

## What is Social Work?

The field of Social Work is a helping profession focused on assisting people as they work to manage various aspects of their lives such as financial, health, and social problems, as well as life changes. Social Workers work in a variety of settings including hospitals, schools, and clinics. They are well-trained to "...talk to new clients in order to identify their problems, concerns and needs" (WOIS.org). Social Work is a growing field with many opportunities. At minimum, a bachelor's degree is needed to gain entry-level employment, however many states often require a Master's in Social Work and additional Social Work licensures. –[This information was obtained from Social Work License Map](#)

## Which Degree do I Begin with?

- Associate of Arts & Sciences-Direct Transfer Agreement (DTA)

Career options include...

- Case Manager
- Academic Advisor
- Grant Writer
- Youth Programs Manager
- Policy Analyst
- Social Worker
- Vocational Counselor
- Research Analyst

For more career information visit WOIS/The Career Information System-  
<https://www.wois.org/use/careers/viewer.cfm?ocnum=100202>

## What Are Some Common Prerequisites that I'll Need to Take Here?

Every university and major concentration will require slightly different prerequisites. It is **highly recommended** that you speak with a representative at the target university in conjunction with an academic advisor here at BC to ensure that you are taking the proper courses. Double-checking requirements is as easy as going to the university department website. Below is a general guide to the courses **recommended** and the areas of study they fulfill on the DTA for students interested in a Social Work major (this is not an official list):

Written Communication	Mathematics	Major Specific	Recommended Courses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ENGL&amp; 101†</li> <li>• ENGL&amp; 201 OR 271†</li> </ul> <p>†: Recommended during the first year of study.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MATH&amp; 107+ OR HIGHER</li> <li>• We <b>recommend</b> MATH 130 <u>with</u> completion of intermediate algebra proficiency (Math 099 or ALEKS test placement into MATH 138 or MATH 141.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ECON 100</li> <li>• PSYCH&amp; 100†</li> <li>• SOC&amp; 101†</li> <li>• BIOL 108†</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ANTH&amp; 206</li> <li>• PSYC&amp; 200</li> <li>• POLS&amp; 202</li> <li>• CMST , CJ &amp; CES classes</li> <li>• 3 quarters of one world language (or 3 years of one world language in high school)</li> </ul>

### Important notes about class selection above:

1. Many Social Work and Social Work-related programs have prerequisites. Please check with the major-specific website or an advisor at your target university or universities to learn about other important prerequisites.
2. Keep in mind a 2.0-2.5 is required for admission and graduation at the university level. Check the website for your major at your target university to confirm.

Check your degree progress!  
Log into degree audit at:  
<http://bellevuecollege.edu/degreeaudit/>

## Course Planning Notes

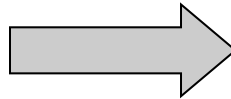
Use the space below to write down a course sequence for this school year. Remember to maintain balance each quarter (i.e. try not to take all sciences or all writing-based classes in a single quarter). Also, keep in mind that 12 credit hours or more is considered full time; make sure to balance class load with your personal and/or work life. This is not an official educational plan– you should see an academic advisor if you have questions about course selection.

SUMMER		FALL		WINTER		SPRING	
COURSE	CREDITS	COURSE	CREDITS	COURSE	CREDITS	COURSE	CREDITS
TOTAL QTR. CREDITS		TOTAL QTR. CREDITS		TOTAL QTR. CREDITS		TOTAL QTR. CREDITS	

## Beyond BC with a Social Work Degree!

Social Work prepares graduates to work effectively with individuals, families, small groups, communities, and organizations. Social Work is a challenging and fulfilling profession that attracts those with a spark of idealism, a belief in social justice and love of working with people. The roots of the Social Work profession lie in the turn of the century efforts to meet the needs of people in poverty, neglected children, and exploited workers. Social Work is a dynamic, growing profession grounded in the Social Sciences and Liberal Arts as well as its own knowledge and research base. Social Workers are involved in the community; they are aware of the pain of those not in the mainstream; they are sensitive to the reality they see and the dream of an ideal society. They are committed to service, and their decision to go into Social Work is based upon the desire to contribute to the greater good of humankind. *-This information from Pacific Lutheran University*

Select Washington universities which offer a degree



**Universities with Degrees in Social Work**  
Eastern Washington University -Cheney and Vancouver  
Pacific Lutheran University  
Seattle University  
University of Washington-Seattle  
Walla Walla University  
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**Universities with Degrees Related to Social Work**  
The Evergreen State College  
University of Washington-Bothell (Society, Ethics, and Human Behavior)  
University of Washington Bothell (Community Psychology)  
University of Washington-Tacoma (Social Welfare)  
Washington State University-Vancouver and Online (Human Development)  
Western Washington University-Bellingham, Everett, and Online (Human Services)

## Here's the Scoop! Considerations for this Major:

- Programs will differ from university to university; for example, some will offer "Social Welfare" degrees instead of "Social Work".
- Know the school's admission requirements, expectations, deadlines, and areas of specialization. Additionally, some universities require an application to the university AND an application to the major/program. Be sure you know the processes for the schools you hope to transfer to.
- Attend the information sessions offered by the universities.
- Most universities have admission and exit foreign language policies; know what they are so you don't miss the graduation requirements.
- Apply to more than one university and have more than one back-up plan.
- Volunteer and service learning are important elements to the application process. Successful applicants typically need to have this experience in order to meet minimum admission requirements.
- POLS& 202 (American Government) is recommended for those interested in Social Work (and is required for the UW-Tacoma Social Welfare degree).

## Who To Contact for more Information:

Bellevue College has a variety of friendly faces and resources to help you plan and register for classes.

**New to Bellevue College?** Connect with BC's Welcome Center via [www.bellevuecollege.edu/welcome/](http://www.bellevuecollege.edu/welcome/) or email [welcome@bellevuecollege.edu](mailto:welcome@bellevuecollege.edu)

**Currently Taking Classes?** Connect with the Academic Advising Department via [www.bellevuecollege.edu/advising/](http://www.bellevuecollege.edu/advising/) or call 425-564-2212.

The Social Work major is part of the Social Science division. In order to make an appointment with an academic or faculty advisor, call **425-564-2331** or **425-564-2212**.

**Looking for specific Career Information?** Connect with the Center for Career Connections via [www.bellevuecollege.edu/careers/](http://www.bellevuecollege.edu/careers/) or call **425-564-2279**.



**This is an unofficial guide only, designed to prepare students for entry into Washington State programs. It is the student's responsibility to research and communicate with all community college and university programs to which he/she intends to apply to establish prerequisites and admission requirements, as they vary and are subject to change without notice .**

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