

Faculty of Social Work

Summary of Degree Programs

Degrees Offered

UNDERGRADUATE	BSW
GRADUATE	MSW
	PhD

Undergraduate

BSW

The Faculty of Social Work offers an undergraduate program, accredited by the Canadian Association of Schools of Social Work, leading to the BSW degree. In addition to the programs at the University of Calgary campus, there are also programs offered in Edmonton, Lethbridge and in several rural, remote and Aboriginal communities. Students can study for the degree on a full-time or part-time basis. However, students in Calgary, Edmonton or Lethbridge must be registered full time when they enroll in the final field practicum, Social Work 408/409. There are five admission/program routes that are described in the section entitled "BSW Routes."

Minor in Social Work

The Minor in Social Work is no longer offered. Students approved for the Minor prior to September 2003 should seek advice regarding completion from the Student Services Office of the Faculty of Social Work.

Graduate

Master of Social Work

The Faculty offers a Master's program, accredited by the Canadian Association of Schools of Social Work, leading to the MSW degree. Details may be found in the Faculty of Graduate Studies calendar.

Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work

The Faculty offers a doctoral program leading to the PhD degree. Details may be found in the Faculty of Graduate Studies calendar.

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BSW Edmonton

Faculty of Social Work
 University of Calgary Edmonton Division
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 T6G 0T2
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BSW Lethbridge

Faculty of Social Work
 University of Calgary
 Lethbridge Division
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Graduate (MSW and PhD) Programs

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Introduction

International Definition of Social Work

The social work profession promotes social change, problem solving in human relationships and the empowerment and liberation of people to enhance well being. Utilizing theories of human behaviour and social systems, social work intervenes at the points where people interact with their environments. Principles of human rights and social justice are fundamental to social work.

Faculty of Social Work Vision

Creating social well being and just societies.

Faculty of Social Work Mission

- Dedicated to promoting societies that respect human dignity and worth, meet basic human needs, are anti-oppressive, inclusive, and based on principles of social justice.
- Committed to learners by providing and building a knowledge base and set of skills in environments designed to stimulate and support a spirit of critical inquiry.
- Focused on serving as a catalyst for positive community impact through the creation and dissemination of knowledge and innovation.

Objectives

The Faculty of Social Work prepares BSW graduates to address individual, family, community and social concerns in the context of diverse and changing societies, drawing upon a variety of assessment and intervention methods to help achieve social well being outcomes with appropriate structural supports across the life span.

The program is based on the social work tenets of mobilizing strengths of individuals and groups, social engagement and civil societies, respect for diversity, inclusion, equitable participation, and social justice.

The program is grounded in the vision and mission of the Faculty, inquiry based methods of learning, the Codes of Ethics and Standards of Practice of the social work profession, and the national accreditation standards for schools of social work.

Opportunities

The BSW provides the student with the professional knowledge, theory and skills of social work including a wide range of experiential opportunities to integrate this learning in supervised practice settings. Upon graduation, students are prepared to practice as generalist social workers in a wide variety of social welfare fields in a continuously changing world. Areas of practice opportunities include child welfare, family violence, community development, mental health, gerontology and social policy development working with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities in a variety of settings including public, non-profit and for-profit agencies and organizations.

Social Work Students' Society

The Social Work Students' Society (SWSS) is actively involved in the governance of the Faculty, with representatives on Faculty Council and Faculty committees. The society is an active advocate of student interests and issues, and a sponsor of fundraising social events for charitable causes. All students in the Faculty of Social Work are eligible for membership.

Code of Conduct

The study of social work practice places students in a position of special trust with professional social workers and their clients. The Faculty recognizes that social work education occurs both inside and outside the classroom and has the responsibility to ensure that its graduates are competent and ethical. A student's impaired judgement or non-academic misconduct may be grounds for determining whether the student should continue in the program, with or without conditions, or be dismissed from the Faculty of Social Work.

Criteria

The following examples illustrate situations in which, in particular circumstances, a student may be assessed as being unsuitable. The list is not exclusive of other misconduct:

- Concealment or distortion of the truth on the Application for Admission to the Faculty of Social Work or the University of Calgary.
- Persistent and/or serious conduct that contravenes the University of Calgary Statement on Principles of Conduct.
- Persistent and/or serious unethical behaviour as defined by the Canadian Association of Schools of Social Work Code of Ethics, 1983 and the Standards of Ethical Practice for Social Workers in Alberta, 2001. Such unethical behaviour includes (but is not limited to):
 - (a) Persistent and/or serious medical condition that affects the student's ability to perform as a social worker if that condition negatively affects

judgement and interferes with the ability to function within a professional context;

- (b) Persistent substance abuse (e.g., alcoholism, drug addiction, use of illegal drugs) that interferes with the ability to function within a professional context;
- (c) Criminal behaviour (i.e., arrests and convictions for such crimes as physical assault, sexual assault, drug trafficking) that interferes with the ability to function within a professional context;
- (d) Persistent and/or serious conduct that contravenes the policies of the practicum setting (applies to students in practicum);
- (e) Imposing stereotypes on a client, including behaviour, values, or roles related to race, ethnicity, religion, marital status, gender, sexual orientation, age, socio-economic status, income source or amount, political affiliation, disability or diagnosis, or national origin, that would interfere with the provision of professional services to the client; and
- (f) Persistent and/or serious inability to form a professional, helping relationship.

