



THE UNIVERSITY OF
SYDNEY

Bachelor of Social Work

4 years full time



The Bachelor of Social Work is a four-year program accredited by the Australian Association of Social Workers. **It is an entry qualification into the social work profession and has been determined to meet the Australian Social Work Education and Accreditation Standards.** The program also includes two years of tertiary studies in other areas of interest such as sociology, diversity studies or gender studies.

Combining studies in social policy and social work, you will develop skills to promote social change, problem solve in human relationships, and empower and liberate people to enhance wellbeing. You will gain strong negotiating skills, a nuanced understanding of cultural contexts and sensitivity to various religious beliefs.

As a social worker, you can change lives for the better through a broad variety of work with vulnerable children, people with disabilities, refugees, senior citizens, victims of war or crime and families affected by drugs or alcohol.

The unique “2 + 2” structure of the Bachelor of Social Work – two years’ study in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences plus two years’ professional studies in social work and social policy with the Sydney School of Education and Social Work – allows students to combine qualifying as a professional social worker with two years’ tertiary studies in other areas of interest such as languages or history.

The Bachelor of Social Work produces graduates who:

- understand the contribution of social work and social policy in working towards social justice

Fast Facts

Guaranteed ATAR for admission in 2020: 80

Guaranteed IB for admission in 2020: 28

UAC code: 513270

CRICOS code: 000706K

Available for student visa holders and other eligible international students

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- have skills in communication, empathy, providing resources, making assessments and exercising professional judgment
- have the ability to undertake research in practice
- make appropriate and constructive responses at all levels of intervention and across the range of workplace contexts
- can critically and constructively reflect upon their own practice.

Honours is available within the degree to meritorious students who complete alternative sets of units in Years 3 and 4.

Field Education

Field Education is a core component of The University of Sydney Social Work program. Placements are designed to allow students to become familiar with the practice of critical reflection. They are undertaken in conjunction with ongoing classwork, which encourage students to appreciate the mutual dependence of theory and practice. Candidates complete 60 days of fieldwork in Year 3 and 80 days in Year 4. Field Education is developed across the program to build values, skills and knowledge from beginner-level to those required by the Australian Association of Social Workers Practice Standards.

Admission requirements

Admission to this course is on the basis of the following:

- a secondary-education qualification such as the NSW Higher School Certificate (including national and international equivalents), or approved higher-education study, including approved preparation courses
- English-language requirements where these are not demonstrated by sufficient qualifications taught in English. These include a minimum overall result in the International English Language Testing System (IELTS), or equivalent, of 6.5 with no band below 6.0.

Additional admission pathways are open to domestic applicants on the basis of equity or other adjustment factors, including for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants.

Credit equivalent to 48 credit points in the BSW is given for a full year of undergraduate study in any field or for a completed Diploma in Community Services or equivalent.

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Sample study plan

Year 1		Year 2	
Semester One	Semester Two	Semester One	Semester Two
Introduction to Sociology	Introduction to Sociology	Research Skills for Social Change	Social Perspectives on Mental Health
Social Justice Practice	Introduction to Human Services	Australian Social Policy	Indigenous Australians and Social Work
Elective	Elective	Life Course Perspectives on Development	Elective
Elective	Elective	Elective	Elective

Year 3		Year 4	
Semester One	Semester Two	Semester One	Semester Two
Issue-Based Learning Unit 1	Field Education 1	Issue-Based Learning Unit 3	Issue-Based Learning Unit 4
Issue-Based Learning Unit 2		Field Education 2A	Integrative Studies
Professional Practice			Field Education 2B