

Social Work

College of Liberal Arts

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B.A., Social Work

Rooted in core social work values, generalist social work practitioners are educated to promote the health and well-being of individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities, emphasizing the diversity and uniqueness of rural Alaska, as it interconnects with our global society.

This program is committed to creating a community of critical thinkers dedicated to becoming competent, culturally grounded and environmentally conscious professionals engaged in lifelong learning and research that honors diverse ways of knowing. Students prepare 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 and to apply critical thinking to inform and communicate professional judgments; to engage diversity in generalist practice to advance human rights and social, economic and environmental justice; to understand biopsychosocial-spiritual and cultural functioning applied across all client systems; to conduct research and scholarship, with an emphasis on the circumpolar North that contributes to individual and community well-being, and to become global citizens who advocate for and promote environmental sustainability.

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 coursework during their 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.

Minimum Requirements for Social Work Bachelor's Degree: 120 credits

Learn more about the bachelor's degree in social work (<https://uaf.edu/academics/programs/bachelors/social-work.php>), including an overview of the program, career opportunities and more.

Each state has its own unique requirements for licensure or certification. If seeking a professional license or certificate in a state other than Alaska,

please see the state listings on this page (<https://www.uaf.edu/provost/uaf-state-authorization/licensure.php>).

Programs

Degree

- B.A., Social Work (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/bachelors/social-work-ba/>)

Minor

- Minor, Social Work (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/minors/social-work/>)