

**University of Utah  
Bachelor of Social Work Program  
Fact Sheet**

**Facts about the Social Work Profession**

- Social work is a helping profession
- Careers in social work span from adoptions to gerontology with the ability to work with populations from all walks of life.
- Individuals with a bachelor's degree are qualified as case managers and can work in all areas with the exception of therapeutic roles.

**Facts about the Bachelor of Social Work Program**

- The Bachelor of Social Work Program began at the University of Utah campus Fall semester 2001.
- It is accredited through the Council on Social Work Education.
- Students are eligible to take the Utah Social Service Worker licensure examination immediately upon graduation.
- Graduates who are admitted to a Master of Social Work Program with an Advanced Standing program can complete their MSW in one year.

**Pre-admission requirements**

- Pre-admission advising. Advising can take place on a regular basis as early as freshman admission.
- Completion of associate's degree or letter of completion is recommended for transfer students
- Application to University of Utah (must be admitted to the U in order to take SW 1010 and SW 2300)
- Accumulation of social work-related experience – paid or volunteer. (Supervised, structured social work experience prior to application introduces a student to the profession and solidifies commitment to the field. It allows an applicant the ability to speak to their preparation for the field in the personal statement, and provides potential for strong letters of recommendation.)

**Admission Requirements**

- Advising appointment
- Completion of, or currently enrolled in, prerequisite courses:
  - PSY 1010 General Psychology
  - SOC 1010 Introduction to Sociology
  - BIOL 1210 General Biology (will also accept BIOL 1030)
  - POL S 1100 U.S. National Government
  - SW 1010 Social Work as a Profession (must receive a grade of C or better).
  - SW 2300 Social Welfare as an Institution (must receive a grade of C or better).
- Complete BSW Application Form
- Personal statement
- Resume reflection of social work experience acquired, including the total number of hours achieved
- Official transcripts from each college or university attended by the applicant

- Overall GPA of 2.35 or better

Important University of Utah websites:

<http://www.sa.utah.edu/admiss/> Online application to the University of Utah

<http://www.sa.utah.edu/admiss/trans.htm> General information for transfer students

<http://www.sa.utah.edu/finance/> Financial aid and scholarship information

<http://wwwfbs.admin.utah.edu/index.php/tuition/> Tuition information

<http://wwwsocwk.utah.edu/bsw/> Bachelor of Social Work information

<http://www.socwk.utah.edu/msw/index.html> Master of Social Work information

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