

## UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS School of Social Work

**Social Work:** <http://www.socialwork.illinois.edu/>

The purpose of undergraduate social work education at the School of Social Work is to provide a comprehensive educational experience for students that is grounded in a liberal arts tradition and prepares graduates for excellence in the areas of social work practice, policy, social engagement and leadership. Graduates will be prepared for entry into three potential trajectories upon degree completion including (but not limited to): generalist social work practice, advanced standing in graduate social work education, and career opportunities and graduate education in the areas such as communications, corrections, education, government, health care, human resources, law, non-profit organizations, religious studies, and public service. The focus of undergraduate curriculum delivery is through a student-centered, strengths-based educational model that fosters student understanding by providing a challenging, yet supportive environment of high expectations that encourages the development of well-informed and engaged citizens.

### ***Transfer Information***

Beginning fall 2010 transfer students may apply for transfer into the new Bachelor of Social Work program. This new program is not large in the number of students admitted and the program is very highly structured. Therefore, it is extremely important that prospective transfer students work very closely with their transfer institutions' advisors to complete the required courses listed as well as completing as many of the recommended courses as possible. Additionally, some of the coursework may not be offered by a transfer's institution and completion of those courses must be done at the Urbana-Champaign campus. If there is intent to substitute transfer coursework, please consult the following website: <https://uic.transfer.org/cas/index.jsp> for transfer course information and also with the School of Social Work contact listed below to determine if the substitute coursework might be acceptable. If courses or course substitutions are not available, intended transfer students may need to extend the time to degree completion to satisfy the BSW degree requirements.

Only **junior** level transfer students are accepted **for fall transfer only** with a minimum of 60 acceptable transfer hours. Admission to the School of Social Work requires a **minimum GPA of 2.5** (A = 4.0), evidence of a minimum of 50 hours of volunteer or paid work experience in a social service agency within the past 2 years and completion of the School of Social Work BSW Personal Statement\*.

**Please note:** Preference will be given to applicants who have completed the required courses and the most recommended courses, but this does not guarantee admission. The School of Social Work will utilize a holistic review process which will assess the entire student, i.e., academic record, work and service experience, leadership ability, demonstrated analytical and critical thinking skills, grade point average and the quality of the personal and professional information offered in all of the included essays. An interview with the applicant may be requested. Ultimately, the criteria for transfer admission will be determined by the quality of the applicant pool.

\*Applicants must complete a School of Social Work BSW Personal Statement as well as a Social Service Experience Summary found at <http://www.socialwork.illinois.edu/> and mail both to the School of Social Work, 1010 W. Nevada, Urbana, IL. 61801.

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### ***General Education Requirements***

All SOCW students must fulfill the University of Illinois' campus-wide General Education requirements prior to graduation. Courses which satisfy these categories are constantly being added to or deleted from this list of courses and the current list is maintained on the Internet and is located at the following link:

**<http://illinois.edu/goto/gened>**.

### ***Transfer Prerequisite Coursework***

The new BSW program of study is a highly structured program and requires a prospective transfer student to complete the required courses and a high number of recommended courses in order to be an acceptable candidate for transfer admission. The following information lists the requirements in ***red italics*** which must be completed **prior to** admission. Recommended courses are also listed and should be completed prior to transfer, if you wish to better your chances of admission and complete the degree within two years of enrollment. Information concerning the University of Illinois' General Education requirements can be found at the previously mentioned website listed in bold text in the paragraph above.

***Language Requirement:*** All transfer applicants must have completed either three years of one language other than English in high school or through the second level (2 semesters) of one language other than English in college prior to the desired term of entry for admission. It is encouraged that transfer applicants complete the Language Requirement for graduation for the School of Social Work prior to the desired term of entry. The graduation requirement is completion of 4 years of one language other than English in high school or completion through the fourth level (4 semesters) of one language other than English in college. Spanish is strongly recommended; approved ASL (American Sign Language) coursework is also acceptable.

