

Social Welfare

Bachelor of Arts (BA)

Under the jurisdiction of the College of Letters and Science, the School of Social Welfare administers the Undergraduate Group Major in Social Welfare leading to the Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree. This liberal arts major, with a focus on the social sciences and core social welfare courses, introduces students to problems, policies, and methods in the social welfare field and allows students to test their career interest in social work before employment or graduate professional education. It also serves as a flexible pre-professional major for various other fields.

Declaring the Major

Social welfare is one of five designated capped (impacted) majors in the College of Letters & Science. As a result, not all students seeking to declare the major will be able to do so. A limit of 130 students can be declared each year. Freshman-entry students, those who began their first year of college at UC Berkeley, are declared on a first-come, first-served basis once they have completed the program's prerequisites. Since declarations are processed in chronological order, interested students should contact Sherman Boyson, the Undergraduate Adviser, in 129 Haviland Hall, as early as possible during the semester that their prerequisites will be completed. Students should complete their prerequisites by the end of their third semester in order to be assured of a place in the major.

Transfer students should complete the prerequisites at their community college and list social welfare as their intended major when they apply for admission to UC Berkeley. Once accepted, they should attend one of the Cal Student Orientations (CalSO) that are held in June and July and meet with the undergraduate adviser during the orientation in order to declare. Students should bring to the orientation their transcripts that verify the completion of the prerequisites (unofficial copies are acceptable). Transfer students unable to attend CalSO should contact Sherman Boyson directly. Transfer students who do not list Social Welfare as their intended major will only be allowed to declare if room is available to accommodate such students.

College of Letters & Science policy requires freshman-entry students to declare an impacted major before they earn 80 units including units in progress. Transfer students must declare an impacted major before their first semester at UC Berkeley has been completed.

Honors Program

The honors program in social welfare provides an opportunity for qualified undergraduates to investigate thoroughly an area of interest, to work closely with a faculty member, and to produce a paper of some magnitude. Students who meet the eligibility requirements, which include a 3.5 grade point average (GPA) overall and in the major and completion of SOC WEL 110 and SOC WEL 112, may enroll in H195 in their senior year. The fall H195 (one unit) is a two-hour biweekly seminar addressing topic identification, library research, and the preparation of an annotated bibliography and essay prospectus. The spring H195 (three units) is an individual tutorial in which students prepare the honors essay under the supervision of their faculty essay advisers.

Minor Program

There is no minor program in Social Welfare.

In addition to the University, campus, and college requirements, listed on the College Requirements tab, students must fulfill the below requirements specific to their major program.

General Guidelines

1. All courses taken to fulfill the major requirements below must be taken for graded credit, other than courses listed which are offered on a *Pass/No Pass* basis only. Other exceptions to this requirement are noted as applicable.
2. No more than one upper-division course may be used to simultaneously fulfill requirements for a student's major and minor programs, with the exception of minors offered outside of the College of Letters and Science.
3. A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 must be maintained in both upper- and lower-division courses used to fulfill the major requirements.

For information regarding residence requirements and unit requirements, please see the College Requirements tab.

Upper-division Requirements

Core Courses

SOC WEL 110	Social Work As a Profession	3
SOC WEL 112	Social Welfare Policy	3
SOC WEL 114	Practice in Social Work	3
SOC WEL 116	Current Topics in Social Welfare	2

Social Science Electives

Select a minimum of five approved social science and/or related electives from other departments, for a minimum 12 units (see below for further information)

Social Science Electives

A minimum of five approved social science electives, totaling at least 18 units. At least three of the five must be selected from a primary social science department. The remaining 2 may come from either a primary or a secondary department.

Approved Primary Social Sciences Courses

ANTHRO 112	Special Topics in Biological Anthropology	4
ANTHRO 115	Introduction to Medical Anthropology	4
ANTHRO 119	Special Topics in Medical Anthropology	4
ANTHRO 121AC	American Material Culture	4
ANTHRO 139	Controlling Processes	4
ANTHRO 141	Comparative Society	4
ANTHRO 142	Kinship and Family	4
ANTHRO 147A	Anthropology of Gender	4
ANTHRO C147B	Sexuality, Culture, and Colonialism	4
ANTHRO 149	Psychological Anthropology	4
ANTHRO 156B	Culture and Power	4
ANTHRO 157	Anthropology of Law	4
ANTHRO 158	Religion and Anthropology	4
ECON 100A	Economic Analysis--Micro	4

