

# Social Work

This section presents the requirements for programs in:

- **Bachelor of Social Work B.S.W. Honours**

## Senate Policy on Social Work Professional Suitability

Students in the Bachelor of Social Work (Honours) are expected to conform to the Canadian Association of Social Workers (CASW) Code of Ethics and the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers (OCSWSSW) Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice. Students who violate these codes of ethics may be required, in accordance with the Senate Policy on Social Work Professional Suitability, to withdraw from the program.

### Program Requirements

#### Bachelor of Social Work B.S.W. Honours (20.0 credits)

##### A. Credits Included in the Major CGPA (10.5 credits)

<b>1. 4.5 credits in:</b>	<b>4.5</b>
SOWK 1001 [0.5] Introduction to Social Welfare	
SOWK 1002 [0.5] Introduction to Social Work	
SOWK 2001 [0.5] Structural Analysis and Social Work	
SOWK 2005 [0.5] Values and Ethics for Social Work	
SOWK 2100 [0.5] The Political Economy of the Social Welfare State	
SOWK 2202 [0.5] Introduction to Social Work Practice with Individuals and Families	
SOWK 2203 [0.5] Introduction to Social Work Practice with Groups and Communities	
SOWK 3100 [0.5] Social Policy and Administration	
SOWK 4000 [0.5] Social Work and Indigenous Peoples	
<b>2. 1.0 credit in:</b>	<b>1.0</b>
SOWK 3001 [0.5] Introduction to Research Methods in Social Work	
SOWK 3002 [0.5] Introduction to Statistical Analysis in Social Work	
<b>3. 2.0 credits from:</b>	<b>2.0</b>
SOWK 3600 [2.0] Practicum I	
SOWK 3601 [2.0] Practicum I	
SOWK 3602 [2.0] Practicum I	
<b>4. 0.5 credit from:</b>	<b>0.5</b>
SOWK 4001 [0.5] Advanced Social Work Practice with Individuals and Families	
SOWK 4002 [0.5] Advanced Social Work Practice with Groups	
SOWK 4003 [0.5] Advanced Social Work Practice with Communities	
SOWK 4004 [0.5] Social Policy Development and Practice	
<b>5. 0.5 credit from:</b>	<b>0.5</b>
SOWK 4103 [0.5] Practice and Policy in Immigration	
SOWK 4204 [0.5] Social Work and Aging	
SOWK 4300 [0.5] Social Work and Persons with Disabilities	

SOWK 4301 [0.5] Racialization and Social Work	
SOWK 4302 [0.5] Poverty and Social Welfare Policy	
SOWK 4303 [0.5] Gender and Sexuality	
<b>6. 2.0 credits from:</b>	<b>2.0</b>
SOWK 4600 [2.0] Practicum II	
SOWK 4601 [1.0] Practicum IIA & Practicum IIB	
SOWK 4602 [1.0]	
<b>B. Credits Not Included in the Major CGPA (9.5 credits)</b>	
<b>7. 2.0 credits in ANTH, CRCJ, ECON, HIST, HRSJ, INDG, LAWS, PAMP, PSCI, PSYC, SOCI, or WGST</b>	<b>2.0</b>
<b>8. 6.0 credits not in SOWK</b>	<b>6.0</b>
<b>9. 1.5 credits in:</b>	<b>1.5</b>
Free electives, or	
<b>or</b>	
SOWK 4908 [1.0] Honours Essay and 0.5 credit in free electives.	
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>20.0</b>

#### Work Experience and Credit for Practicum I (SOWK 3600, SOWK 3601, SOWK 3602)

On admission to the B.S.W. (Honours) program, students who have four or more years of human service work experience may apply to the B.S.W. Field Coordinator for waiver of the 2.0 credit requirement for SOWK 3600 [2.0], SOWK 3601 [2.0] or SOWK 3602 [2.0].

If successful, they will be granted 1.0 elective credit in Social Work and will be required to take 1.0 additional elective credit in Social Work in lieu of SOWK 3600 [2.0], SOWK 3601 [2.0] or SOWK 3602 [2.0]. Full documentation of work experience and references are required. Applications must be received by September 1 of each year.

#### Regulations

In addition to the program requirements described here, students in the Bachelor of Social Work (Honours) must satisfy the University regulations, including:

- the graduation requirements for Honours programs, as described in Section 3.4.6 of the *Academic Regulations of the University*.