Procedures following an allegation of misconduct can be found in the Faculty of Social Work Program Guides.

Faculty Regulations

Note: The following regulations apply to the BSW routes at the Calgary, Edmonton, and Lethbridge locations only. Faculty regulations specific to the BSW Access Route are described in a separate section below.

Admissions

All applicants must meet the basic University admission requirements. Students who lack university admission requirements cannot be admitted to the Faculty. In addition, all applicants must have a minimum grade point average of 2.30 calculated over the most recent course work to a maximum of ten half-course equivalents (University of Calgary courses and/or transfer courses taken at other institutions). All grades within a session will be included except where the number of courses taken within a session exceeds that required to fulfill (to a maximum of) ten half-course equivalents, in which case, the highest grades will be used. See the BSW Routes sections regarding use of Spring and Summer Sessions courses.

Admission quotas limit enrollment in each of the routes. Therefore, not all qualified applicants may be admitted. All students compete for admission. Students are admitted to the Fall Session only.

All applicants must submit a completed Faculty of Social Work Application for Admission form in addition to a University of

Calgary Application for Admission form. Additional requirements for each route are listed below in the "BSW Routes" sections.

Students who wish to transfer from one location (e.g. Calgary) to another location (e.g. Edmonton) must seek advice from the Student Services Office. An "Interprogram Transfer" form must be completed by April 1 and Faculty approval must be obtained. Requests for transfer will not automatically be approved.

Application Deadlines

Application and documentation deadlines for the Bachelor of Social Work program:

April 1 for the University of Calgary "Application for Admission/Readmission" form or "Change of Program" form or "Interprogram Transfer" form.

April 1 for the Faculty of Social Work "Application for Admission" form, three reference letters (one of which must be academic), required essay, information on relevant volunteer/work experience.

June 15 for official and complete transcripts submitted to the Registrar's Office.

Note: Spring and Summer Sessions courses taken immediately prior to the Fall Session for which admission is being sought will not be used in the calculation of the grade point average for admission purposes.

Only continuing students at the University of Calgary may complete a Change of Program or Interprogram Transfer form. The following categories of applicants to the University of Calgary must complete the regular University of Calgary "Application for Admission/Readmission" form:

- (a) not previously attended,
- (b) attended as a visiting or unclassified student,
- (c) attended another institution since leaving,
- (d) not attended for two years or more.

In addition, all applicants must complete the Faculty of Social Work "Application for Admission" form.

Registration

Course Load

The normal course load is five half-course equivalents per session.

Accuracy of Registration

All students are responsible for the completeness and accuracy of their registration and for arranging their course selections to meet all program requirements as detailed in this Calendar.

Interruption of Program Leading to a Degree

Students who interrupt their degree program in the Faculty of Social Work are warned that after an absence of one calendar year from academic study at the university level, they

may be required to comply with any regulations that may have come into effect in regard to their program requirements. Students who choose to withdraw for a year will not be required to re-apply for admission. However, they must notify the Faculty of Social Work in writing by March 1 of their intention to return. Students who are required to withdraw for academic reasons will not normally be readmitted.

Other Requirements

In order to take advantage of technically enhanced courses, video-conferencing and web-based tools, students must be familiar with navigating on the internet and have access to computer hardware and software. Some courses may be available only on-line or by video-conferencing. E-mail is routinely used to disseminate information to students. An e-mail address is required for full participation in Faculty life. Calgary, Edmonton and Lethbridge provide limited space in computer laboratories. Students should seek advice from the Student Services Office or the Manager of Information Technology (located in Calgary) if they encounter difficulties in meeting these expectations.

Effective Writing Requirement

Students who have not met the University's Effective Writing requirement on admission must satisfy the requirement by the end of their first year in the Faculty of Social Work. Arrangements can be made for the Effective Writing Qualification Test to be administered in Edmonton or Lethbridge.

Course Work

Field Practicum

Field practicum courses provide an opportunity for the student to be directly involved in social work practice. Successful completion of these courses is a requirement for continuation in the program. The field practicum courses are Social Work 404 and 408/409. All continuing students planning to enroll in the field practicum courses must complete a "Field Request" form and register in the appropriate course(s). Students will be assigned placements in the field practicum based on availability, student interest and choices made by agencies. Information on field placement arrangements, including international placements, is available from the Director of Field Education.

Note: *Students registered in the field practicum courses - Social Work 404 and 408/409 - are required to attend the practicum during Reading Days. Students should also note that Social Work practicum courses will normally run one week past the last day of lectures in Fall and Winter Sessions.*

Note: *All students must be registered full time when they enroll in Social Work 408/409.*

Criminal Record Check

Prospective students are advised that many agencies who offer social work practicum placements require that students have a criminal record check prior to acceptance into a placement. Registration with the Alberta College of Social Workers also requires a criminal record check.

Student Advising

The Student Services Office in the Faculty of Social Work advises students on academic matters and University regulations. BSW students will be assigned a faculty advisor who can assist the student with professional development and academic issues.

Program Duration

Degree requirements must be completed within five consecutive 12-month periods from the date of initial registration in the Faculty of Social Work.

Students admitted to the BSW degree program prior to Fall Session 2003 will be expected to complete their degree programs by the end of August 2005. There is no guarantee that equivalent courses will be offered after August 2005. Students who are unable to complete their degree program by the end of August 2005 **must** contact the Associate Dean, Students by August 2004.

