

BACHELOR OF ARTS, SOCIAL WELFARE (BASW)

W SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK & CRIMINAL JUSTICE
UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON | TACOMA



2026 BASW APPLICATION PROCESS & INFORMATION

OUR PROGRAM

Autumn Quarter Admissions Only

The Social Welfare major is dedicated to preparing competent, ethical, and culturally sensitive social workers with specialized knowledge and skills, committed to evidence-based practice and planned social change. Students complete the required BASW core curriculum in sequence over a two-year period with a hybrid schedule that works for busy students and professionals. Additionally, through practicum, students build skills and hands-on experience to be successful in the field as social workers.

DID YOU KNOW?

BSW/BASW GRADS
can earn their
Advanced Standing
Master of Social Work
degree at UW Tacoma
in 15-18 months!

BASW CURRICULUM

The BASW curriculum consists of three major areas: foundation courses, social work practice courses and practicum combined with seminars.

- Students complete the BASW core curriculum in a set sequence over two years
- 58-credit program offered in a hybrid format
- Curriculum is organized into three main areas:
 - Foundation coursework
 - Social work practice courses
 - 3-quarter practicum (field experience) paired with a seminar course
- Students also complete 10 credits of upper-division Social Welfare electives
- General education electives may be required depending on previously earned college credits

CHECK YOUR ELIGIBILITY

To be considered for BASW program admission, applicants must:

- Be admitted to UW Tacoma
- 2.00 GPA or better (cumulative)
 - *Current UWT students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 in all UW coursework and be in good standing with the university.*
 - *Transfer and Running Start applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 in all transferable coursework.*
- Completion of at least 75 college-level quarter credits before the start of the BASW program.
- Completed each of the following prerequisite courses with a grade of 2.0 or better:
 - 5 credits of English composition
 - Introductory course in psychology*
 - Introductory course in sociology*

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

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Essay (1-2 page maximum)

- Describe how your personal, academic, volunteer, and/or work experiences led you to the Social Welfare major
- How do your experiences and goals fit with our mission, inspire you to serve others, and inform your career aspirations?

Resume (1 page maximum)

- Highlighting experiences related to social services. This may include:
 - Awards, achievements, or honors
 - Special skills (such as bilingual abilities, artistic talents, or research experience)
 - Social service experience (paid or unpaid), including dates and total hours for each role
- UW HSIP Acknowledgement Form

Submit the BASW application online. All items above must be uploaded to the application by applicant.

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Email us: swcj@uw.edu

Attend an event, sign up for our mailing list, and book an advising appointment



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- Apply for financial aid (FAFSA/WASFA)
- Search for on-campus jobs and external funding.
- Learn more about our traineeships, including the Child Welfare Training and Advancement Program (CWTAP).

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK & CRIMINAL JUSTICE SCHOLARSHIPS

Marc Walters Behavioral Health Scholarship
School of Social Work and Criminal Justice Scholarship
Jacque DaCamara Endowed Student Support Fund

CONTACT STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

(p) 253-692-4374 (f) 253-692-4788
e-mail to uwtfa@uw.edu

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

Feb. 28, 2026: Priority deadline to submit the FAFSA/WASFA

Mar. 15, 2026: BASW priority deadline

BASW applications received after the priority deadline will be reviewed on a space-available basis. Admission decisions for the priority applicant pool will be made in late spring quarter.



START YOUR APPLICATION:

tacoma.uw.edu/swcj/basw-admissions

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