**Transfer students must complete equivalent or comparable transfer coursework to the following University of Illinois courses or requirement(s):**

***PSYC 100, Intro to Psyc***  
***SOCW 200, Intro to Social Work, if offered by the transfer institution<sup>1</sup>***  
***Composition I<sup>2</sup>***

In addition to the required courses listed above, *it is highly recommended* that transfer students complete equivalent or comparable transfer coursework to the following University of Illinois course(s) and general education requirement(s):

***STAT 100, Statistics<sup>3</sup>***  
***Cultural Studies – 6 hours from the categories below***  
***Non-Western/U.S. Minority Culture(s)<sup>4</sup>***  
***Western Comparative Culture(s)<sup>5</sup>***  
***Humanities and the Arts – 6 hours from the categories below***  
***Historical & Philosophical Perspectives<sup>6</sup>***  
***Literature & the Arts<sup>7</sup>***  
***Language Requirement<sup>8</sup>***  
***Natural Sciences & Technology – 6 hours from the categories below***  
***Life Sciences<sup>9</sup>***  
***Physical Sciences***  
***Quantitative Reasoning<sup>3</sup>***  
***Social & Behavioral Sciences – 6 hours from the categories below***  
***Behavioral Sciences<sup>10</sup>***  
***Social Sciences<sup>11</sup>***  
***Electives<sup>12</sup>***

**PLEASE NOTE:** The number of required and recommended courses for transfer admission is rather extensive, and it is **highly recommended** that they be completed prior to the desired term of entry. If you are admitted with all or a majority of the courses completed prior to enrollment, you should be able to complete your degree in two years. If you are admitted with a lower number of courses completed prior to enrollment, it is highly likely that it will take longer than two years to complete your degree. Again, preference in admission will be given to those who have completed the most courses.

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<sup>1</sup> If an equivalent isn't offered, coursework in the areas of anthropology, human development and family studies, sociology, political science and economics may be substituted.

<sup>2</sup> At most institutions the equivalent requires a two-course English composition sequence or completion of equivalent coursework to the following University of Illinois courses: RHET 105 or CMN 111 & 112 – Oral and Written Comm I & II.

<sup>3</sup> STAT 100 satisfies the first of two courses which satisfy the University of Illinois' Quantitative Reasoning General Education requirement. Completion of another transfer course equivalent to any course which satisfies the Quantitative Reasoning General Education requirement is highly recommended.

<sup>4</sup> Completion of one equivalent or comparable transfer course to any of the University of Illinois courses which satisfy the Non-Western/U. S. Minorities Culture(s) General Education category is highly recommended.

<sup>5</sup> Completion of one equivalent or comparable transfer course to any of the University of Illinois courses which satisfy the Western/Comparative Culture(s) General Education category is highly recommended.

<sup>6</sup> Completion of equivalent or comparable coursework to one of the following University of Illinois courses is highly recommended: HIST 172, HIST 272, HUM 141 or HUM 142

<sup>7</sup> Completion of one equivalent or comparable transfer course to any of the University of Illinois courses which satisfy the Literature and the Arts General Education category is highly recommended.

<sup>8</sup> Please refer to Page 1 for Language Requirement information concerning transfer admission and graduation.

<sup>9</sup> Completion of equivalent or comparable transferable coursework to an equivalent to one of the following University of Illinois courses is highly recommended: ANTH 143, IB 100, MCB 103/104 or any approved Human Biology course.

<sup>10</sup> Completion of an additional equivalent or comparable transferable course to any of the University of Illinois courses which satisfy the Behavioral Sciences General Education requirement, i.e., Human Development and Family Studies or Psychology is highly recommended.

<sup>11</sup> Completion of two equivalent or comparable transferable courses to any University of Illinois courses which satisfy the Social Sciences requirement, i.e., SOCW 200 or coursework from the following University of Illinois departments: Anthropology, Economics, Human Development and Family Studies, Sociology or Political Science is highly recommended.

<sup>12</sup> Completion of equivalent or comparable transferable coursework to the following University of Illinois coursework prior to transfer is **highly recommended**: American Indian Studies; Afro-American Studies; Communication; Community Health; HDFS; Latina/Latino Studies; Political Science; Psychology; Social Work; Sociology; and Gender and Women Studies. **Consultation with the School of Social Work concerning completion of these electives is strongly recommended.**

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