Student Standing

Promotion and Graduation Requirements

1. Academic performance and professional suitability (see Code of Conduct) will be monitored throughout the program and assessed at the end of each Winter Session
2. Students are allowed a maximum of two "D" or two "D+" grades in the equivalent of two half courses throughout their program.
3. A student who fails or withdraws from a field practicum course (Social Work 404 or 408/409) will fail or be required to withdraw from the corequisite courses (Social Work 405 and 407). In addition, the student may be required to withdraw from the program.
4. A cumulative grade point average of 2.30 or above is required on all courses taken towards the BSW degree. Normally, a student who has obtained a cumulative GPA of at least 2.00 but less than 2.30 will be placed on academic probation. Students whose cumulative GPA falls below 2.00 will be required to withdraw.
5. Students who are required to withdraw from the Faculty of Social Work will not normally be readmitted.

To be awarded the Bachelor of Social Work degree from the University of Calgary, students must meet all program requirements as described below under "BSW Routes." All students must complete a

minimum of 10 half courses at the University of Calgary to obtain a degree from this institution. In the case of a student repeating a required course, the GPA for graduation purposes (not degrees with distinction) shall include only the higher grade.

Grading

The regular University grading system applies to all courses except field practicum courses (Social Work 404 and 408/409). These courses are graded as: Completed Requirements (CR) or Fail (F).

Graduation With Distinction

The notation "With Distinction" will be inscribed on the permanent record and graduation parchment of all BSW students whose grade point averages on University of Calgary Social Work graded courses places them in the top 10 percent of the Faculty's graduands. A minimum GPA of 3.60 will be required. For determination of the top 10 percent, the grade point averages obtained by the previous year's graduating class will be used.

Program Details

BSW Routes

Note: *The Faculty of Social Work encourages multi-disciplinary learning. A list of recommended senior non-Social Work courses is available in the Student Services Office.*

Calgary University Transfer

Admission

Students who have completed a minimum of ten transferable half courses or equivalent (nine of which are non-Social Work courses) may apply to the second year of the BSW Calgary University Transfer Route in the Faculty of Social Work. Ten half courses (or equivalent) must have been completed by the end of the Winter Session preceding the Fall Session for which entry is sought. Spring and Summer Sessions courses taken in the sessions immediately preceding admission will not be used in the calculation of the GPA or to fulfill the ten half-course requirements.

Applicants are evaluated on the following criteria:

1. Grade Point Average (60%). The grade point average is calculated on the last 10 half-course equivalents completed. Refer to the general admissions section for detailed information on calculation of the GPA;
2. Relevant work/volunteer experience (20%);
3. Required essay (10%);
4. Three letters of reference (10%).

Note: *Applicants with more than ten half-course equivalents and less than 20 half-course equivalents are admitted to the second year. Social Work 201, 367, two Social Work options and a research methods course are prerequisites to starting third year courses.*

Note: Applicants wishing to take the complete BSW degree program at the University of Calgary may complete their ten specified half-course equivalents required for admission in a number of Faculties. The three most common choices are (in alphabetical order) Communication and Culture, Humanities, and Social Sciences.

Note: Preference will not necessarily be given to students presenting more than 10 half-course equivalents.

Requirements

2nd Year	
Fall	Winter
Social Work 201	Social Work 367
Social Work option	Non-Social Work option
Social Work option	Non-Social Work option
Non-Social Work option	Non-Social Work option
Non-Social Work option	Non-Social Work option

Note: Students who have previously taken Social Work 201 will substitute a non-Social Work option.

Note: By the end of the 2nd year students must have completed Social Work 353 or an acceptable research methods course. A listing of acceptable research methods courses is available from the Student Services office. The research methods course must have been completed within five years prior to entry to the third year of the program.

3rd Year	
Fall	Winter
Social Work 383	Social Work 389
Social Work 385	Social Work 393
Social Work 388	Social Work 395
Social Work 391	Social Work 397
	Social Work 399
4th Year	
Fall	Winter
Social Work 404	Social Work 407
Social Work 405	Social Work 408/409
Social Work 500-level option	Social Work 500-level option
Social Work 500-level option	

Note: All students must be registered full time when they enroll in Social Work 408/409.

Calgary Post-Diploma

Admission

Students who will have completed a Social Work Diploma at an Alberta Community College that has an admission agreement with the Faculty of Social Work may apply for admission to the 3rd year of the Calgary BSW Post-Diploma route. Such applicants

must also meet basic University admission requirements. Applicants not meeting University basic admission requirements cannot be admitted to the Faculty.

Applicants are evaluated on the following criteria:

1. Grade Point Average on the final practice methods course and social policy course equivalencies taken within the Diploma and the grade point average on the last eight non-Social Work half courses (60%);
2. One letter of reference from the field instructor of record (5%);
3. Required essay (10%);
4. A recommendation from the chair/director of the social work program that the student attended (15%);
5. Relevant volunteer/work experience (10%).

Note: For those students who graduated with an Alberta Social Work Diploma more than five years prior to applying to the University of Calgary, three letters of reference are required in place of the recommendation from the chair/director of the social work program that the student attended.

