SOCIAL WORK

College of Liberal Arts
Department of Social Work
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B.A. Degree
Minimum Requirements for Degree: 120 credits

We educate generalist social work practitioners to promote the health
and well-being of individuals, families and communities, emphasizing the
diversity and uniqueness of rural Alaska.

We create a community of critical thinkers dedicated to becoming
competent, culturally sensitive professionals engaged in lifelong learning.
We prepare students for generalist social work practice with individuals,
families, groups, organizations and communities; to integrate the values
and ethics of the social work profession into generalist practice; to apply
critical thinking to inform and communicate professional judgments;
to engage diversity in generalist practice to advance human rights and
advocate for social and economic justice; and to understand bio-psycho-
social, spiritual, and cultural functioning and apply it to all client systems.

Graduates in social work qualify for beginning practice positions in child
welfare, mental health, services for the aged, family agencies, youth
programs, health services, Native corporations and other social agencies.
Social work applies knowledge in the behavioral sciences to deal with the
emotional and social problems of individuals, families and communities.

The curriculum includes a liberal arts base, foundation requirements in
the behavioral sciences, and sequences in social policy and services,
practice methods and field instruction. A major emphasis is the
preparation of the student for beginning social work practice with rural
and Alaska Native populations.

Students learn to engage people on a personal level and are placed in a
social service agency as part of their course work during the senior year.
Students must apply to participate in a senior field placement and are
required to complete a minimum of 400 hours over the course of two
semesters in a social service agency practicing the skills learned in the
program.

The UAF baccalaureate social work program is accredited by the
Council on Social Work Education. This degree program is delivered
collaboratively within the UA system.

Degree
• B.A., Social Work (http://catalog.uaf.edu/bachelors/bachelors-
degree-programs/social-work/ba)

Minor
• Minor, Social Work (http://catalog.uaf.edu/bachelors/bachelors-
degree-programs/social-work/minor)