The Department of Sociology and Social Work is committed to helping students acquire a broad understanding of human social behavior, society, and culture. The Department offers two degree programs: the Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, and the Bachelor of Arts in Social Work.

The Social Work major provides students with the knowledge, skills, and values needed to practice social work with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities. The program encourages students to strive to alleviate oppression, poverty, social and economic injustice, and discrimination and equips them to use evidence-based interventions to address social problems.

The program prepares students for a career in Social Work. Students who complete the program are eligible to take the Mississippi State Social Work licensing exam and are prepared to immediately begin a career as a generalist social work practitioner. Students are also eligible to apply for admission to Masters of Social Work programs with advanced standing.
Launch your career in Social Work

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Students interested in the Bachelor of Social Work must apply for admission to the program. Admission is open to Tougaloo College students during the Fall Semester of each academic year. In order to be considered for the program, students must have:

- An overall GPA of 2.5 or higher
- Completed or currently enrolled in SWK 115: Introduction to Social Work
- A letter of recommendation from the instructor of SWK 115: Introduction to Social Work
- A completed application for the Bachelor of Social Work
- Completed a personal interview with

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIAL WORK

With a Bachelor of Arts in Social Work, you will be prepared with the knowledge, skills, and values needed to begin your Social Work career, whether you want to join the workforce right after graduation, or pursue an advanced degree.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Social Work majors are required to take 54 semester hours in the major.

Core Courses

- Introduction to Social Work
- Social Welfare Policy
- Human Behavior & Social Environment I & II
- Social Work Practice I & II
- Social Work with At-Risk Populations
- Professional Behavior & Ethics
- Foundations of Statistics
- Sociological Theories
- Methods of Social Research
- Internship/Practicum
- Skills in Interview & Licensure Exam
- Senior Seminar

Electives

- Introduction to Sociology
- Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
- Community Organization
- Race, Ethnicity, Gender, & Class
- Rural and Urban Studies
- Social Psychology
- The Civil Rights Movement (HIS)
- Contemporary Political Ideology (POL)
- Psychology of Adulthood & Old Age (PSY)

Internships

Social Work students gain hands-on training through internships with local organizations, including:

- Fannie Lou Hamer @ COFO
- FoodCorps Services
- Jackson Public Schools
- Mississippi Food Network
- Stewpot Community Services
- Tougaloo Health Center
- VA Medical Center
- MEMA
- Department of Homeland Security
- American Red Cross
- County Emergency Management
- The Salvation Army

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