Students should consult with the School of Social Work when planning their programs and selecting courses.

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#### Academic Continuation Evaluation for Bachelor of Social Work (Honours)

Students in the B.S.W. (Honours) follow the continuation requirements for Honours programs, as described

in Section 3.2.6 of the *Academic Regulations of the University*, with the following addition:

- Students with 15.5 or more program credits completed, but who have a Major CGPA less than 6.00, will be required to leave the B.S.W. program with the decision *Required to Withdraw for Two Terms (WT)*.

### Admissions Information

Admission Requirements are for the 2025-26 year only, and are based on the Ontario High School System. Holding the minimum admission requirements only establishes eligibility for consideration. The cut-off averages for admission may be considerably higher than the minimum. See also the **General Admission and Procedures** section of this Calendar. An overall average of at least 70% is normally required to be considered for admission. Some programs may also require specific course prerequisites and prerequisite averages and/or supplementary admission portfolios. Higher averages are required for admission to programs for which the demand for places by qualified applicants exceeds the number of places available. The overall average required for admission is determined each year on a program by program basis. Consult [admissions.carleton.ca](http://admissions.carleton.ca) for further details.

Note: Courses listed as *recommended* are not mandatory for admission. Students who do not follow the recommendations will not be disadvantaged in the admission process.

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### Degree

- B.S.W. (Honours)

### Admission Requirements

#### First Year

The Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) or equivalent including a minimum of six 4U or M courses. Although it is not an admission requirement, a 4U course in English is strongly recommended.

Preference will be given to applicants with human service work experience, which may be met by employment and/or volunteer experience. Applicants will be asked to complete a supplementary application that will assist in the evaluation of their suitability for the program. Detailed information about the supplementary application can be found at [admissions.carleton.ca](http://admissions.carleton.ca).

### Advanced Standing

Applications for admission beyond first year will be assessed on their merits. Applicants must normally be *Eligible to Continue (EC)* in their year level, and will be considered for transfer into the B.S.W. program when spaces are available. Students who have completed an undergraduate degree are normally admitted into the program with third-year standing. Applicants will be asked to complete a supplementary application that will assist in the evaluation of their suitability for the program. Detailed information about the supplementary application can be found at [admissions.carleton.ca](http://admissions.carleton.ca).

### Community College Applicants

Pathway agreements between the School of Social Work at Carleton University and several community colleges have been negotiated to facilitate the application of their graduates in their human or social service worker programs to Carleton's Bachelor of Social Work degree. Detailed information about these agreements can be found on the Admissions website: [admissions.carleton.ca](http://admissions.carleton.ca).

### Social Work (SOWK) Courses

#### SOWK 1001 [0.5 credit]

##### Introduction to Social Welfare

Explores definitions of social welfare and the structure of the Canadian welfare state; evolution and devolution of the welfare state in Canada; social welfare and its relationship to social work, social change, and social justice. Lecture three hours a week.

#### SOWK 1002 [0.5 credit]

##### Introduction to Social Work

Introduction to the profession of social work; evolution of the social work profession in Canada; social work knowledge, values and skills. Explores professional and regulatory social work bodies and international linkages. Lectures three hours a week.

#### SOWK 2001 [0.5 credit]

##### Structural Analysis and Social Work

Evolution of structural social work, theories and critiques of structural social work and contemporary issues and challenges.

Prerequisite(s): SOWK 1001 and SOWK 1002. For Bachelor of Social Work students only.

Lecture three hours a week.

**SOWK 2005 [0.5 credit]****Values and Ethics for Social Work**

Focuses on knowledge and skills for ethical decision-making in social work; understanding social work values and ethics, accountability and the professional use of self.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Prerequisite(s): SOWK 1001 and SOWK 1002. For Bachelor of Social Work students only.

Lecture three hours a week.

**SOWK 2100 [0.5 credit]****The Political Economy of the Social Welfare State**

Political economic theories as lenses for structural analysis of social problems and policies affecting social work practice in Canada.

Prerequisite(s): SOWK 1001 and SOWK 1002 or permission of the School of Social Work.

Lecture three hours a week.

