

# 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 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.

### Post Master's Diploma in Advanced Studies in Social Work

The Faculty offers a course-based Post-Master's Diploma in Advanced Studies in Social Work aimed at providing the advanced research skills and knowledge required to meet the changing needs of the social work profession. Details are available from the Student Services Office of the Faculty of Social Work, or on line at <http://www.fp.ucalgary.ca/pdcl/>.

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Information and application forms may be obtained from the following:

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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. Graduates are prepared to draw 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

### Admissions

Applicants must meet the basic University admission requirements. Students who lack university admission requirements cannot be admitted to the Faculty. In addition, 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.

Applicants must submit both a completed Faculty of Social Work or Faculty of Social Work Access 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. A Change of Program form must be completed by March 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:

Refer to the Applications for Admission Schedule in this Calendar for application deadlines.

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

June 30 for official and complete transcripts received by the Admissions 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 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 or Faculty of Social Work Access "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, Lethbridge and Access sites.

## 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 400, 402, 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 400, 402, 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 are 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 400 or 402 or 404 or 408/409) will fail or be required to withdraw from the corequisite courses (Social Work 403 or 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 400, 402, 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 353	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:

- 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.
- 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 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.

## Edmonton University Transfer

### Admission

The Edmonton University Transfer Route 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 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:

- 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.
- Relevant work/volunteer experience (20%);
- Required essay (10%);
- 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 (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.
- 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.

## 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.

## Access Route

### Introduction

The BSW Access Division provides 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.

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 promotes 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 telephoning 1-877-282-0667. The BSW Access Division provides an undergraduate curriculum that is culturally and geographically relevant to communities outside urban areas. Course content is 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. The Access Division offers an innovative variation of the BSW program. The final degree remains the accredited University of Calgary BSW degree.

Core content has been grouped into four theme areas: Generalist Practice in Context; Communication and Information; Diversity and Oppression; Social Work Methods. These 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.

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.

## Access University Transfer Route

### Admission

The Access University Transfer admits 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 a minimum 18 (of the 20) half-course equivalents.

Spring and Summer Sessions courses taken in the session 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. 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;
2. Relevant work/volunteer experience;
3. Required essay;
4. Three letters of reference, either academic or professional in nature.

### 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.

Social Work 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 400, 402, 403, three Social Work 500-level half-course equivalent options

**Note:** *All 300-level required courses must be completed before students register in Social Work 400 or 402.*

## Access Post-Diploma

### Admission

Students who will have completed a Social Work Diploma at an Alberta Community College may apply for admission to the Access 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. 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;
2. Relevant work/volunteer experience;
3. Required essay;
4. Three letters of reference, either academic or professional in nature.

Students admitted to the Access Post-Diploma route will receive credit for 10 unassigned half courses for their diploma. In addition these students require a minimum of 8 university transferable non-Social Work half-course equivalents for admission, awarded on a course-by-course basis.

### 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.

Social Work 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 402, 403, two Social Work 500-level half-course equivalent options.

**Note:** *All 300-level required courses must be*

*completed before students register in Social Work 402.*

## After Degree Students

### Admission – Calgary, Edmonton, Lethbridge

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:

1. (a) 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;
- (b) 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.*

### Admission – Access

Students who have completed an acceptable undergraduate degree may apply to the Access Division. Applicants to the Access Division are evaluated on the following criteria:

1. 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 (60%);
2. Relevant work/volunteer experience (20%);
3. Required essay (10%); and
4. Three letters of reference (10%).

After-Degree students admitted into the Access Division 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.

### Requirements – Calgary, Edmonton and Lethbridge

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.

### Requirements – Access

Social Work 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 400, 402, 403, three Social Work 500-level half course equivalent options.