In order to determine the most appropriate route, the Faculty will assess individually:

1. Those students who graduated with an Alberta Social Work Diploma more than five years prior to applying to the University; or
2. Those students who graduated with a Diploma from a college that does not have an agreement with the Faculty of Social Work.

Note: Refused applicants wishing to complete a BSW degree may consider entering the Calgary University Transfer Route. To do so, applicants would be required to present the same specified courses as regular University Transfer applicants and meet all other specified admission criteria.

Requirements

3rd Year	
Fall	Winter
Social Work 351	Social Work 357
Social Work 353	Social Work 389
Social Work 385	Non-Social Work senior option
Non-Social Work senior option	Non-Social Work senior option
Non-Social Work senior option	Non-Social Work senior option
4th Year	
Fall	Winter
Social Work senior option	Social Work 407
Social Work senior option	Social Work 408/409
Non-Social Work senior option	Social Work senior option

Non Social Work senior option	
Non-Social Work senior option	

Note: All students must be registered full time when they enroll in Social Work 408/409.

Note: Students who register in one or more non-Social Work senior options in the Winter Session of year 4 will not be able to graduate in May of the same year.

Edmonton University Transfer

Admission

The Edmonton University Transfer Route only admits transfer students at the third year level. Therefore, by the end of the Summer Session preceding the Fall Session for which entry is sought, applicants will have completed either:

- (a) 18 non-Social Work half-course equivalents including an acceptable research methods course (see below) plus Social Work 201 and 367 or equivalents; OR
- (b) 17 non-Social Work half-course equivalents including an acceptable research methods course (see below) plus Social Work 201, 367 or equivalents and one half-course Social Work option.

Spring and Summer Sessions courses taken in the sessions immediately preceding admission will not be used in the calculation of the GPA for admission purposes.

Applicants are evaluated on the following criteria:

1. Grade Point Average (60%). The grade point average is calculated on the last 10 half-course equivalents completed. Refer to the general admissions section for detailed information on calculation of GPA.
2. Relevant work/volunteer experience (20%);
3. Required essay (10%);
4. Three letters of reference (10%).

Note: Applicants wishing to enter the Edmonton University Transfer route will have completed the required university transferable half-course equivalents at a variety of post-secondary institutions.

Note: Social Work 353 or an acceptable research methods course is required prior to admission. A listing of acceptable research methods courses is available from the Edmonton Division Office. The research methods course must have been completed within five years prior to entry to the third year of the program.

Requirements

3rd Year	
Fall	Winter
Social Work 383	Social Work 389
Social Work 385	Social Work 393
Social Work 388	Social Work 395
Social Work 391	Social Work 397
	Social Work 399
4th Year	
Fall	Winter
Social Work 404	Social Work 407
Social Work 405	Social Work 408/409
Social Work 500-level option	Social Work 500-level option
Social Work 500-level option	

Note: All students must be registered full time when they enroll in Social Work 408/409.

Edmonton Post-Diploma

Admission

Students who will have completed a Social Work Diploma at an Alberta Community College that has an admission agreement with the Faculty of Social Work may apply for admission to the 3rd year of the Edmonton BSW Post-Diploma route. Such applicants must also meet basic University admission requirements. Applicants not meeting University basic admission requirements cannot be admitted to the Faculty.

Applicants are evaluated on the following criteria:

- Grade Point Average on the final practice methods course and social policy course equivalencies taken within the Diploma and the grade point average on the last eight non-Social Work courses (60%);
- One letter of reference from the field instructor of record (5%);
- Required essay (10%);
- A recommendation from the chair/director of the social work program that the student attended (15%);
- Relevant volunteer/work experience (10%).

Note: For those students who graduated with an Alberta Social Work Diploma more than five years prior to applying to the University of Calgary, three letters of reference are required in place of the recommendation from the chair/director of the social work program that the student attended.

In order to determine the most appropriate route, the Faculty will assess individually:

- Those students who graduated with an Alberta Social Work Diploma more than five years prior to applying to the University; or

- Those students who graduated with a Diploma from a college that does not have an agreement with the Faculty of Social Work.

Note: Refused applicants wishing to complete a BSW degree may consider entering the Edmonton University Transfer Route. To do so, applicants would be required to present the same specified courses as regular University Transfer applicants and meet all other specified admission criteria.

Requirements

3rd Year	
Fall	Winter
Social Work 351	Social Work 357
Social Work 353	Social Work 389
Social Work 385	Non-Social Work senior option
Non-Social Work senior option	Non-Social Work senior option
Non-Social Work senior option	Non-Social Work senior option
4th Year	
Fall	Winter
Social Work senior option	Social Work 407
Social Work senior option	Social Work 408/409
Non-Social Work senior option	Social Work senior option
Non-Social Work senior option	
Non-Social Work senior option	

Note: All students must be registered full time when they enroll in Social Work 408/409.

Note: Students who register in one or more non-Social Work senior options in the Winter Session of year 4 will not be able to graduate in May of the same year.

Lethbridge University Transfer

Admission

The Lethbridge University Transfer route only admits transfer students at the third year level. Therefore, by the end of the Summer Session preceding the Fall Session for which entry is sought, applicants will have completed either:

- 18 non-Social Work half-course equivalents including an acceptable research methods course (see below) plus Social Work 201 and 367 or equivalents; OR
- 17 non-Social Work half-course equivalents including an acceptable research methods course (see below) plus Social Work 201, 367 or equivalents and one Social Work option.

