

PATHWAYS | SOCIAL WORK

Bachelor of Arts in Social Work



COLLEGE OF
LIBERAL ARTS

COURSE SELECTION

FRESHMAN

- SOCY 1000: Sociology-Global Perspective
- SOWO 2000: Introduction to Social Work

SOPHOMORE

- SOWO 2650: History
- SOWO 3910: Field Practicum

JUNIOR

- SOWO 3800: Human Behavior in the Social Environment
- SOWO 4060: Methods of Social Work I
- (1) Sociology concentration course
- (1) Professional SOWO elective

SENIOR

- SOWO Methods II and III
- SOWO 3850: Human Behavior II
- SOWO 4090: Social Welfare Policy
- SOCY 3700: Research Methods

ASK FOR ASSISTANCE

- Be sure that you start your time at Auburn well by regularly meeting with your academic advisor.
- Along with your individual planning and their guidance, you can ensure you are off to a strong start.



Tichenor Hall, home of the College of Liberal Arts student advising.

- Talk to your social work advisor about how to gain admission into the program.
- Meet with someone in the Career Center to explore career options and receive individualized assistance.

- Apply for admission to the Social Work Program.
- Junior year is the time to start planning for graduate school so begin exploring program options and prep for the Graduate Record Examinations (GRE).

- Discuss with your Social Work advisor about one and two year graduate school and licensure.
- Ask the Career Center for help in preparing your curriculum vitae (CV) and statement of intent.

GAIN EXPERIENCE

- Volunteer in community agencies.
- Use the social work resources page (cla.auburn.edu/sociology/social-work/resources) to identify potential sites for volunteer or internship opportunities

- Contact the Field Coordinator to get ideas for where to complete your field practicum.
- Use LinkedIn (linkedin.com/alumni) to identify past graduates in your major.
- Contact them to set up informational interviews and shadowing opportunities to gain further understanding of your major in the world of work.



- Participating in research is a great way to familiarize yourself with the field and identify research opportunities.

- Complete Senior Field Placement (SOWO 4920/4950).
- Engage in service learning projects in your classes.

GET INVOLVED

- Join the Auburn Association of Student Social Workers Club (SOWO Club). Consider attending meetings regularly.

- Bring ideas for programs and activities to the Social Work Club.
- Engage in service learning with BraveHeart.



- Phi Alpha is the national honor society for social work.

- Students who have reached a sophomore status, have been accepted into the Social Work Program, have an overall GPA of 3.0, and have completed at least 9 semester hours of required Social Work courses with a GPA of 3.2 in these courses are eligible for this honor.



- The National Association of Social Workers is one of the major professional organizations in social work and consider becoming a student member to stay current in field developments and networking opportunities.

CAREER PLANNING



Mary Martin Hall, home of the Auburn University Career Center

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Entry into the applicant pool for many positions in the field of social work, requires some form of advanced education. A masters degree in social work may be needed, and in some instances licensure is a requirement.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES SOCIAL WORKER

MINIMUM EDUCATION: B.S.W.

ENTRY LEVEL SALARY RANGE: \$27.4K-\$42.1K

These are just three options out of many that Social Work majors pursue. For more career options be sure to check out "What Can I Do With a Major In..." on auburn.edu/career.

MENTAL HEALTH SOCIAL WORKER

MINIMUM EDUCATION: M.S.W.

ENTRY LEVEL SALARY RANGE: \$31.8K-\$50.8K

HEALTHCARE SOCIAL WORKER

MINIMUM EDUCATION: B.S.W.

ENTRY LEVEL SALARY RANGE: \$37.1K-\$61.2K