**SOWK 2202 [0.5 credit]****Introduction to Social Work Practice with Individuals and Families**

Understand and develop skills required for working with individuals and families; active listening; use of self; engagement; rapport-building; interviewing and interventions; empathy; interpersonal and professional collaboration; supervision.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Prerequisite(s): SOWK 1001 and SOWK 1002. For Bachelor of Social Work students only.

Lecture three hours a week.

**SOWK 2203 [0.5 credit]****Introduction to Social Work Practice with Groups and Communities**

Introduces students to theory and practice skills for group work and community work; structural social work with groups and communities.

Prerequisite(s): SOWK 1001 and SOWK 1002. For Bachelor of Social Work students only.

Lecture three hours a week.

**SOWK 2301 [0.5 credit]****Working with Children and Youth**

Preventative and protective social work intervention with children and youth. Issues addressed include child neglect, abuse and violence in the context of family; organizational mandate and social political contexts.

Programs and services for children and youth.

Lecture three hours a week.

**SOWK 3001 [0.5 credit]****Introduction to Research Methods in Social Work**

Research methods used in social work; research paradigms; quantitative and qualitative analysis in social work and social welfare; stages in conducting research.

Prerequisite(s): third-year standing or permission of the School of Social Work.

Lecture three hours a week.

**SOWK 3002 [0.5 credit]****Introduction to Statistical Analysis in Social Work**

Fundamentals of statistical analysis; descriptive and inferential statistics and their use in social work research. Statistical tests including Chi-Square, t-tests, correlations and simple linear regressions.

Prerequisite(s): third-year standing or permission of the School of Social Work.

Lecture three hours a week.

**SOWK 3100 [0.5 credit]****Social Policy and Administration**

Understanding the welfare state and social policy in Canada; exploring issues in administration including program design and implementation; understanding and developing skills in policy-making and policy analysis. Canadian focus; recognition of the distinctiveness of social policy in Quebec.

Prerequisite(s): SOWK 2100 and third-year standing or permission of the School of Social Work.

Lecture three hours a week.

**SOWK 3206 [0.5 credit]****Community Development and Social Change in an International Context**

Introduction to theories, models and methods of community organizing as a strategy for social change in an international context.

Prerequisite(s): SOWK 1001 and SOWK 1002; or PAM 1001 and PSCI 2003, or permission of the School of Social Work.

Lecture three hours a week.

**SOWK 3207 [0.5 credit]****Human Rights Practice in Civil Society**

Examines the advocacy role and capacity of organizations in civil society to increase popular participation in promoting and protecting human rights; includes transnational and national non-governmental organizations, grassroots movements, community organizations, and virtual or Internet-based organizations.

Prerequisite(s): SOWK 1001 and SOWK 1002 or PAM 1000 or HRSJ 1001 or permission of the School of Social Work.

Lecture three hours a week.

**SOWK 3400 [0.5 credit]****Special Topics in Social Work**

Theory, policy or direct practice topics not covered in the regular course program. Choice of topics varies from year to year.

Prerequisite(s): SOWK 1001 and SOWK 1002 or permission of the School of Social Work.

Lecture three hours a week.

**SOWK 3600 [2.0 credits]****Practicum I**

Focus on integrating theory and practice in an approved community setting supervised by a field supervisor.

Graded SAT/UNS.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Precludes additional credit for SOWK 3601, SOWK 3602.

Prerequisite(s): SOWK 2001, SOWK 2005, SOWK 2100, SOWK 2202, SOWK 2203, and permission of the School of Social Work. Student must be Eligible to Continue (EC) in the BSW program and have a 6.00 CGPA in the Social Work major, including in the term of application.

352 hours in the practicum setting over the fall and winter terms and compulsory practicum seminars.

**SOWK 3601 [2.0 credits]****Practicum I**

Focus on integrating theory and practice in an approved community setting supervised by a field supervisor.

Graded SAT/UNS.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Precludes additional credit for SOWK 3600, SOWK 3602.

Prerequisite(s): Third-year standing upon admission into the BSW program, SOWK 2001, SOWK 2005, SOWK 2100, SOWK 2202, SOWK 2203, and permission of the School of Social Work. Student must be Eligible to Continue (EC) and have a 6.00 CGPA in the Social Work major, including in the term of application, and must be newly admitted into the BSW program.

352 hours in the practicum setting over the winter term and compulsory practicum seminars.

**SOWK 3602 [2.0 credits]****Practicum I**

Focus on integrating theory and practice in an approved community setting supervised by a field supervisor.

