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Student Name: _____
Advisor Name: _____

Catalog: 2026-2027 Rowan University Academic Catalog
Program: Bachelor of Social Work
Minimum Credits Required: _____

Bachelor of Social Work

The Department offers a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) that prepares students for entry-level practice roles such as client engagement, needs assessment, outreach, service linkage, and case management. Graduates are equipped with generalist social work knowledge, values, and skills to work with diverse populations across a broad range of settings. The program is currently in candidacy with the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), pursuing full accreditation.

The 120-credit program is sequenced across four years. The first two years focus on University Core requirements and foundational coursework in social work and sociology (27 credits combined), building the base for more advanced study. Students then move into social work theory, policy, and ethics coursework (18 credits), followed by 30 credits of practice and advanced-level coursework. This work builds toward two senior-year practicum placements paired with senior seminar courses, where students complete a minimum of 400 hours of supervised field experience and apply their coursework directly in practice. An additional 12 credits of social work electives and 33 credits of free electives allow students to shape the degree around their own interests. Students must meet program benchmarks - including GPA requirements and satisfactory practicum evaluations - to progress through each practicum placement, and are expected to meet the CSWE's core competencies and uphold the NASW Code of Ethics throughout their training.

Students who complete the BSW and graduate with a 3.0 GPA or higher from an accredited program may apply for an accelerated Master of Social Work (MSW) degree through Advanced Standing, allowing them to enter the second year of the MSW program directly.

Rowan Core: 9 s.h.

All first-time Freshmen must complete the Rowan University Core Literacies. There are six literacies:

- Communicative Literacy (COML) - 9 s.h. Satisfied by taking the following three courses:
 - COMP 01111 College Composition I
 - COMP 01112 College Composition II
 - CMS 04205 Public Speaking or CMS 04206 Digital Presentations
- Artistic Literacy (ARTL)
- Global Literacy (GLBL)
- Humanistic Literacy (HUML)
- Quantitative Literacy (QNTL)
- Scientific Literacy (SCIL)

Majors may suggest courses to fulfill the above literacies, which will be applied elsewhere.

A complete listing of courses that fulfill the above literacies can be found here [Undergraduate Program Requirements](#).

Rowan Experience

Students must satisfy all three Rowan Experience attributes. Credits attached to the courses in this section will apply elsewhere.

The attributes are as follows:

- Broad-Based Literature Attribute (LIT)
- Writing Intensive Attribute (WI)
- Rowan Seminar Attribute* (RS)

Departments may recommend courses to fulfill these attributes. A complete listing of courses that satisfy these attributes can be found at [Undergraduate Program Requirements](#).

*The Rowan Seminar requirement is waived for all students transferring 24 or more approved credits into Rowan University at the time of initial entry.

Non-Program Courses: 18 s.h.

Courses in this section must not be in the major department.

Course Name	Credits:	Term Taken	Grade	Gen Ed
PSY 01107 - Essentials of Psychology	Credits: 3			
STAT 02102 - Statistical Literacy	Credits: 3			
POSC 07220 - State and Local Government	Credits: 3			
or				
POSC 07110 - American Government	Credits: 3			

Required Courses: 18 s.h.

Course Name	Credits:	Term Taken	Grade	Gen Ed
SOC 08120 - Introduction to Sociology	Credits: 3			
SWK 01100 - Introduction to Social Work	Credits: 3			
SOC 08223 - Sociology of Social Welfare	Credits: 3			

SWK 01200 - Introduction to Human Behavior in the Social Environment	Credits: 3			
SWK 01205 - Human Behavior in the Social Environment II	Credits: 3			
HSRV 01320 - Applied Ethics in Human Services	Credits: 3			
or				
SWK 01320 - Applied Ethics in Social Work	Credits: 3			

Practice and Advanced Level Courses Required: 30 s.h.

*Students who earn at least a B in the “Required Practice and Advanced level courses” may be able to count these courses towards Advanced Standing for the MSW at Rowan or another MSW program accredited by the Council for Social Work Education (CSWE).

** Benchmark I: To be placed in Practicum I in the fall of senior year, students must:

- Apply for Field Placement by the deadline listed the previous Fall (typically by November 1st).
- Have at least a 2.8 GPA.
- Earn a satisfactory field practicum and professional readiness recommendation from their instructor in SWK 01315 Disparity, Systemic Inequity, and Social Justice Fall of Junior Year.

***Benchmark II: To be placed in Practicum II senior year, students must:

- Have satisfactory evaluation and passing grade from practicum placement I
- Meet CSWE nine core competencies
- Adhere to and uphold NASW Code of Ethics

Course Name	Credits:	Term Taken	Grade	Gen Ed
SWK 01315 - Disparity, Systemic Inequality and Social Justice	Credits: 3			
SWK 01325 - Introduction to Generalist Social Work Practice	Credits: 3			
SWK 01330 - Social Work Policy, Advocacy and Practice	Credits: 3			
SWK 01440 - Mental Health Assessment Across the Lifespan	Credits: 3			
SWK 01445 - Advanced Social Work Practice	Credits: 3			
SWK 01450 - Social Work Practicum I	Credits: 3			
SWK 01451 - Senior Seminar I	Credits: 3			
SWK 01460 - Social Work Practicum II	Credits: 3			
SWK 01461 - Senior Seminar II	Credits: 3			
SWK 01310 - Research Methods in Social Work	Credits: 3			
or				
HSRV 08310 - Research Methods for Human Services	Credits: 3			
or				
SOC 08375 - Sociological Research Methods	Credits: 3			

Social Work Electives: 12 s.h.

Choose any FOUR of the following courses. Additional relevant courses may count with the approval of the program director.

Course Name	Credits:	Term Taken	Grade	Gen Ed
SOC 08221 - Social Problems	Credits: 3			
SOC 08230 - Sociology of Minority Groups	Credits: 3			
SOC 08320 - Urban Sociology	Credits: 3			
SOC 08326 - Socialization of the Child Through Adolescence - WI	Credits: 3			
SOC 08401 - Human Service Organizations	Credits: 3			
SOC 08403 - Sociology of Death, Dying, and Bereavement	Credits: 3			
SOC 08430 - Case Management Intervention in Sociological Practice	Credits: 3			
ANTH 02202 - Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	Credits: 3			
ANTH 02215 - Medical Anthropology	Credits: 3			
ANTH 02322 - Sex and Sex Roles in a Cross Cultural Perspective	Credits: 3			
ANTH 02355 - Global Health in Anthropological Perspective	Credits: 3			
HSRV 01403 - Introduction to Child Abuse, Protection and Permanency Planning	Credits: 3			
PSY 09305 - Developmental Psychopathology	Credits: 3			
SOC 08220 - Sociology of the Family	Credits: 3			
SOC 08362 - Sociology of Disability	Credits: 3			
EDSU 28211 - Access, Success, and Equity in Education	Credits: 3			

EDSU 28212 - Education and Empowerment for Social Change	Credits: 3			
Free Electives: 33 s.h.				
Total Required Credits for the Program: 120 s.h.				
Students must receive a grade of C or better in all courses satisfying Major requirements. Students must apply for SWK 01450 Senior Social Work Practicum in spring of their junior year. Students must complete 400 supervised hours at an approved social work field practicum and pass SWK 01450 Senior Social Work Practicum 1, SWK 01451 Senior Seminar 1, SWK 01460 Senior Social Work Practicum II, and SWK 01461 Senior Seminar II.				
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