's Studies Program in Canada.

## Field Education

Field education is an essential component of the Social Work Program, and Windsor offers the unique opportunity for urban exposure as well as a rural service experience. Students spend two days per week in Years 3 and 4 engaged in practice settings such as hospitals, schools, children's aid societies, psychiatric settings, etc. under the supervision of experienced social workers. (For a complete list, please refer to the *University of Windsor Undergraduate Calendar*). While the majority of field placements are in Windsor, some are in Sarnia, Chatham, Leamington, and neighbouring communities.

## Four-Year Honours Bachelor of Social Work Degree (For undergraduate students)

The first two years of the four-year BSW program are pre-social work and include introductory courses in Social Work and the social sciences. Students must complete 20 courses prior to admission to Year 3. The final two years of the program focus exclusively on social work practice and include concurrent field internships in a range of settings.

## Four-Year Honours Bachelor of Social Work in Social Work and Women's Studies (Combined Program) (For undergraduate students)

The first two years of this combined four-year program include introductory courses in Social Work, Women's Studies and the Social Sciences. Students must complete 20 courses prior to admission to Year 3. The final two years of the program focus exclusively on social work practice and include concurrent field internships.

## Two-Year Honours Bachelor of Social Work Degree (For university graduates with a three-year or general degree in Arts or Social Sciences)

This program is based on the core curriculum of Years 3 and 4 of the Four-Year Honours program.

## One-Year (Three-Semester) Honours Bachelor of Social Work Degree (For university graduates with a four-year degree in Arts or Social Sciences)

This program is based on the core curriculum of Years 3 and 4 of the Four-Year Honours program. It allows students to complete the BSW as a second degree in three consecutive semesters by doing a block field internship in the spring. For a complete list of courses, please refer to the University of Windsor Undergraduate Calendar.

## Admission Requirements

### The BSW as a First Degree

Years 1 and 2: Six Gr. 12 "U" or "M" courses, including Gr. 12 "U" English 1.

Years 3 and 4: Apply to the Office of the Registrar by March 1. Early applications are encouraged. A minimum "B-" GPA of 8.0 in Social Work courses is required. Selection of candidates will be based on grades and relevant volunteer, work experience and references. Applicants should have volunteer or work experience in human service agencies or community organizations.

### The BSW as a Second Degree

University graduates with a degree in Arts or Social Sciences with minimum GPA or 8.0 or equivalent, including at least one courses in statistics or research will be considered.

## Social Work Degrees Available at the University of Windsor:

- Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)
- Bachelor of Social Work and Women's Studies Combined Honour's (BSW)
- Master of Social Work

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