ECON 100B	Economic Analysis--Macro	4	PSYCH 130	Clinical Psychology	3
ECON 101A	Economic Theory--Micro	4	PSYCH 131	Developmental Psychopathology	3
ECON 101B	Economic Theory--Macro	4	PSYCH 132AC	Course Not Available	4
ECON 105	History of Economic Thought	4	PSYCH 133	Psychology of Sleep	3
ECON C110	Game Theory in the Social Sciences	4	PSYCH 136	Human Sexuality	3
ECON 113	American Economic History	4	PSYCH 138	Course Not Available	4
ECON 115	The World Economy in the Twentieth Century	4	PSYCH 140	Developmental Psychology	3
ECON 119	Psychology and Economics	4	PSYCH 141	Development During Infancy	3
ECON 121	Industrial Organization and Public Policy	4	PSYCH 146	Developmental and Biological Processes in Attachment	3
ECON C125	Environmental Economics	4	PSYCH 150	Psychology of Personality	3
ECON 131	Public Economics	4	PSYCH 156	Human Emotion	3
ECON 151	Labor Economics	4	PSYCH 160	Social Psychology	3
ECON 152	Wage Theory and Policy	4	PSYCH 163	Course Not Available	4
ECON 153	Labor Economics Seminar	4	PSYCH 164	Social Cognition	3
ECON 155	Urban Economics	3	PSYCH 166AC	Cultural Psychology	3
ECON 157	Health Economics	4	PSYCH 167AC	Stigma and Prejudice	3
ECON C171	Economic Development	4	PSYCH 180	Industrial-Organizational Psychology	3
ECON 174	Global Poverty and Impact Evaluation	4	SOC WEL 107	Foundations, Philanthropy, and the Social Services: Grant Writing for Program Development	3
ECON C175	Economic Demography	3	SOC WEL 148	Substance Abuse Treatment	2
POL SCI 102	The American Presidency	4	SOC WEL 174	Immigrants in the U.S.: Issues of Identity, Conflict, and Adaptation	2
POL SCI 103	Congress	4	SOC WEL 175AC	The Dialogue of Diversity: Deciphering the Cues and Codes of Intercultural Communication	3
POL SCI 104	Political Parties	4	SOC WEL 180	Course Not Available	3
POL SCI 105	The Politician	4	SOC WEL 186	Domestic Violence	4
POL SCI 106A	American Politics: Campaign Strategy - Media	4	SOC WEL 174AC	Immigrants in the U.S.: Identity, Conflict, and Accommodation	3
POL SCI 118AC	Three American Cultures	4	SOC WEL 200	Theories for Multilevel Practice (series MSW courses may be used as a Primary Elective)	2
POL SCI 122A	Politics of European Integration	4	SOCIO 110	Organizations and Social Institutions	4
POL SCI C131A	Applied Econometrics and Public Policy	4	SOCIO 111	Sociology of the Family	4
POL SCI C135	Game Theory in the Social Sciences	4	SOCIO 111C	Sociology of Childhood	4
POL SCI 137A	Revolutionary Change	4	SOCIO 111P	Families, Inequality and Social Policy	4
POL SCI 138A	Course Not Available	4	SOCIO C112	Sociology of Religion	4
POL SCI 138D	Course Not Available	4	SOCIO 113AC	Sociology of Education	4
POL SCI 138E	The Varieties of Capitalism: Political Economic Systems of the World	4	SOCIO 114	Sociology of Law	4
POL SCI 138F	Course Not Available	4	SOCIO 115	Course Not Available	4
POL SCI 147G	The Welfare State in Comparative Perspective	4	SOCIO 116	Sociology of Work	4
POL SCI 150	The American Legal System	4	SOCIO 117	Sport As a Social Institution	4
POL SCI 157A	Constitutional Law of the United States	4	SOCIO 120	Economy and Society	4
POL SCI 157B	Constitutional Law of the United States	4	SOCIO 121	Innovation and Entrepreneurship: Social and Cultural Context	4
POL SCI 161	Public Opinion, Voting and Participation	4	SOCIO 123	Course Not Available	4
POL SCI 164A	Political Psychology and Involvement	4	SOCIO 124	Sociology of Poverty	4
POL SCI 171	California Politics	4	SOCIO 126	Course Not Available	4
POL SCI 175A	Urban and Metropolitan Government and Politics	4	SOCIO 127	Development and Globalization	4
POL SCI 181	Public Organization and Administration	4	SOCIO 128	Course Not Available	4
POL SCI 183	Course Not Available	4	SOCIO 130AC	Social Inequalities: American Cultures	4
POL SCI 186	Course Not Available	4	SOCIO 131A	Course Not Available	4
PSYCH C105	Course Not Available		SOCIO 131AC	Race and Ethnic Relations: U.S. American Cultures	4
PSYCH 106	Psychology of Dreams	4			
PSYCH 109	History of Psychology	3			
PSYCH 112	Course Not Available	4			
PSYCH 119	Course Not Available	3			
PSYCH 120	Course Not Available	4			
PSYCH C129	Scientific Approaches to Consciousness	3			

