

SUNY Buffalo State
Social Work Department
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MINOR PROGRAM

SOCIAL WELFARE

18 CREDIT HOURS

The academic portion examines the historical socio-cultural significance of citizenship, poverty, social welfare, diversity, and market economies and develops skills to solve local and global problems. The student is also involved in community service in which he/she gains a comprehensive hands-on understanding of the roles of individuals and institutions in developing and sustaining social outcomes. The minor curriculum serves to enhance the student's preparation for careers in the government, non-profits, law, politics, health, and social planning. Social Welfare minors will not be able to practice as social workers. **Acceptance criteria:** CWP 102 and a minimum GPA of 2.5

REQUIRED COURSES: (9 credits)

SWK 220 Introduction to Social Work
SWK 301 Poverty and Public Policy (formerly SWK 319)
PSC 102 Introduction to American Government and Politics

ELECTIVES: (9 credits)

Select three of the following:

SOC 312 Women in Society
SOC/AAS 321 The African-American Family (*Prerequisite: SOC 100*)
SOC 350 Power, Class, and Inequality (*Prerequisite: SOC 100*)
SOC 351 Sociology of Race and Ethnicity (*Prerequisite: SOC 100*)
EXE 100 Nature and Needs of Individuals with Special Needs
HIS 363 American Identity in Transition: Diversity and Pluralism in the U.S.
PSC 375 Race, Sex, and Politics of Myth and Story (*Prerequisite: CWP 102 and Junior Status*)

"A minor may include no more than half of its credit hours at the lower-division level."

"The minor will accept a maximum of three courses of transfer credit."