Spring and Summer Sessions courses taken in the sessions immediately preceding admission will not be used in the calculation of the GPA for admission purposes.

Applicants are evaluated on the following criteria:

- Grade Point Average (60%). The grade point average is calculated on the last 10 half-course equivalents completed. Refer to the general admissions section for detailed information on the calculation of the GPA.
- Relevant work/volunteer experience (20%);
- Required essay (10%);
- Three letters of reference (10%).

Note: Applicants wishing to enter the Lethbridge University Transfer route will have completed the required university transferable half-course equivalents at a variety of post-secondary institutions.

Note: Social Work 353 or an acceptable research methods course is required prior to admission. A listing of acceptable research methods courses is available from the Lethbridge Division Office. The research methods course must have been completed within five years prior to entry to the third year of the program.

Requirements

3rd Year	
Fall	Winter
Social Work 383	Social Work 389
Social Work 385	Social Work 393
Social Work 388	Social Work 395
Social Work 391	Social Work 397
	Social Work 399
4th Year	
Fall	Winter
Social Work 404	Social Work 407
Social Work 405	Social Work 408/409
Social Work 500-level option	Social Work 500-level option
Social Work 500-level option	

Note: All students must be registered full time when they enroll in Social Work 408/409.

After Degree Students

Admission

Students who have completed an acceptable undergraduate degree may apply to the third year of the BSW University Transfer routes in Calgary, Edmonton and Lethbridge. However, these students are encouraged to apply to the MSW program.

Applicants are evaluated on the following criteria:

- Completion of an acceptable undergraduate degree at an accredited institution with a competitive GPA as calculated on the last ten half-course equivalents under basic admission requirements;
- Completion of Social Work 201 and 367 or equivalents prior to admission;

- (c) Completion of Social Work 353 or an acceptable research methods course completed within 5 years of admission. (60%)
2. Relevant work/volunteer experience (20%);
 3. Required essay (10%); and
 4. Three letters of reference (10%).

Note: Holders of an acceptable degree are not admissible to the second year of the University transfer route since they already possess all required non-Social Work courses.

Note: Social Work 201, 367 and 353 (or equivalent research methods course) must be completed prior to admission since they are prerequisites for third year courses. Social Work 201 and 367 may be available during Spring/Summer Sessions preceding admission to the Fall Session.

Note: A listing of acceptable research methods courses is available from the Faculty of Social Work Student Services Office. Please note timeline for completion.

Requirements

3rd Year	
Fall	Winter
Social Work 383	Social Work 389
Social Work 385	Social Work 393
Social Work 388	Social Work 395
Social Work 391	Social Work 397
	Social Work 399
4th Year	
Fall	Winter
Social Work 404	Social Work 407
Social Work 405	Social Work 408/409
Social Work 500-level option	Social Work 500-level option
Social Work 500-level option	

Note: All students must be registered full time when they enroll in Social Work 408/409.

Part-time students

Admission

Admission requirements for part-time students are the same as those listed for the routes described above.

Program Requirements

Degree requirements for all students must be completed within five consecutive 12-month periods from the date of initial registration in the Faculty of Social Work. Full-time attendance is required in Social Work 408/409. Please see an academic advisor to confirm a program of study.

BSW Access Route

Admissions

The BSW Access Division was funded specifically to provide opportunities for undergraduate social work education for Alberta students in rural, remote and Aboriginal communities. In order to register with the BSW Access Division, students must be available to attend Access Division course offerings in selected rural, remote, and Aboriginal communities.

New applicants should refer to "Admission Requirements" in the Academic Regulations section of this Calendar for regulations regarding University admission requirements. Access Route students can be admitted to the Fall or Winter Sessions.

Deadlines

Normal application and documentation deadlines for the Bachelor of Social Work Access Route:

April 1 for the University of Calgary "Application for Admission/Readmission" form or "Change of Program" form for Fall Session admission; October 15 for Winter Session admission

April 1 for the Faculty of Social Work Access application form for Fall Session admission; October 15 for Winter Session admission

June 30 for documents for Fall Session admission; November 1 for Winter Session admission

Student Entry Points

All BSW Access students must be available to attend Access Division course offerings in selected rural, remote, and Aboriginal communities. There are four categories of prospective students who can enter the BSW program via Access:

University of Calgary Transfer Students

Those applicants who have attended the University of Calgary (in a Faculty other than Social Work) and now wish to be considered for admission to the Faculty of Social Work, must request to change their program through the Registrar's Office and submit a Faculty of Social Work Access application form to the Access Office. Both applications are due by April 1 for the Fall Session and October 15 for the Winter Session. A University of Calgary transfer student may seek admission to the Access Route after the student has successfully completed at least 18 (of the 20) required half-course equivalents. (See note below.)

Alberta Social Work Diploma Graduates

Students with an Alberta social work diploma and completion of 8 (of the 13) required transferable non-Social Work half-course equivalents (as per the Alberta Transfer Guide) and a cumulative grade point average of no less than 2.30 (on a 4.00 scale) are eligible to apply. All students must meet University entrance requirements. (This means English 30 or its equivalent; students

who lack University entrance requirements cannot be admitted to the Faculty.)

After-Degree Students

Students with an approved degree in another discipline may seek admission to the Access Route.