SOCIOL 131F	Four Centuries of Racial Vision and Division in the U.S.	4	AMERSTD 102	Examining U.S. Cultures in Place	4
SOCIOL 133	Sociology of Gender	4	ASAMST 120	Course Not Available	4
SOCIOL 135	Sexual Cultures	4	ASAMST 121	Chinese American History	4
SOCIOL 136	Urban Sociology	4	ASAMST 122	Japanese American History	4
SOCIOL 137AC	Environmental Justice: Race, Class, Equity, and the Environment	4	ASAMST 123	Korean American History	4
SOCIOL 139	Selected Topics in Social Inequality	4	ASAMST 124	Filipino American History	4
SOCIOL 140	Politics and Social Change	4	ASAMST 125	Contemporary Issues of Southeast Asian Refugees in the U.S	4
SOCIOL 141	Course Not Available	4	ASAMST 126	Southeast Asian Migration and Community Formation	4
SOCIOL 145	Social Change	4	ASAMST 127	South Asian American Historical and Contemporary Issues	4
SOCIOL 145AC	Social Change: American Cultures	4	ASAMST 128AC	Muslims in America	4
SOCIOL 145L	Social Change in Latin America	4	ASAMST 130	Course Not Available	4
SOCIOL 146	Contemporary Immigration in Global Perspective	4	ASAMST 141	Law in the Asian American Community	4
SOCIOL 148	Social Policy	4	ASAMST 143	Asian American Health	3
SOCIOL 150	Social Psychology	4	ASAMST 145	Course Not Available	4
SOCIOL 150A	Course Not Available	4	ASAMST 146	Asian Americans and Education	4
SOCIOL 151	Personality and Social Structure	4	ASAMST 150	Gender and Generation in Asian American Families	4
SOCIOL 152	Deviance and Social Control	4	ASAMST 151	Asian American Women: Theory and Experience	4
SOCIOL 160	Sociology of Culture	4	UGBA 107	The Social, Political, and Ethical Environment of Business	3
SOCIOL 165	Social Networks	4	UGBA 170	Ethical Leadership in Business	2
SOCIOL 166	Society and Technology	4	CHICANO 135A	Latino Narrative Film: to the 1980s	4
SOCIOL 167	Virtual Communities/Social Media	4	CHICANO 135B	Latino Narrative Film Since 1990	4
SOCIOL 169	Selected Topics in Sociology of Culture	4	CHICANO 145	Course Not Available	4
SOCIOL 180C	Comparative Perspectives on U.S. and European Societies: Culture	4	CHICANO 150A	Course Not Available	4
SOCIOL 180I	Comparative Perspectives on U.S. and European Societies: Inequality	4	CHICANO 150B	History of the Southwest: Mexican-United States War to Present	4
SOCIOL 181	Course Not Available	4	CHICANO 159	Mexican Immigration	4
SOCIOL 183	Course Not Available	4	CHICANO 161	Central American Peoples and Cultures	4
SOCIOL 184	Course Not Available	4	CHICANO 165	Cuba, the United States and Cuban Americans	4
SOCIOL 186	American Society	4	CHICANO 172	Chicanos and the Educational System	4
SOCIOL 189	Selected Topics in Comparative Perspectives	4	CHICANO 174	Chicanos, Law, and Criminal Justice	4
Approved Secondary Social Science Courses			CHICANO 176	Chicanos and Health Care	3
AFRICAM 107	Race and Public Policy	3	CHICANO 179	Course Not Available	3
AFRICAM 109	Black and Male in American Life	3	CHICANO 180	Topics in Chicano Studies	3
AFRICAM 111	Race, Class, and Gender in the United States	3	CY PLAN 110	Introduction to City Planning	4
AFRICAM 116	Slavery and African American Life Before 1865	4	CY PLAN 111	Introduction to Housing: An International Survey	3
AFRICAM 117	African Americans in the Industrial Age, 1865-1970	4	CY PLAN 113B	Community and Economic Development	3
AFRICAM 121	Black Political Life in the United States	4	CY PLAN 114	Introduction to Urban and Regional Transportation	3
AFRICAM 122	African American Families in American Society	3	CY PLAN 118AC	The Urban Community	4
AFRICAM 124	Course Not Available	4	CY PLAN 119	Planning for Sustainability	3
AFRICAM 125	History of the Civil Rights Movement	4	CY PLAN 120	Community Planning and Public Policy for Disability	3
AFRICAM 126	Course Not Available	4	DEMOG 145AC	The American Immigrant Experience	4
AFRICAM 131	Caribbean Societies and Cultures	3	DEMOG C164	Impact of Government Policies on Poor Children and Families	4
AFRICAM C132	Course Not Available		DEMOG C165	Family and Household in Comparative Perspective	3
AFRICAM C133A	Race, Identity, and Culture in Urban Schools	3	DEMOG C175	Economic Demography	3
AFRICAM 137	Multicultural Communities	3	EDUC 114A	Early Development and Education	4
AFRICAM 138	Black Nationalism	4	EDUC 140AC	Literacy: Individual and Societal Development	3
AFRICAM 139	Selected Topics of African American Social Organization and Institutions	1-4			
AMERSTD 101	Examining U.S. Cultures in Time	4			

