

SOCIAL WORK

MAJOR MAP

WHO WE ARE

- The Bachelor of Science in Social Work (B.S.S.W.) program at Tennessee State University prepares students to become practitioners in social service.
- We teach based on the Generalist Intervention Model (G.I.M.), which can be used effectively with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities. In addition to classroom discussion and activities, students in our program complete 400 field placement hours, allowing students to apply their knowledge of the G.I.M. as they intervene with clients of the agencies in which they complete field.

CAREER OUTCOMES:

- Probation and Parole Officers
- Resident Managers
- Adult Protective Services
- Child Protective Services
- Planned Parenthood Centers
- Public Health
- PMental Health



AREAS OF STUDY:

There are no concentrations, minors, specializations, or other academic options available in the program.



What skills will students learn throughout this program?

- Assess client needs, strengths, resources, and barriers
- Develop intervention plans in partnership with clients
- Employ empathy and cultural humility in engagement of clients
- Collaborate with professionals in other agencies serving the clients
- Research on target problems, populations, and interventions.
- Understand how policy affects the client population and advocate for policies which bring greater equity for clients.
- Evaluate the program, interventions, and policies within the agency setting.



WHAT SKILLS ARE YOUR FUTURE EMPLOYERS LOOKING FOR?

- Empathy and Compassion
- Communication Skills
- Cultural Competence
- Assessment and Problem-Solving
- Ethical and Professional Behavior
- Case management
- Advocacy
- Self-Care Skills
- Interdisciplinary Collaboration
- Crisis Intervention
- Advocacy and Policy Skills
- Research Skills



For more information, [click here](https://www.tnstate.edu/socialwork/)
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Undergraduate Experiential Major Map: Social Work



First Year/Freshman

- Complete your Handshake Profile.
- Complete your four-year educational plan in UNIV 1000 during the fall semester.
- Focus on your studies and earn good grades.
- Visit the [Office of Student Success \(OSS\)](#) and connect with your advisor for help navigating college life and your classes. Make an appointment using the student planner app and view the OSS page for other hours and services.
- First Generation students connect with your [First Generational Specialist](#).
- Get to know professors. The best time to connect outside of class is during their office hours.
- Visit the [Academic Achievement and Retention Center](#) for access to study tips, connecting to academic coaches, tutoring, and other helpful resources.
- Attend the Career Fair (Sponsored by the [Career Development Center](#))
- Get involved - Attend organizational fairs, special/corporate events, and volunteer on and off campus.

Sophomore & Junior

- Update your resume and remove high school activities. Have it critiqued by the [Career Development Center](#).
- Review and update LinkedIn and Handshake profiles.
- Attend the Career Fair (Sponsored by the [Career Development Center](#))
- Explore graduate school options.
- Begin preparing for GRE, LSAT, MCAT, GMAT, and other exams for graduate school admissions.
- Begin building your professional wardrobe.
- Meet with your [departmental academic advisor](#) to confirm degree progress and discuss your future academic and career goals.
- Attend institutional and departmental internship workshops.

Senior

- Meet with your [departmental academic advisor](#) to confirm degree progress and discuss your future academic and career goals.
- Apply for [Graduate and Professional School](#) or jobs that fit your interests, skills, and career goals. Follow up on applications and keep a record of the status of each.
**pay attention to due dates*
- Draft a cover letter that can be adapted for a variety of employers. Have it critiqued.
- Complete the Senior Exit Exam and First Destination Survey. ([Testing Center](#))

Academic Success Checklist

- Book an appointment with your academic advisor for pre-registration and advising.
- Discover library resources.
- Visit the math, reading, writing, and tutoring center.
- Complete FAFSA and academic scholarship applications.

Educational Planning Checklist

- Ask your academic advisor about High Impact Practices
- Participate in at least two High Impact Practices at TSU
- Join a student group.

Career Development Checklist

- Create your HandShake Profile.
- Visit [What Can I Do With This Major](#)
- Attend the career fair to expand your network.
- Attend Academic Department workshops and seminars.

Think

Engaging in critical thinking and inquiry inside the classroom.

Work

Pursue experiences that will allow you to grow as a leader and professional.

Serve

Explore opportunities to contribute to the broader community and global marketplace.