Limited enrolment subject to discretion of Practicum Coordinator. Graded as SAT/UNS.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Precludes additional credit for SOWK 3601, SOWK 3600.

Prerequisite(s): SOWK 2001, SOWK 2005, SOWK 2100, SOWK 2202, SOWK 2203, and permission of the School of Social Work. Student must be Eligible to Continue (EC) in the BSW program and have a 6.00 CGPA in the Social Work major, including in the term of application.

352 hours in the practicum setting in the fall term and compulsory practicum seminars.

**SOWK 3804 [0.5 credit]****Law of the Family**

Legal framework surrounding the family and family relationships in Canadian society. Topics include marriage and cohabitation, matrimonial support, custody and access, and dissolution of marriage. State interventions through law; law and change in family structures; equality issues; dispute resolution processes.

Also listed as LAWS 3804.

Prerequisite(s): LAWS 2201 and LAWS 2202.

Lectures three hours a week.

**SOWK 4000 [0.5 credit]****Social Work and Indigenous Peoples**

Social work in partnership with Indigenous peoples in Canada; impact of the past on current relationships; rebuilding through dialogue and respect; understanding Indigenous social work.

Prerequisite(s): third-year standing in Bachelor of Social Work.

Lecture three hours each week.

**SOWK 4001 [0.5 credit]****Advanced Social Work Practice with Individuals and Families**

Advanced theory, methods, techniques, and skills for direct social work practice with individuals and families; individual and family assessments, treatment planning, intervention skills, and evaluation.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Prerequisite(s): SOWK 2202 and fourth-year standing in the Bachelor of Social Work.

Seminar three hours a week.

**SOWK 4002 [0.5 credit]****Advanced Social Work Practice with Groups**

Advanced theory, methods, techniques, and skills for social work with groups; knowledge of group work and various group formats; and social work interventions in group process.

Prerequisite(s): SOWK 2203 and fourth-year standing in the Bachelor of Social Work.

Seminar three hours a week.

**SOWK 4003 [0.5 credit]****Advanced Social Work Practice with Communities**

Advanced theory, methods, techniques and skills for engaging in community-based practice. Politics and challenges of social work community organizing and strategies and skills for community work.

Prerequisite(s): SOWK 2203 and fourth-year standing in the Bachelor of Social Work.

Seminar three hours a week.

**SOWK 4004 [0.5 credit]****Social Policy Development and Practice**

Social policy development processes in government and non-governmental agencies; refining skills in evaluating and critiquing processes of policy formation; role of lobbying and social activism.

Prerequisite(s): SOWK 3100 and fourth-year standing in the Bachelor of Social Work.

Seminar three hours a week.

**SOWK 4103 [0.5 credit]****Practice and Policy in Immigration**

History of immigration policies in Canada; direct practice with immigrants and refugees; diaspora, settlement and integration issues; immigrants and refugee women; intergenerational family relations; resources and community organizing.

Prerequisite(s): third-year standing or permission of the School of Social Work.

Lecture three hours a week.

**SOWK 4204 [0.5 credit]****Social Work and Aging**

Social perspectives on aging with focus on models of practice that contribute to the independence of elderly people. Social programs and policies, such as social insurance, social services, housing, public health and health care. Social, psychological and political issues related to independence in later life.

Prerequisite(s): third-year standing or permission of the School of Social Work.

Lecture three hours a week.

**SOWK 4209 [0.5 credit]****Special Topics in Direct Social Work Practice**

Theory and knowledge development of direct practice topics not in the regular course program. Topics may vary from year to year.

Prerequisite(s): third year standing or permission of the School of Social Work.

Lecture three hours a week.

**SOWK 4210 [0.5 credit]****Special Topics in Direct Social Work Practice**

Theory and knowledge development of direct practice topics not in the regular course program. Topics may vary from year to year.

Prerequisite(s): third-year standing or permission of the School of Social Work.

Lecture three hours a week.

**SOWK 4211 [0.5 credit]****Special Topics in Social Policy**

Theory and knowledge development of social policy topics not in the regular course program. Topics may vary from year to year.

Prerequisite(s): SOWK 3100 and third year standing or permission of the School of Social Work.

Lecture three hours a week.

**SOWK 4213 [0.5 credit]****Special Topics in Social Work**

Theory and knowledge development of a combination of practice and policy topics not in the regular course program. Topics may vary from year to year.