EDUC 181	Course Not Available	4	HISTORY 137AC	The Repeopling of America	4
EDUC 182AC	The Politics of Educational Inequality	4	HISTORY 139B	Course Not Available	4
EDUC 185	Gender and Education: International Perspectives	3	HISTORY 139C	Course Not Available	4
EDUC 186AC	The Southern Border	4	HISTORY 140B	Mexico: Modern Mexico	4
EDUC 187	Course Not Available	4	HISTORY 141B	Social History of Latin America: Social History of Modern Latin America	4
EDUC 189	Democracy and Education	4	HISTORY 146	Latin American Women	4
EDUC 190	Critical Studies in Education	4	ISF 100A	Introduction to Social Theory and Cultural Analysis	4
EDUC 191P	Course Not Available	4	ISF 100B	Introduction to Social Theory and Cultural Analysis	4
EDUC C193B	Course Not Available		LEGALST 102	Policing and Society	4
ESPM 161	Environmental Philosophy and Ethics	4	LEGALST 132AC	Immigration and Citizenship	4
ESPM 163AC	Environmental Justice: Race, Class, Equity, and the Environment	4	LEGALST 145	Law and Economics I	4
ESPM C167	Environmental Health and Development	4	LEGALST 147	Law and Economics II	4
ETH STD 126	Ethnicity, Gender, and Sexuality	4	LEGALST 151	Law, Self, and Society	3
ETH STD 130	The Making of Multicultural America: A Comparative Historical Perspective	4	LEGALST 155	Government and the Family	4
ETH STD 135	Contemporary U.S. Immigration	4	LEGALST 160	Punishment, Culture, and Society	4
ETH STD 136	Immigrant Women	4	LEGALST 163	Adolescence, Crime and Juvenile Justice	4
ETH STD 141	Racial Politics in America	4	LEGALST 168	Sex, Reproduction and the Law	4
ETH STD 144AC	Racism and the U.S. Law: Historical Treatment of Peoples of Color	4	LEGALST 170	Crime and Criminal Justice	4
ETH STD 147	Women of Color in the United States	4	LEGALST 181	Psychology and the Law	4
ETH STD 150	People of Mixed Racial Descent	4	LEGALST 182	Law, Politics and Society	4
ETH STD 159AC	The Southern Border	4	LEGALST 184	Sociology of Law	4
GWS 100AC	Women in American Culture	3	LEGALST 186	Course Not Available	4
GWS 103	Identities Across Difference	4	LEGALST 187	Course Not Available	4
GWS 111	Special Topics (Requires advance approval)	1-4	LGBT 100	Special Topics	4
GWS 130AC	Gender, Race, Nation, and Health	4	LGBT 145	Interpreting the Queer Past: Methods and Problems in the History of Sexuality	4
GWS 139	Women, Gender, and Work	4	LGBT 146	Cultural Representations of Sexuality	4
GWS 143	Women, Poverty, and Globalization	4	LGBT C146A	Cultural Representations of Sexualities: Queer Literary Culture	4
GWS C146	Course Not Available		LGBT C147B	Sexuality, Culture, and Colonialism	4
GPP 115	Global Poverty: Challenges and Hopes in the New Millennium	4	LGBT C148	Ethnicity, Gender, and Sexuality	4
HMEDSCI C133	Death, Dying, and Modern Medicine: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives	4	NATAMST 100	Native American Law	4
HMEDSCI 150	Introduction to Aging Issues and Opportunities in Aging Professions	2	NATAMST 101	Native American Tribal Governments	4
HISTORY 111B	Topics in the History of Southeast Asia: Modern Southeast Asia	4	NATAMST 104	Course Not Available	4
HISTORY 111C	Topics in the History of Southeast Asia: Political and Cultural History of Vietnam	4	NATAMST 149	Gender in Native American Society	4
HISTORY 114B	India: Modern South Asia	4	NATAMST 176	History of Native Americans in the Southwest	4
HISTORY 120AC	American Environmental and Cultural History	4	NATAMST 178AC	Africans in Indian Country	4
HISTORY 125A	History of African-Americans and Race Relations in the United States: The History of Black People and Race Relations, 1550-1861	4	NATAMST 190	Seminar on Advanced Topics in Native American Studies	1-4
HISTORY 125B	History of African-Americans and Race Relations in the United States: Soul Power: African American History 1861-1980	4	PACS 125AC	War, Culture, and Society	4
HISTORY 127AC	California	4	PACS 126	International Human Rights	4
HISTORY 131B	Social History of the United States: Creating Modern American Society: From the End of the Civil War to the Global Age	4	PACS 150	Conflict Resolution: Theory and Practice	3
HISTORY 136	Gender Matters in 20th Century America	4	PACS 154	Multicultural Conflict Resolution	4
			PACS 164A	Introduction to Nonviolence	3
			PACS 170	Conflict Resolution, Social Change, and the Cultures of Peace	4
			ART 165	Art, Medicine, and Disabilities	4
			PB HLTH 103	Drugs, Health, and Society	2
			PB HLTH 105	Policy, Planning, and Evaluation of Health Promotion in a College Setting	3
			PB HLTH 107	Violence, Social Justice, and Public Health	2
			PB HLTH 113	Campus/Community Health Impact Program	3