**Note:** All 300-level required courses must be completed before students register in Social Work 400 or 402.

### 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.

## Administration

### Faculty Administrative Officers

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## Affiliated Agencies

### Calgary

Action Committee Against Violence; Adoption Options; AIDS Calgary; Airdrie Family Services; Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission; Aventa; Alberta Mental Health Board; Alberta Solicitor General; Community Corrections; Alzheimer Society; Aspen Family and Community Network Society; Associates Counselling (Lethbridge); Bethany Care; Boys and Girls Clubs; Brenda Strafford Centre; Calgary Birth Control Association; Calgary Catholic Immigration Society; Calgary Catholic School Board; Calgary Communities Against Sexual Abuse; 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, Healthy Communities, Health Respite Program, HomeSupport, Peter Loughheed Centre, Rockyview Hospital, Adolescent Day Treatment Program, Care in the Community, Healthy Public Policy, Mental Health Services, Healthy Communities); Calgary and Area Child and Family Services; Calgary Scope Society; Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter; Calgary Young Offender Centre; Canadian Mental Health Association; Canadian Red Cross; Carewest; Catholic Family Services; Chinook Health Region: Children's Mental Health; Christian Adoption Services; City of Calgary Community and Neighborhood Services; Cultural Diversity Institute; Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services; CUSO; Diamond Willow Child & Family Services (Red Deer); Distress/Drug Centre; Discovery House; Eating Disorder Clinic; 8th & 8th Health Clinic; Elder Friendly Communities Project; Elizabeth Fry Society; Extencicare Cedars Villa; Faculty of Social Work Centre for Social Work Research and Development; Family Caregiver Centre; Family-School Liaison Program; Family Therapy Unit, Department of Psychiatry, Faculty of Medicine; Family Wellness Centre (Hobbema); Hearstone Social Services; Hera Society; Hospice Calgary; Hull Child and Family Services; Jewish Family Services; Kidney Foundation of Canada; Kelly Lutmer & Associates; Louise Dean Centre; Office of the Children's Advocate; Parent Development Centre; Parkinson's Society; Planned Parenthood Alberta; Queen Elizabeth Elementary School; Salvation Army; Simon House; Southern Alberta Clinic; Southern Alberta Child & Youth Health Network; Stollery Children's Health Centre (Edmonton); Street Teams/Safe House Society; Support Network Walk-in Counselling (Edmonton); Trinity Place Foundation; United Way of Calgary and Area; University Community Services Centre; University Counselling & Student Development; University Native Centre; Wood's Homes; Women's Centre; Y.W.C.A. Sheriff King Family Support Centre; Youville Women's Residence.

### Edmonton

Aboriginal Consulting Services; Adoption Options; Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission; Alberta College of Social Workers; Alberta Community Development, 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 Human Resources & Employment, Inter Governmental Relations; 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; Canadian Mental Health; Capital Care Home Care; Capital Care Lynwood; Capital Health Authority; Caritas; Catholic Social Services; Child and Adolescent Services Association; Office of the Children's Advocate; City of Edmonton, Community Services; Community Corrections; Correctional Services; Councillor Karen Leibovici's Office; Edmonton Catholic School Board; Edmonton East Community Corrections; 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; Elves Memorial Child Development Centre; Family Court Services; Family Mediation Services; 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; Kasohkower Child Wellness Society; Leduc Community Hospital; Metis Child & Family Services; Ministry of Children's Services; Misericordia Community Hospital & Health Centre; Northern Alberta Brain Injury Society; Operation Friendship; Partners for Kids & Youth; Patch Place; Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities; Provincial Mental Health Board; Region 6 Child & Family Services; 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; Alberta Mental Health Services; Baron's Eureka Warner FCSS; Big Brothers and Big Sisters; 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, Fort Macleod); Family Centre; 5th on 5th Youth Services; Harbour House; Kainaiwa Children's Services; LDS Social Services; Lethbridge HIV Connection; Lethbridge Association for Community Living; Lethbridge Cancer Clinic; Lethbridge Collegiate Institute; Lethbridge Family Services; Lethbridge Immigration 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; Winston Churchill High School; Woods Homes.

#### Access Central Alberta

Alberta Mental Health Board, Alberta Hospital Ponoka; Alberta Solicitor General, Community; Bowden Community Support Services; City of Red Deer- Social Planning; Corrections, Stettler and Wetaskiwin; 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; Drumheller Institution; Dual Diagnosis Unit, Alberta Hospital Ponoka; East Central Health, Camrose; East Central Health, Stettler; Keystone Child and Family Services, Wetaskiwin; Lacombe Mental Health; McMan Youth Family and Community Services, Rocky Mountain House; Rimbey Neighbourhood Pace Society; Red Deer Regional Hospital; St. Patrick's Community School, Red Deer; Canadian Mental Health Association, Red Deer; Wolf Creek School Division.

#### 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; P.A. Lawrence Research and Consulting; PACE; Pregnant Teen Network; Queen Elizabeth II Hospital; Social Work Department; South Peace Social Planning Council; Western Cree Tribal Council.

#### Hobbema

AKO Child and Family Services; Ermineskin Women's Shelter; Nipisihkopahk 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; Bigstone Cree

Nation Child and Family Services; Education, Culture and Employment, Fort Smith, NWT; First Nations Liaison Unit, McLennan; High Prairie Behavior Outreach Services, Slave Lake; High Prairie Community Connections; Keeweenok Lakes Regional Health Authority No. 15; Keystone Child and Family Services; 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; Tawow Options; WJS Alberta Boys and Girls Club.

#### Southern Alberta

Alberta Children's Hospital; Blood Tribe Department of Health Counseling Services; Gateways Family Service Coordination, Behaviour Research Unit; Kainai Family Parenting Centre Project; Kainai Children's Services Corporation, Blood Reserve, Standoff; Sun Country Child and Family Services, Cardston; Tsuu T'ina Nation Child and Family Services.