Prerequisite(s): third-year standing or permission of the School of Social Work.

Lecture three hours a week.

**SOWK 4300 [0.5 credit]****Social Work and Persons with Disabilities**

Social work theory and practice with persons with disabilities. Structural analysis of theory, models, policies and practices; disability rights; critical analysis of medical model and ableism.

Prerequisite(s): fourth-year standing in the Bachelor of Social Work.

Lecture three hours a week.

**SOWK 4301 [0.5 credit]****Racialization and Social Work**

Social work and racialization; racism and consequences; critical analysis of cultural formations, difference, and identities; critical examination of whiteness and privilege.

Prerequisite(s): fourth-year standing in the Bachelor of Social Work.

Lecture three hours a week.

**SOWK 4302 [0.5 credit]****Poverty and Social Welfare Policy**

Social work analysis of theories of poverty and economic inequality; labour force participation; poverty and wealth and income distribution in Canada and international comparisons; Canadian social policies and poverty.

Prerequisite(s): fourth-year standing in the Bachelor of Social Work.

Lecture three hours a week.

**SOWK 4303 [0.5 credit]****Gender and Sexuality**

Social work and social, political, institutional and economic relations shaping everyday experiences of gender and sexuality and implications for contemporary social work.

Prerequisite(s): fourth-year standing in the Bachelor of Social Work.

Lecture three hours a week.

**SOWK 4600 [2.0 credits]****Practicum II**

Development, application, testing and integration of knowledge, theory and skills in practice with individuals, families, groups and communities, in research or in social administration and policy. Graded SAT/UNS.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Precludes additional credit for SOWK 4601, SOWK 4602.

Prerequisite(s): third-year standing in the BSW program; SOWK 2001, SOWK 2005, SOWK 2100, SOWK 2202, SOWK 2203, SOWK 3100; SOWK 3600 or 3601 or 3602, and permission of the School of Social Work. Student must be Eligible to Continue (EC) in the BSW program and have a 6.00 CGPA in the Social Work major, including in the term of application.

352 hours in the practicum setting in the fall or summer term and compulsory practicum seminars.

**SOWK 4601 [1.0 credit]****Practicum IIA**

Development, application, testing, and integration of knowledge, theory and skills in practice with individuals, families, groups and communities, in research or social administration and policy. Part-time practicum must be taken consecutively with SOWK 4602. Graded SAT/UNS.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Precludes additional credit for SOWK 4600.

Prerequisite(s): third-year standing in the BSW program; SOWK 2001, SOWK 2005, SOWK 2100, SOWK 2202, SOWK 2203, SOWK 3100; SOWK 3600 or 3601 or 3602, and permission of the School of Social Work. Student must be Eligible to Continue (EC) in the BSW program and have a 6.00 CGPA in the Social Work major, including in the term of application.

176 hours in the practicum setting and compulsory practicum seminars.

**SOWK 4602 [1.0 credit]****Practicum IIB**

Development, application, testing, and integration of knowledge, theory and skills in practice with individuals, families, groups and communities, in research or social administration and policy. Part-time practicum must be taken consecutively with SOWK 4601. Graded SAT/UNS.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Precludes additional credit for SOWK 4600.

Prerequisite(s): third-year standing in the BSW program; SOWK 2001, SOWK 2005, SOWK 2100, SOWK 2202, SOWK 2203, SOWK 3100; SOWK 3600 or 3601 or 3602, SOWK 4601 and permission of the School of Social Work. Student must be Eligible to Continue (EC) in the BSW program and have a 6.00 CGPA in the Social Work major, including in the term of application.

176 hours in the practicum setting.

**SOWK 4702 [0.5 credit]****Special topic in Criminal Justice and Social Policy**

Selected topic in criminal justice and social policy. Topics announced in advance. Part of the Summer School in Criminal Justice and Social Policy and offered by the Department of Sociology.

Also listed as LAWS 4702, SOCI 4702.

Prerequisite(s): fourth-year Honours standing or permission of the School of Social Work.

**SOWK 4908 [1.0 credit]****Honours Essay**

Research essay under supervision of accredited faculty member. Project may be in the form of case study, historical study or other form that meets the approval of faculty advisor.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Prerequisite(s): fourth-year standing in the Bachelor of Social Work and permission of the School of Social Work.