PB HLTH 112	Global Health: A Multidisciplinary Examination	4
PB HLTH 114	Course Not Available	4
PB HLTH 126	Health Economics and Public Policy	3
PB HLTH 130AC	Course Not Available	4
PB HLTH 131AC	Course Not Available	4
PB HLTH 150A	Introduction to Epidemiology and Human Disease	4
PB HLTH 150D	Introduction to Health Policy and Management	3
PB HLTH 150E	Introduction to Community Health and Human Development	3
PB HLTH C155	Sociology of Health and Medicine	4
PB HLTH 180	The Evolution of Human Sexuality	2
PB HLTH 181	Poverty and Population	3
PB HLTH 183	The History of Medicine, Public Health, and the Allied Health Sciences	3
PUB POL 101	Introduction to Public Policy Analysis	4
PUB POL 103	Wealth and Poverty	4
PUB POL 117AC	Race, Ethnicity, and Public Policy	4
PUB POL 156	Program and Policy Design	4
PUB POL C164	Impact of Government Policies on Poor Children and Families	4
PUB POL 179	Public Budgeting	4
PUB POL 184	Course Not Available	4
PUB POL 190	Special Topics in Public Policy	1-4
RHETOR 152AC	Race and Order in the New Republic	4
UGIS 110	Introduction to Disability Studies	3
UGIS 112	Women and Disability	3
UGIS C132	Course Not Available	
UGIS C133	Death, Dying, and Modern Medicine: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives	4

Supplemental Units

Students who choose 5 Social Science Electives which do not total 18 units will need additional coursework to supplement the 5 electives. Supplemental units can be chosen from the approved courses in either a primary or a secondary social science department, from elective Social Welfare coursework, group study, or community service units. Courses for supplemental units may be taken on a *Pass/No Pass* basis.

Undergraduate students in the College of Letters and Science must fulfill the following requirements in addition to those required by their major program.

For detailed lists of courses that fulfill college requirements, please see the College of Letters and Sciences (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2014-15/undergraduate/colleges-schools/letters-science>) page in this bulletin.

Entry Level Writing

All students who will enter the University of California as freshmen must demonstrate their command of the English language by fulfilling the Entry Level Writing Requirement. Fulfillment of this requirement is also a prerequisite to enrollment in all reading and composition courses at UC Berkeley.

American History and American Institutions

The American History and Institutions requirements are based on the principle that a U.S. resident graduated from an American university should have an understanding of the history and governmental institutions of the United States.