Other University and College Transfer Students

Students transferring from other university and college undergraduate programs must meet the same requirements as University of Calgary transfer students. Students completing non-Social Work courses at Alberta colleges may receive advanced credit for up to 20 university-level half-course equivalents as indicated in the Alberta Transfer Guide. (See note below.)

Note: Up to six of Social Work 201, 317, 319, 321, 327, and 329 may be included as non-Social Work courses by University of Calgary transfer students and other university and college transfer students.

Introduction

The overall objective of the BSW program is to prepare students for entry-level general social work practice. The BSW program provides opportunities for students to acquire sufficient knowledge, values, and skills to enable them to maintain a professional standard of practice.

The BSW Access Division was established to promote access to the BSW degree for students in rural, remote, and Aboriginal communities in Alberta. Specific site locations for any given session may be obtained by phoning 1-877-282-0667. The mandate of the BSW Access Division includes a re-design of the undergraduate curriculum for cultural and geographic relevance to communities outside urban areas. Course content is to be innovative and aligned with traditional philosophies and knowledge systems. Community collaboration, adaptive delivery methods, and flexible entry models are key features of the Access Division. While the Access Division offers an innovative variation of the BSW program, national accreditation standards have been maintained and the content is of the same quality as offerings in Calgary, Edmonton, and Lethbridge. The final degree remains the accredited University of Calgary BSW degree.

In keeping with the mandate of the Access Division, core content has been grouped into four relevant themes for rural, remote, and Aboriginal communities. These four theme areas (Generalist Practice in Context; Communication and Information; Diversity and Oppression; Social Work Methods) form the basis for courses that are listed as Social Work 300-level courses (Social Work 300, 301; 302, 303; 304, 305; 306, 307). Courses related to local region practicum placements are listed as Social Work 400-level courses (Social Work 400, 402, 403). Social work option courses for Access students have the same 500-level designation as option courses for the students in Calgary, Edmonton, and Lethbridge.

Note: *Social Work 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 400, 402 and 403 cannot be taken by students in Calgary, Edmonton, and Lethbridge.*

One theme full course and one portfolio project half course are offered in each Fall and Winter Session. The same course set is offered in each site location in any given session. Students can complete four sessions of theme and portfolio project courses over two academic years. Normally the practicum and integration seminar courses will be taken after all social work theme and portfolio courses have been completed. The theme courses and related portfolio projects do not have to be taken in a particular sequence. Students can register with the BSW Access Division to begin in the Fall or Winter Session with whatever theme course unit may be offered that session in their location.

Social work option courses may be taken at any time in the program. Option offerings in block format will be made available in Spring/Summer Sessions.

Admission

Prospective students may apply to the BSW Access Route if they meet the basic admission requirements of the University of Calgary and have a minimum grade point average of 2.30. Applications will be assessed on the following four criteria, all of which must be satisfactory:

1. completion of at least 18 (of the 20) required half-course equivalents. The grade point average for admission purposes will normally be determined on the basis of the grade point average calculated over the most recent course work to a maximum of ten half-course equivalents (University of Calgary courses and/or transferable courses taken at other institutions). All grades within a session will be included except where the number of courses taken within a session exceeds that required to fulfill (to a maximum of) ten half-course equivalents, in which case the highest grades will be used;
2. relevant work/volunteer experience;
3. required essay;
4. three letters of reference.

As a statement of principle, the Faculty is committed to equity-oriented admissions. The University of Calgary respects, appreciates, and encourages diversity.

Students who wish to transfer between the Access Route and any of the BSW routes must submit a completed "Interprogram Transfer" request form to the Manager of Student Services and the Head of the Access Division for approval. Since core curriculum content is organized differently, transfer credits would have to be assessed for any individual case.

Requirements

To be awarded the Bachelor of Social Work degree from the University of Calgary, students must have completed an approved program of study. All students must complete a minimum of 10 half courses from the University of Calgary to obtain a degree from this institution.

University of Calgary Transfer Students Required BSW Access courses are specified below:

Social Work 300
Social Work 301
Social Work 302
Social Work 303
Social Work 304
Social Work 305
Social Work 306
Social Work 307
Social Work 400
Social Work 402
Social Work 403
Social Work 500-level option
Social Work 500-level option
Social Work 500-level option

Alberta Social Work Diploma Graduates

Alberta Social Work Diploma graduates who have been accepted by the University will receive credit for 10 unassigned half courses for their diploma (7 half-course equivalencies and 3 required social work half-course equivalencies). In addition, these students need a minimum of 13 university transferable non-Social Work half-course equivalents, awarded on a course-by-course basis, in accordance with the Alberta Transfer Guide. Alberta Social Work Diploma graduates are required to complete the courses noted above except for: Social Work 400 (Field Practicum A) and one 500-level social work option, from which Diploma students have been granted exemption.

After-Degree Students

Students with a first degree will be required to complete a program of studies as determined by the Faculty. The course requirements will be determined for each student on the basis of equivalence of previous studies to the required social work courses. In no case will the requirement be more than 20 half courses nor fewer than 10 half courses. Each student will be informed of degree requirements.

Other University and College Transfer Students

The required Social Work Access Route courses for these students are the same as for University of Calgary students.

Effective Writing Requirement

Students who have not met the University's Effective Writing Requirement on admission must satisfy the requirement by the end of

their first year in the Faculty of Social Work.

