



# Bachelor of Arts in SOCIAL WORK

The **BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIAL WORK (BASW)** program at California State University, Long Beach is designed to prepare students for entry level, professional, generalist social work practice and for graduate social work education including advanced standing. Students learn to practice as professional social workers with persons and groups representing the range of human diversity and with all size systems (individuals, families, groups, institutions and communities).

**PROGRAM SCHEDULE:** BASW students have the opportunity to study in a daytime or evening program model. Classes are usually scheduled at the times indicated below but are subject to change (depending on University restrictions and classroom availability):

- Daytime Program classes: Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30am – 12:15pm and from 2:00 – 4:45pm
- Evening Program classes: Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30 – 9:45pm and Tuesdays from 7:00 – 9:45pm

## SAMPLE PROGRAM

### JUNIOR YEAR

#### Fall Semester:

- \***SW 220:** Introduction to Social Welfare
- SW 221:** Introduction to Social Welfare Practicum
- \***SW 330:** Human Behavior and Social Environment: Birth through Adolescence
- \***SW 351:** Social Policy: Formulation and Analysis

#### Spring Semester:

- \***SW 331:** Human Behavior and Social Environment: Young Adulthood through Old Age
- SW 340:** Generalist Social Work Practice
- SW 341:** Social Work Practicum
- \***SW 350:** Law, Court Decisions, and Policy Practice

### SENIOR YEAR

#### Fall Semester:

- SW 440:** Generalist Social Work Practice with Groups
- SW 442:** Generalist Social Work Practice with Individuals and Families
- SW 495A:** Field Experience in Social Work I

#### Spring Semester:

- SW 441:** Generalist Social Work Practice with Communities & Institutions
- SW 465:** Research Methods in Social Work
- SW 495B:** Field Experience in Social Work II

**NOTE:** Courses indicated with an asterisk (\*) are open to non-majors. Students who are interested in enrolling in one of these courses should contact the School of Social Work for more information.

### FIELD EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:

Fieldwork is an integral part of the BASW curriculum, providing an opportunity for students to apply social work knowledge and practice skills in an agency-based, educationally-focused field setting.

BASW students in their junior year must complete an 80-hour practicum at a community agency (8 hours per week for 10 weeks). BASW students in their senior year must complete 450 hours of fieldwork throughout the academic year as well as attend a weekly seminar. Students must complete 16 hours per week in an assigned field agency setting, which must include either two 8-hour weekdays, or one 8-hour and two 4-hour weekdays.

### STIPEND OPPORTUNITIES:

The CalSWEC Public Child Welfare BASW Program provides financial support to BASW students in exchange for a commitment to work in a public child welfare agency after graduation. The intent of the program is to strengthen and enhance the quality of practice by professionally trained and educated public child welfare social workers.