American Cultures

American Cultures is the one requirement that all undergraduate students at Cal need to take and pass in order to graduate. The requirement offers an exciting intellectual environment centered on the study of race, ethnicity and culture of the United States. AC courses offer students opportunities to be part of research-led, highly accomplished teaching environments, grappling with the complexity of American Culture.

Quantitative Reasoning

The Quantitative Reasoning requirement is designed to ensure that students graduate with basic understanding and competency in math, statistics, or computer science. The requirement may be satisfied by exam or by taking an approved course.

Foreign Language

The Foreign Language requirement may be satisfied by demonstrating proficiency in reading comprehension, writing, and conversation in a foreign language equivalent to the second semester college level, either by passing an exam or by completing approved course work.

Reading and Composition

In order to provide a solid foundation in reading, writing and critical thinking the College requires two semesters of lower division work in composition. Students must complete a first-level reading and composition course by the end of their second semester and a second-level course by the end of their fourth semester.

Breadth Requirements

The undergraduate breadth requirements provide Berkeley students with a rich and varied educational experience outside of their major program. As the foundation of a liberal arts education, breadth courses give students a view into the intellectual life of the University while introducing them to a multitude of perspectives and approaches to research and scholarship. Engaging students in new disciplines and with peers from other majors, the breadth experience strengthens interdisciplinary connections and context that prepares Berkeley graduates to understand and solve the complex issues of their day.

Unit Requirements

- 120 total units, including at least 60 L&S units
- Of the 120 units, 36 must be upper division units
- Of the 36 upper division units, 6 must be taken in courses offered outside your major department

Residence Requirements

For units to be considered in "residence," you must be registered in courses on the Berkeley campus as a student in the College of Letters and Science. Most students automatically fulfill the residence requirement by attending classes here for four years. In general, there is no need to be concerned about this requirement, unless you go abroad for a semester or year or want to take courses at another institution or through

University Extension during your senior year. In these cases, you should make an appointment to see an adviser to determine how you can meet the Senior Residence Requirement.

Note: Courses taken through UC Extension do not count toward residence.

Senior Residence Requirement

After you become a senior (with 90 semester units earned toward your B.A. degree), you must complete at least 24 of the remaining 30 units in residence in at least two semesters. To count as residence, a semester must consist of at least 6 passed units. Intercampus Visitor, EAP, and UC Berkeley-Washington Program (UCDC) units are excluded.

You may use a Berkeley summer session to satisfy one semester of the Senior Residence Requirement, provided that you successfully complete 6 units of course work in the Summer Session and that you have been enrolled previously in the College.

Modified Senior Residence Requirement

Participants in the UC Education Abroad Program (EAP) or the UC Berkeley-Washington Program (UCDC) may meet a Modified Senior Residence Requirement by completing 24 (excluding EAP) of their final 60 semester units in residence. At least 12 of these 24 units must be completed after you have completed 90 units.

Upper Division Residence Requirement

You must complete in residence a minimum of 18 units of upper division courses (excluding EAP units), 12 of which must satisfy the requirements for your major.

Mission

The undergraduate social welfare major reflects the School's goal to provide students with a broad-based introduction to America's social welfare problems and social policies within a social science context.

Students gain knowledge of organized networks of public and private social services, and the basic practice methods associated with the social work profession.

In doing so, students acquire the knowledge needed to understand, address, and actively participate in the amelioration of critical social problems in American Society.

Students in the undergraduate group major learn about the foundations of social welfare through substantive areas taught in the four core courses: SW110: Introduction to the Profession of Social Work; SW112: Social Welfare Policy; SW114: Social Welfare Practice; and, SW116: Current Topics in Social Welfare.

Learning Goals for the Major

1. Provide an overview of the field of social welfare within the context of the major social science disciplines (e.g., sociology, psychology, anthropology, economics, and political science) as part of a liberal arts program
2. Provide an overview of the history and domains of the social work with attention to cultural competence (e.g., racism, discrimination, difference sensitivity, acceptance and tolerance)
3. Provide an overview of the welfare state as a collective enterprise addressing human need through a description of social welfare

policies (e.g., public assistance, social security, child welfare and child protection, mental health and health care) and practices (e.g., case management, community advocacy, family support, crisis intervention)

4. Foster the intellectual resources and critical thinking skills relevant to a wide range of careers and civic responsibilities

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SOC WEL 10 An Introduction to American Social Welfare in World Context 2 Units

This course will consider the U.S. social welfare system in comparison with systems in other parts of the world, including Japan, Mexico, and the United Kingdom. It will examine the history and role of "welfare," "the welfare state," and the social work profession in the U.S. and in other countries and will consider key issues in contemporary social work practice. Topics such as discrimination, economic deprivation, and oppression and their effects on people of color, women, and gay and lesbian people will be highlighted.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