Arrangements can be made for the Effective Writing Qualification Test to be administered at Access sites.

Grading

The regular University grading system applies to all BSW Access Route courses except field practicum courses (Social Work 400 and 402) that are graded on a Completed Requirements/Fail system and are requirements for graduation.

In the case of a student repeating a required course, the GPA for graduation purposes (not including degrees with distinction) shall include only the higher grade.

Student Standing

Academic performance and professional suitability (See Code of Conduct) for practice will be monitored throughout the program.

A student must pass all required Social Work 300-level courses to proceed to the practicum field placement (Social Work 400 and 402).

A student who fails or withdraws from a field practicum course (Social Work 400 or 402) or the Integrative Practice Seminar (Social Work 403) will be required to withdraw from the corequisite course. The student may also be required to withdraw from the program.

An overall grade point average of 2.30 or above must be maintained on the required social work courses throughout a student's program. Students whose overall GPA falls below 2.00 will be required to withdraw.

Students who are required to withdraw from the Faculty of Social Work will not normally be readmitted.

Duration of Program

BSW degree requirements through the Access Division normally must be completed within five consecutive 12-month periods from the date of initial registration in the Faculty of Social Work. A student who does not register in any social work course for a period of 12 months or more must obtain the consent of the Faculty to continue in the program.

Administration

Faculty Administrative Officers

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Affiliated Agencies

Calgary

Adoption Options, AIDS Calgary; Airdrie Family Services; Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission; Alberta JusticeAventa; Alberta Mental Health Board; Southern Alberta Parole District Office; Alberta Solicitor General; Probation; Alzheimer Society; Aspen Family and Community Network Society; Boys and Girls Clubs; Brain Injury Rehabilitation Centre; Brenda Strafford Centre; Calgary Birth Control Association; Calgary Catholic Immigration Society; Calgary Counselling Centre; Calgary Drop in Centre; Calgary Family Services; Calgary Immigrant Women's Association; Calgary Learning Centre; Calgary Native Women's Shelter; Calgary Health Region (Alberta Children's Hospital, Foothills Hospital, Peter Lougheed Centre, Rockyview Hospital); Calgary Rocky View Child and Family Services; Calgary Scope Society; Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter; Calgary Young Offender Centre; Canadian Citizenship & Immigration: Settlement Unit; Canadian Mental Health Association; Canadian Red Cross; Carewest; Catholic Family Service Bureau; Christian Adoption Services; City of Calgary Community and Neighborhood Services; Coalition of Equal Access to Education; Community Geriatric Mental Health Services; COMPASS Online Counselling Services Inc.; Correctional Services of Canada; CUSO; Diamond Willow Child & Family Services (Red Deer); Distress/Drug Centre; Discovery House Eating Disorder Unit; 8th & 8th Health Clinic; Elizabeth Fry Society; Extencicare Cedars Villa; Faculty of Social Work Centre for Social Work Research and Development; Family Caregiver Centre; Family-School Liaison Program; Ke Mama Nnanik; Healthy Communities; Healthy Respite Program; Home Support; Hearststone Social Services; Hera Society; Hillhurst Counseling Centre: Generations Project; Hospice Calgary; Hull Child and Family Services; Huntington Hills Community Association; Inuwit; John Howard Society; Kidney Foundation of Canada; Kelly Lutmer & Associates; Louise Dean Centre; Mediation and Court Services; Nipishkopahk Education Authority (Hobbema); Office of the Children's Advocate; Parent Development Centre; Potential Place Clubhouse; Providence Children's Centre; Public Policy; Provincial Mental Health; Salvation Army; Simon House; Sinepa Resources (Cardston); Southeastern Alberta Child & Family Services (Medicine Hat); Southern Alberta HIV Clinic; Southern Alberta Child & Youth Health Network; TCS Family Counselling Support; Tom Baker Cancer Centre; Trinity Place Foundation; University Counselling & Student Development Services; University of Calgary Department of Psychology, Foothills Medical Centre; Wood's Homes; Women's Centre; Y.W.C.A. Sheriff King Family Support Centre.

Edmonton

Aboriginal Consulting Services; Adoption Options; Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission; Alberta College of Social Workers; Alberta Health, Mental Health Branch; Alberta Health & Wellness, Persons with Developmental Disabilities; Alberta Hospital (Edmonton & Ponoka); Alberta Hospital, Community Living Program, Centrepoint Program, Phoenix Program; Alberta Justice; Big Sisters and Big Brothers Society of

