



## Social Work (BSW) Career Exploration Track

### Major Description:

A generalist Social Work curriculum is based on the values and ethics of the profession. Among others, these include a commitment to social and economic justice, valuing the importance of human relationships, and honoring the dignity and worth of human beings. The BSW program prepares graduates for social work practice with diverse populations in many settings, including, but not limited to schools, hospitals, hospice, police departments, correctional facilities, child welfare, substance abuse treatment facilities, and shelters. The curriculum covers content related to social justice, diversity, human behavior, policy, research, and social work practice with individuals, groups, organizations and communities.

### Course Plan:

Semester	Course
1 <sup>st</sup> Semester	SWK 105: Social Work and the Community
2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester	SWK 106: Introduction to Social Justice
3 <sup>rd</sup> Semester	SWK 204: Social Work Ethics, or SWK 205: Inclusion, Oppression, & Social Work, or SWK 206: Professional Social Work Communication
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### Course Descriptions:

#### SWK 105: Social Work and the Community

Introduction to the social work profession. It explores professional work with diverse individuals, groups, and communities. Each student is provided with an opportunity to evaluate a commitment to, and capacity for, working with others toward social and economic justice for diverse populations.

#### SWK 106: Introduction to Social Justice

This class is an introduction to foundational concepts and ethical concerns in social justice studies. A General Education course (Elective Global View). This course is the first in the sequence for the social justice minor.

#### SWK 204: Social Work Ethics

This course prepares the social work professional's knowledge of ethical standards, theories, principles, and the application to generalist social work practice. The course examines specific components of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Code of Ethics, ethical theories, and ethical decision-making processes.

### SWK 205: Inclusion, Oppression, & Social Work

This course introduces students to selected theories that critically analyze oppression at individual and institutional levels. Various experiences of oppression that limit opportunities and human rights for marginalized groups are explored. Developing self-awareness as well as anti-oppressive policies are emphasized as essential to ethical and effective social work practice.

### SWK 206: Professional Social Work Communication

This class is an introduction to professional communications in social work. Students engage with a variety of materials and opportunities to practice communication in various professional contexts, explore communication skills and strategies with diverse audiences and multiple intended outcomes, and develop competence in social work communication.

### Links:

- Department Website: <https://nku.edu/academics/chhs/programs/undergraduate/bsw.html>