SOC WEL 20 Confronting America's Social Problems 2 Units

America's recognition of and response to major social problems usually involves a mix of hyperbole and denial, inaction and innovation, volunteerism and professionalization, feasts and famines of resources, media applause and attack, and unsustained successes and long-term failures. What is usually lacking is a consistent, thoughtful effort. Yet help is given and lives are changed, for better and sometimes worse. Social Welfare 20 considers the American approach to social problems through an examination of issues such as substance abuse, mental illness, poverty and inequality, homelessness, family violence, and child maltreatment. Each area will be explored in terms of history, causes and dimensions, and human service and social policy responses.

Hours & Format

Summer: 6 weeks - 5 hours of session per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

SOC WEL 24 Freshman Seminar 1 Unit

The Freshman Seminar Program has been designed to provide new students with the opportunity to explore an intellectual topic with a faculty member in a small-seminar setting. Freshman seminars are offered in all campus departments, and topics vary from department to department and semester to semester. Enrollment is limited to 15 freshmen.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit as topic varies. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1 hour of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered. Final exam required.

SOC WEL 97 Field Studies in Social Welfare 1 - 3 Units

Supervised experience relevant to specific aspects of social welfare in off-campus non-profit and governmental organizations.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-3 hours of fieldwork per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 1-3 hours of fieldwork per week

8 weeks - 2-5.5 hours of fieldwork per week

10 weeks - 1.5-6 hours of fieldwork per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

SOC WEL 98 Group Study in Social Welfare 1 - 3 Units

Group study on selected social welfare topics. Open to freshmen and sophomores.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-3 hours of directed group study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

SOC WEL 98BC Berkeley Connect in Social Welfare 1 Unit

Berkeley Connect is a mentoring program, offered through various academic departments, that helps students build intellectual community. Over the course of a semester, enrolled students participate in regular small-group discussions facilitated by a graduate student mentor (following a faculty-directed curriculum), meet with their graduate student mentor for one-on-one academic advising, attend lectures and panel discussions featuring department faculty and alumni, and go on field trips to campus resources. Students are not required to be declared majors in order to participate.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1 hour of directed group study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

SOC WEL 105 Introduction to Child Welfare in California and the U.S. 2 Units

This course introduces students to the purpose, functions, and programs of the public child welfare system in the United States, with a particular focus on California, in a historical context, and with an emphasis on social justice and diversity concerns in policy-making and service delivery. The course explores U.S. child welfare history/historical traumas, cultural and diversity issues, ethical considerations, mandated reporting of suspected child maltreatment, family and kinship supports, allied community services, causes for child removals and returns to families, judicial involvement, sibling-group placements, foster care, emancipation from the system, first-person guest speaker accounts, and policy-level interventions.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with consent of instructor.

Hours & Format

Summer: 6 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

SOC WEL 107 Foundations, Philanthropy, and the Social Services: Grant Writing for Program Development 3 Units

Course explores the role of philanthropy, foundations, and proposal development in American society. A grant writing exercise in a Bay Area community agency is required.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 4 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

SOC WEL 110 Social Work As a Profession 3 Units

This course examines social work as a profession: the practice of the profession, the organizational context of professional practice, and the ethics of the profession.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

8 weeks - 4 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: 102

SOC WEL 112 Social Welfare Policy 3 Units

Analysis of social welfare policies and programs including public assistance, social insurance, social services, and health and mental health.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

8 weeks - 4 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: 100

SOC WEL 114 Practice in Social Work 3 Units

An introduction to the basic skills of interpersonal helping and problem solving and to related theory and research.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture and 1 hour of laboratory per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of laboratory per week

8 weeks - 4 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: 103

SOC WEL 114AC Practice in Social Work 3 Units

An introduction to the basic skills of interpersonal helping and problem solving and to related theory and research.

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for Social Welfare 114AC after taking Social Welfare 114; a deficient grade in Social Welfare 114 may be removed by taking Social Welfare 114AC.

Requirements this course satisfies: Satisfies the American Cultures requirement

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week

8 weeks - 4 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

SOC WEL 116 Current Topics in Social Welfare 2 Units

Course examines current problems and issues in the field of social welfare.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Social Welfare 110

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with consent of instructor. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

SOC WEL 148 Substance Abuse Treatment 2 Units

Provides an overview of theoretical perspectives and practice models in the substance abuse field. Addresses issues of misuse and addiction, impacts on the family, and the range of intervention modalities including prevention and treatment. Students will also become familiar with alcohol and drug related problems including mental disorders, HIV/AIDS, and criminal behavior.