Edmonton & Area; Bissell Centre; Boyle McCauley Health Centre; Boyle Street Co-op; Boys & Girls' Club of Edmonton; Capital Care Home Care; Capital Care Lynwood; Capital Health Authority; Catholic Social Services; Child and Adolescent Services Association; City of Edmonton, Community Services; Community Corrections; Correctional Services; Councillor Karen Leibovici's Office; Edmonton Catholic School Board; Edmonton General Continuing Care Centre; Edmonton John Howard Society; Edmonton Garrison, Canadian Forces Base; Edmonton Northeast Health Centre; Edmonton Public School Board; Edmonton Social Planning Council; Family Court Services; Elves Memorial Child Development Centre; Family Mediation Services; Family and Youth Reconnections; Forensic Assessment and Community Services; Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital; Good Samaritan Society; Grey Nuns Community Hospital & Health Centre; HIV Edmonton; Jewish Family Services; Keystone Child & Family Services; Kasohkewew Child Wellness Society; Leduc Community Hospital; Ma'Mowe Capital Region Child & Family Services; Metis Child & Family Services; Ministry of Children's Services; Misericordia Community Hospital & Health Centre; Northern Alberta Brain Injury Society; Office of the Children's Advocate; Operation Friendship; Partners for Kids & Youth; Patch Place; Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities; Provincial Mental Health Board; Royal Alexandra Hospital; Sacred Heart School; St. Matthew's School; Sexual Assault Centre; Society for the Retired and Semi-Retired; Stollery Children's Health Centre; St. Alphonsus School; Stop Abuse In Families Society; Sturgeon Community Hospital & Health Centre; The Family Centre; The Support Network; University of Alberta Hospitals; Youville Home.

Lethbridge

Alberta Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Commission (Lethbridge and Medicine Hat); Alberta Career Centre; Alberta Justice Community Corrections; Baron's Eureka Warner FCSS; Big Brothers and Big Sisters; Blood Tribe Department of Health; B.C. Ministry of Social Services; Canada-Alberta Service Centre; Career Explorations for Women; Catholic Central High School; Chinook Regional Health Authority, Community and Wellness Services (Lethbridge, Coaldale, and Raymond); Crisis Intervention Program - Canadian Mental Health Association; Crossroads Counseling; Cyprus School District (Medicine Hat); Extencicare Health Services (Lethbridge, Vulcan, Fort Macleod); Family Centre; 5th on 5th Youth Services; Harbour House; John Howard Society of Alberta; Kainaiwa Children's Services; LDS Social Services; Lethbridge HIV Connection; Lethbridge Association for Community Living; Lethbridge Cancer Clinic; Lethbridge Collegiate Institute; Lethbridge Community College; Lethbridge Correctional Centre; Lethbridge Family Services; Lethbridge Immigration Services; Alberta Mental Health Services; Lethbridge Regional Hospital (Psychiatric Dept., Social Services Dept., Volunteer Services Dept.); Lethbridge School District No 51; Lethbridge Young Offenders Centre; McMan Youth Services; Medicine Hat Family Services; Medicine Hat Mental Health Services; Medicine Hat Regional Hospital; Native Counselling Services; Nitsitapii Wellness Program; Office of the Public

Guardian; Palliser Regional Schools; Saamis Children's Centre (Cardston, Medicine Hat); Sexual Health Centre; Sifton Children's Centre; St. Francis Jr. High School; St. Michael's Health Centre; St. Paul's Treatment Centre; South Country Alcohol and Drug Treatment Centre; Sun Country Child and Family Services; Taber Mental Health; Training Inc.; Winston Churchill High School; Woods Homes.

Access Central Alberta

Alberta Mental Health Board, Alberta Hospital Ponoka; Alberta Solicitor General, Community Corrections, Stettler and Wetaskiwin; City of Red Deer- Social Planning; Department of Justice Mediation, Red Deer Branch; David Thompson Health Region - O'Chiese Band Administration and O'Chiese Health Centre; Diamond Willow Child and Family Services Authority; East Central Health, Camrose; East Central Health, Stettler; McMan Youth Family and Community Services, Rocky Mountain House; Red Deer Regional Hospital; St. Patrick's Community School, Red Deer; Lacombe Mental Health; Keystone Child and Family Services, Wetaskiwin; Canadian Mental Health Association, Red Deer.

Grande Prairie and Northwest Areas

Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission; Alberta Mental Health Board; Behavior Outreach Services; Child and Family and Services Authority - Regions 13 and 14; Grief and Loss Society; Kakwa Employment Agency; Mountain Plains Community Services; North Peace Tribal Council Child and Family Services; P.A. Lawrence Research and Consulting; PACE; Pregnant Teen Network; Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, Region #14 Child and Family Services Authority; Sagitawa Friendship Society; Silver Birch Child and Family Services Authority; Social Work Department; South Peace Social Planning Council; Student Health Services Peace River; Town of Grimshaw City Services Department; Western Cree Tribal Council.

Hobbema

AKO Child and Family Services; Ermineskin Women's Shelter; Nipishkopahk Education Authority; Samson Cree Nation Healthy Families Project; Brighter Futures - Family Wellness

Slave Lake and Northeast Areas

Alberta Human Resources and Employment, Westlock District Office; Education, Culture and Employment, Fort Smith, NWT; First Nations Liaison Unit, McLennan; High Prairie Behavior Outreach Services, Slave Lake; Keeweetino Lakes Regional Health Authority No. 15; Lakeside Outreach School; Neegan Awas'sak Child and Family Services Authority, Region 15; Northern Haven Support Society; Services for Children with Challenging Needs; Metis Settlements Child and Family Services, Region 18; Smith Family Resource Centre; St. Mary of the Lake School; St. Paul Community Corrections; RCMP Slave Lake Detachment; Tawoo Options; WJS Alberta.

Southern Alberta

Sun Country Child and Family Services, Cardston; Kainaiwa Children's Services Corporation, Blood Reserve, Standoff; Kainai Family Parenting Centre Project; Tsuu T'ina Nation Child and Family Services; Blood Tribe Department of Health Counseling Services.