# DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

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The Lamar University Social Work Program prepares graduates for generalist social work practice. The BSW Program at Lamar University is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). Graduates of the BSW program are eligible to take the state licensing examination administered by the Texas State Board of Social Work Examiners.

The primary mission of the social work profession is to enhance well-being and help meet the basic human needs of all people, with particular attention to the needs and empowerment of people who are vulnerable, oppressed, and living in poverty. Social workers promote social justice and social change with, and on behalf of, individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities (National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics). The research/training interests of Lamar's social work faculty include family violence, child welfare, multicultural practice, adolescent development and program evaluation.

Students in the Social Work Program are expected to understand and adhere to the policies outlined in the Lamar University **Social Work Student Handbook**.

## Departmental Academic Policies

a. A grade of "C" or higher for each course in the major field (including transfer courses) is required for graduation.
b. Each student's use of English is subject to review up to and including the semester in which he or she is scheduled to graduate. Any faculty member who identifies a departmental major having poor English skills will notify the student and the department chair in writing. The department chair will then review writing samples and consult with the Director of Writing for the Department of English. Based on the recommendations of the Director of Writing and the department chair, additional diagnostic procedures and course work may be required before the student is recommended for graduation.
c. Social Work majors must have a 2.5 or better grade point average to remain in the program.
d. Students who are majoring in this department and who are on academic probation or returning from academic suspension may not enroll in more than 12 semester hours (13-15 hours if a laboratory course and P.E. are taken) in any semester.
e. All departmental majors (full-time and part-time) must have satisfied the university's requirements for English composition and mathematics before registering for 3000-and 4000-level courses offered by the department.

## Programs

- Social Work (BSW) (https://catalog.lamar.edu/nursing-health-professions/dept-social-work/social-work-bsw/)
- Social Work Minor (https://catalog.lamar.edu/nursing-health-professions/dept-social-work/social-work-minor/)