The CSULB BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIAL WORK 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, communities and institutions).

Program Schedule: BASW students have the opportunity to study in a daytime or evening program model.
- Daytime program classes: Mondays and Wednesdays: 9:30am – 12:15pm and 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 the Social Work major are encouraged to contact the School of Social Work to request to enroll in these courses.

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 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:
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.