Hours & Format

Summer: 6 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

SOC WEL 150L Sexuality and Social Work 2 Units

This course introduces the developmental, psychological and environmental issues related to sexuality at different stages in life, and in different social service venues. It includes an introduction to the strengths perspective, exploration of heterosexist aspects of society, policies related to a person's sexuality and gender, and ethics and diversity issues often arising in work with sexual minorities. Variability within sexual culture is addressed, introducing students to the strengths of the LGBT community, the experience of growing up and discovering sexuality, and how research and practice models define homosexuality in relation to human sexuality and development. Issues of sexuality in specific social work settings are addressed.

Hours & Format

Summer: 6 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

SOC WEL 155 Finding Individual Donors for Human Service Agencies 2 Units

Students will leave this course understanding how nonprofits decide what fundraising strategies to pursue and will have a broad knowledge of a variety of fundraising strategies with particular emphasis on raising money from individual donors. Students will be familiar with the most common strategies employed by human service agencies such as personal solicitation, direct mail, on-line, and special events. In addition, they will be briefly introduced to planning giving and capital campaign fundraising. In addition students will understand the psychology of giving and receiving and feel more comfortable asking for money in person. Each student will apply the knowledge they learn in class to a nonprofit where they work or volunteer.

Hours & Format

Summer: 6 weeks - 5 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

SOC WEL 174 Immigrants in the U.S.: Issues of Identity, Conflict, and Adaptation 2 Units

Course examines the history, character, and consequences of U.S. immigration, focusing on issues of identity, conflict, and adaptation. Topics include the social and psychological experiences of immigrants, global migration patterns, theories of transnationalism and migration, and the public response to immigration and immigrants. The perspectives of African, Asian, Latino, and European migrants will be explored.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

SOC WEL 174AC Immigrants in the U.S.: Identity, Conflict, and Accommodation 3 Units

Course examines the history, character, and consequences of U.S. immigration, focusing on issues of identity, conflict, and adaptation. Topics include the social and psychological experiences of immigrants, global migration patterns, theories of transnationalism and migration, and the public response to immigration and immigrants. The perspectives of African, Asian, Latino, and European migrants will be explored.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

SOC WEL 175AC The Dialogue of Diversity: Deciphering the Cues and Codes of Intercultural Communication 3 Units

Learning more about the diversity of American culture often does not increase our ability to understand and get along with one another. Multi-cultural (African Americans, Asian Americans, Latinos, and European Americans) educational and workplace environments are fraught with conflicts in which persons find their peers to be disrespectful, aloof, or inappropriately familiar. The course will explore assumptions, attitudes, and beliefs and how they influence how we relate to each other and how we conceive of fairness, entitlement, respect, and oppression.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

SOC WEL 186 Domestic Violence 2 Units

This course will investigate the phenomenon of domestic violence in the United States from historical, psychological, sociological, anthropological, legal, feminist, and cross-cultural perspectives. We will study the impact this social problem has on families, relevant theories of causation, the merits of related services and interventions, and the experiences of diverse populations.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

SOC WEL H195 Senior Honors Course 1 - 3 Units

Preparation of an honors thesis.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0-0 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

SOC WEL 197 Field Studies in Social Welfare 1 - 3 Units

Supervised experience relevant to specific aspects of social welfare in off-campus organizations. Regular individual meetings with faculty sponsor and written reports required.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of fieldwork per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 1-3 hours of fieldwork per week

8 weeks - 1-3 hours of fieldwork per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

SOC WEL 198 Group Study for Advanced Undergraduates 1 - 3 Units

Group study on selected social welfare topics.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-3 hours of directed group study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

SOC WEL 198BC Berkeley Connect in Social Welfare 1 Unit

Berkeley Connect is a mentoring program, offered through various academic departments, that helps students build intellectual community. Over the course of a semester, enrolled students participate in regular small-group discussions facilitated by a graduate student mentor (following a faculty-directed curriculum), meet with their graduate student mentor for one-on-one academic advising, attend lectures and panel discussions featuring department faculty and alumni, and go on field trips to campus resources. Students are not required to be declared majors in order to participate.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1 hour of directed group study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

SOC WEL 199 Supervised Independent Study and Research 1 - 3 Units

Enrollment is restricted by regulations specified in the

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-3 hours of independent study per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 1-3 hours of independent study per week

8 weeks - 1-3 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.