



# SOCIAL WORK

## BGSU COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

The baccalaureate program in social work is designed to prepare graduates to be generalist social work practitioners. As compared to social work training in the past, when the student chose a methodology as a major area (namely casework, group work, community organization or administration), the student today is trained for a different perspective, namely a systems approach. The social work generalist is a person who has knowledge and skills to work in social systems, large and small.

### BGSU College of Health and Human Services – Social Work

#### Points of Pride

- Students gain valuable experience while participating in required community service programs, helping them apply classroom knowledge to real-life situations.
- Accredited by the Council on Social Work Education
- Graduates of accredited programs are eligible for licensure in states that have social work licensure laws, including Ohio.
- The student to faculty ratio is 25 to 1 allowing for increased student-faculty contact and enhances classroom interaction.
- Student Organization of Social Workers (SOSW) is an organization consisting mostly of pre-social work and social work majors.
- Career opportunities include mental health, child welfare, schools, hospitals, criminal justice agencies, home health, geriatrics, chemical dependency, and child and family services.



#### Alumni Success

Claire Lee came to BGSU during her sophomore year in 2011 knowing that she wanted to pursue a career in social work. "It wasn't until I completed a gerontology introduction course that my purpose in social work became crystal clear." She completed numerous internships in the Toledo area working with the elderly, acting as an assessor and case manager. Lee graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Social Work but did not stop there. "With the support and encouragement of the social work department, I applied and attended the University of Michigan School of Social Work." During the 16-month program she completed internships at Towsley Village, an assisted living facility for people with dementia, and the second at Jewish Family Services of Metro Detroit. Lee graduated in December 2014 and has been working at the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging as an assessor for the MyCare Ohio Waiver program.

**BGSU offers a Master of Social Work Program**  
 The Master of Social Work (MSW) degree gives students the skills and knowledge they need for advanced social work practice, especially in the field of aging/gerontology. If you are passionate about social justice, policy, and developing or improving services, the MSW degree may be for you! This degree sets you on a path to becoming a leader capable of contributing to solutions for the numerous challenges facing our society

**For more information**  
**Social Work**  
**419-372-8242**  
**[bgsu.edu/socialwork](http://bgsu.edu/socialwork)**

# MAJOR MAP

## SOCIAL WORK – Bachelor of Science in Social Work

| CLASS OPTIONS       | <p><b>Freshman</b></p> <p>Register as pre-social work major. Review core requirements and application to Social Work Programs in undergraduate catalog at <a href="http://bgsu.edu/catalog">bgsu.edu/catalog</a>. Complete SOWK 1100 and SOC 1010 with a C or better by end of spring.</p> | <p><b>Sophomore</b></p> <p>Complete SOWK 2280 with a C or better and continue working on completing BG Perspective.</p>   | <p><b>Junior</b></p> <p>In fall term, complete DHS 3300, SOWK 3200, SOWK 3120 with a C or better. In spring term, complete DHS 3000, SOWK 3220, SOWK 3250 and SOWK 3210 with a C or better.</p> | <p><b>Senior</b></p>  |
|---------------------|--|---|---|---|
| GOOD ADVICE         | <p>Meet with the advisor in College of Health and Human Services Advising Center—102 Health &amp; Human Services Building—fall term.</p>   | <p>Meet with Social Work Program faculty advisor during fall term. Seek out faculty for independent research project.</p>   |    |   |
| RELEVANT EXPERIENCE | <p>Apply for admission to the Social Work Program by Jan. 30, spring semester, <a href="http://bgsu.edu/catalog">bgsu.edu/catalog</a>. Complete 30 hours of volunteer work at a social or human service agency (see instructions in application for admission).</p>                        | <p>Volunteer at a social service agency or through the Office of Service Learning.</p>  | <p>Consider the Washington Center Internship Program. Talk to employers at Focus on the Field.</p>  | <p>In fall term, meet with field director to plan practicum. Complete application for admission to practicum. If considering graduate school, meet with advisor to identify options and develop application plan.</p> |
| USEFUL CONNECTIONS  | <p>Join Student Organization of Social Workers (SOSW), Phi Alpha Honor Society, or similar organization.</p>   | <p>Participate in SOSW events. Participate in study groups for major classes.</p>   | <p>Join NASW Ohio and attend fall conference. Take on a leadership position in a student organization.</p>  | <p>Attend workshops and training events offered by practicum or other community agencies.</p>   |
| GLOBAL VIEWS        | <p>Explore education abroad opportunities at <a href="http://bgsu.edu/educationabroad">bgsu.edu/educationabroad</a>.</p>   | <p>Talk to your academic advisor or faculty member about any study abroad opportunities.</p>  | <p>Attend international student events on campus, such as the World Student Association's International Dinner or the Japanese Student Association's Cherry Blossom Festival.</p>               | <p>Attend other cultural events off campus or on campus to expand your perspectives.</p>  |
| CAREER PREP         | <p>Visit Career Center resources for resume and cover letter review, and mock interview. Register for the Falcon Internship Guarantee Program.</p>   | <p>Visit the BGSU Career Center at <a href="http://bgsu.edu/career-center">bgsu.edu/career-center</a> and consider enrolling in the Falcon Internship Guarantee Program. Explore in-demand careers, career pathways, and occupations using <a href="http://www.OhioMeansJobs.com">www.OhioMeansJobs.com</a></p> |    | <p>In fall term, attend Focus on the Field. Study in peer groups for Advanced Standing Test. In spring term, take State of Ohio social work licensure exam.</p>   |