Social Justice and Service  As part of St. Ambrose University’s commitment to social justice and service to others, we developed a unique academic pathway that allows students to earn a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) and a second undergraduate degree in Psychology, Sociology, or Women and Gender Studies at the same time.

A History of Engagement  At St. Ambrose, our roots in social justice run deep. We take action, in and out of the classroom. From advocating for the rights of labor and migrant workers in the 1930s, to Catholic social action and civil rights movement in the 1950s, to the current issues of economic and racial inequality, St. Ambrose students, faculty, staff and alumni have a rich history of engagement and taking action to make our world a better place.

Advocates for Empowerment  A social work education at St. Ambrose University emphasizes social justice and empowerment practice at all system levels. The BSW degree program prepares students to be social workers with a rich liberal arts base providing strong critical thinking, analytic, and communication skills who enrich lives and advocate for a just society through an empowerment lens. This is a value-added skill set, highly valued by employers.

In-demand Careers  The U.S. Department of Labor Statistics estimates the need for social work professionals will grow 16 percent by 2026, with high demand in healthcare and social service related fields.

Track 1 Admission Requirements  High-achieving high school students who are interested in securing their place in the BSW program at SAU may apply for early decision consideration by completing an application if they meet the following criteria:

- Earn a minimum 3.0 GPA
- Earn a minimum ACT score of 23 or between a 1130 and 1150 score on the SAT
- Personal statement describing career goals and interests in social work (1-2 pages, double-sided)
- Accepted by SAU for admission

Student will maintain placement in the BSW program if they meet the BSW admission criteria described on the next page.
BSW Program — Track 1

BSW Program Admission Requirements
Please submit all materials during 2nd semester of sophomore year

☐ Accepted student status at SAU
  (and submitted relevant transcripts where applicable)

☐ At least 45 college credits complete

☐ Completed application form

☐ Earn a minimum of 2.5 cumulative GPA

Required coursework with a C or higher (no C- allowed):

• SWK 201 – Introduction to Social Work (3 credits)
• BIOL 101 + 101L – Human Biology OR
  BIOL 112 + 112L – Humans and Disease (4 credits)
• STAT 213 – Statistical Analysis OR
  SOC 430 + 430L – Data Analysis in Social Science Research (3 credits)
• PSCI 101 – Introduction to American Government
  (3 credits)

Choose one of the following areas of study and earn a C or higher:

• PSYC 105 – Introduction to Psychology (3 credits)
• SOC 101 – Introduction to Sociology (3 credits)
• WGS 201 – Introduction to Women and Gender Studies
  (3 credits)

☐ Completed personal statement addressing specific prompts
  and adhering to correct formatting guidelines

☐ One professional reference from either supervisor OR college instructor

Curriculum — 32 hours total

Fall term, junior year
SWK 320  Human Behavior in the Social Environment I ........ 3
SWK 330  Generalist Practice I-Individuals .................. 3
SWK 360  Diversity ............................................. 3
Total semesters hours ........................................ 9

Spring term, junior year
SWK 310  Social Welfare & Policy ........................... 3
SWK 325  Human Behavior in the Social Environment II ... 3
SWK 333  Generalist Practice II-Families ................... 3
Total semester hours ............................................ 9

Fall term, senior year
SWK 340  Social Work Research ............................... 3
SWK 400  Field Instruction I ................................. 3
SWK 402  Field Seminar I ..................................... 1
Total semester hours ............................................ 7

Spring term, senior year
SWK 336  Generalist Practice III-Communities/Organizations .. 3
SWK 401  Field Instruction II .................................. 3
SWK 403  Field Seminar II .................................... 1
Total semester hours ............................................ 7

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