UW Tacoma
Bachelor of Arts in Social Welfare (BASW)
What is Social Work?

- Social Workers...
  - Empower individuals, relieve suffering, and affect social change
  - Are advocates for social change
  - Care about human dignity and social justice
  - Help people identify and manage factors that contribute to their problems
  - Work in a wide variety of settings but have common core values, techniques, and principles
Careers in Social Work

- Administration
- Advocacy & community organizations
- Aging & gerontology
- Child welfare & families
- Health care
- Justice & corrections
- Mental health
- Public welfare
- Research
- ...and more!

Visit [www.socialworkers.org](http://www.socialworkers.org) for further info on careers in social work!
Program Overview

- Accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)
- Sequenced Cohort Model
- 2 year full-time, day on campus program
- Field experience completed in second year applying classroom knowledge and skills to real-world settings.
  - Admits approximately 56 students yearly
  - Priority application deadline March 15 (Autumn Quarter admission only) - often admit students after the deadline
Program Curriculum

- 68 credit program of study
  - Includes 440 hours of Field Experience (Practicum) in the second year of the program
- Foundation Courses focus on:
  - Social Work Practice Foundations
  - Policy and Advocacy
  - Cultural Diversity and Societal Justice
  - Human Behavior and the Social Environment
  - Social Work Research
  - Professionalism in Social Work
  - History of Social Work
Social Welfare Electives

- TSOCWF 350 Biopsychosocial Human Services
- TSOCWF 351 Applied Statistics for Social and Human Services
- TSOCWF 353 Mental Illness and Recovery
- TSOCWF 355 HIV/AIDS: Global and National Issues
- TSOCWF 356 Disabilities: Individuals and Community Perspectives
- TSOCWF 361 Substance Abuse and Mental Health in Criminal Justice
- TSOCWF 363 Criminalization of Immigration
- TSOCWF 374 Human Trafficking
- TSOCWF 409 Readings in Social Welfare
- TSOCWF 420 Interpersonal Violence and Society
- TSOCWF 421 Cross-Cultural Grieving
- TSOCWF 422 Aging in American Society
- TSOCWF 427 Disproportionality Across Systems
- TSOCWF 430 Children of Incarcerated Parents
- TSOCWF 433 Crisis and Trauma Interventions with Crime Victims
- TSOCWF 436 Social Work in Criminal Justice Settings
- TSOCWF 490 Research in Social Welfare
Practicum

- Practicum is like an internship, in which you register and receive academic credit for your field experience.
  - 440 hours (11 credits)
  - Spans three quarters your second year

- Practicum agencies include those that serve:
  - K-12 students and schools
  - Behavioral health needs
  - Foster youth and families
  - LGBTQIA+
  - Unhoused population
  - Aging population
  - Individuals living with HIV/AIDS
  - Individuals with disabilities
  - Individuals connected to the criminal justice system
Program Requirements

Health Sciences Immunization Policy

- All students in the Bachelor of Social Welfare Program must abide by the Health Sciences Immunization Policy (HSIP).

- Students must document immunity to Measles (Rubeola), Mumps, Rubella, Hepatitis B, Tetanus-Diphtheria-Pertussis, Varicella (chicken pox), TB screening, and seasonal influenza vaccine. The influenza vaccine must be renewed each year you are in the program.

- Students must provide verification of vaccination for COVID-19.

- **NO EXCEPTIONS**
Authorization for Repeat Background Check form is a required document to complete your BASW application.

If you are offered admission, and you accept, you will order a background check through CastleBranch, a third-party vendor. You will pay the background check fee of $53.00. Additional background checks and fees may apply if needed.
Who are our faculty?

- Faculty have research interests which include:
  - Violence prevention
  - Disapportionality in the child welfare system
  - Disabilities
  - LGBTQIA+
  - Gender studies
  - Arts and humanities in social work practice
  - Animal assisted therapy
  - Race and transnational adoption
  - Health disparities and elder care
  - Social work within the criminal justice system
  - Justice involved youth

Many faculty also come with practice experience working with the homeless, immigrants, substance abuse, mental health, healthcare, etc.
Admission Criteria
BASW Prerequisites

- Successful completion (minimum grade of 2.0)
  - Intro to English Composition
  - Intro to Sociology*
  - Intro to Psychology*
  - Minimum of 75 college-level and transferable credits

* Applicants can be considered for admission if one or both of these courses are planned for an upcoming quarter and are encouraged to apply.
Essay and Resume

- You will write a two page essay which will provide autobiographical information and discuss your experiences with human and/or social services.
  - The essay is the most important element of your application.
- You will provide a current resume. If you have social service experience (paid or unpaid), please highlight this on your resume in addition to any special skills or certifications.
Who is a strong candidate?

• Articulate a strong commitment to social justice

• Articulate a desire to work with diverse populations in a social service capacity

• Has experience (paid or unpaid) in social or human services – experience is NOT required however.
Who are our students?

- Range in age from 18 – 55 years old
- Attend from Pierce, King, Thurston and Kitsap counties
- Most students work at least part-time
- Average GPA of incoming students is 3.13
How do I apply?
UWT Application & Admission Process

Transfer and Running Start Students

1. Start an application with the university
   - Applications must be submitted online
     - https://www.tacoma.uw.edu/admissions/transferstudents
   - A $60.00 application fee must be paid at the time of submission.

2. Once admitted to UW Tacoma, complete the BASW Application
   - Application must be submitted online
     - https://www.tacoma.uw.edu/swcj/basw-application
   - Personal Statement
   - Resume
   - Authorization for Repeat Background Check/HSIP Acknowledgement form
UWT Application & Admission Process

Current UW Tacoma Students

Complete the BASW Application:

- Application must be completed online
  - https://www.tacoma.uw.edu/swcj/basw-application
- Personal Statement
- Resume
- Authorization for Repeat Background Check/HSIP Acknowledgement form
Questions?

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Thank you for your interest in the UW Tacoma BASW Major!