

Bachelor of Social Work Degree Completion Requirements

The BSW degree includes up to three types of credit: General University Studies (arts/science), Social Work and Discretionary credits. Students are admitted in their third year after completing a minimum of 54 credits (see BSW Admission Requirements) towards the degree, entering either through the University stream or the Social Work/Human Service diploma stream.

General University Studies (Arts/Science): Minimum 48 Credits

Students require a minimum of 48 General University Studies credits chosen from either Arts or Sciences at the 1000 level or higher.

Required for Admission. These credits must include **ENGL 1100** (or equivalent) or six credits of English, either composition or literature.

Academic Credits

- **48 General University Studies credits**
- **60 Social Work credits**
- 12 Discretionary credits
- 120 credits total for BSW

General University Studies credits **may** include a lifespan human development course, for example, TRU's PSYC 2130 and 2230. If a human development course is taken as Psychology, it will be considered General University Studies credits. Otherwise, the lifespan human development course requirement **must** be satisfied by SOCW 3550 (or SOCW 3551 in TRU's Open Learning). SOCW 3550/3551 will be considered as Social Work credits.

Social Work: Minimum 60 Credits

Students require a minimum of 60 Social Work credits.

Required for Admission. Social Work credits include 6 credits for **SOCW 2060** and **SOCW 2120** or equivalents such as TRU's HUMS 2060 and HUMS 2120 or TRU-OL's SOCW 2121 and 2061. The remaining 54 credits are third and fourth year courses.

NOTE: Students must achieve a minimum grade of 'C' in all **required** Social Work courses. Students failing to do so may be given the opportunity to repeat the course.

Discretionary – General University Studies/Social Work/Block/Outside: 12 Credits

The remaining 12 credits can be from General University Studies, Social Work, a "Block", or Outside (not General University Studies).

Block Credit: Students with a certificate or diploma in a social work field may, upon admission, be awarded 12 "Block" credits. If Block credit is awarded, **no** "Outside" credit courses are permitted.

University Stream Students: maximum 12 "Outside" credits can be applied to the degree (outside General University Studies) as per approved list.

Please review BSW program planning sheets and Approved Elective sheet to ensure accurate credit count.

Total for BSW Degree: 120 Credits

A minimum of 120 credits are required to complete the Bachelor of Social Work degree. NOTE: A **minimum overall GPA** of 'C+' (2.33) must be achieved each semester to continue in the program and for graduation. Failure to do so may result in students being placed on Academic Probation or being asked to leave the program.

TRU BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM – DEGREE COMPLETION **Student Name:** Date: Please use this checklist and consult with the SSWHS Program Advisor to track your credits and ensure you take all the required courses and credits for degree completion. **Required Social Work Courses Date Proposed Date Completed Credits** ☐ SOCW 2060 (3) – Introduction to Social Work Practice 3 Pre-admission/Pre-req ☐ SOCW 2120 (3) – Introduction to Social Welfare Pre-admission/Pre-reg 3 ☐ SOCW 3000 (3) – Social Policy ☐ SOCW 3010 (3) – Research ☐ SOCW 3040 (6) – Practicum & Seminar – requires 3060 & 3530 \square SOCW 3060 (3) – Theory and Ideology – needed for 3040 ☐ SOCW 3530 (3) — Practice with Individuals — needed for 3040 \square SOCW 3540 (3) – First Nations – needed for 4540 ☐ SOCW 3590 (3) – SW Practice w Diverse Populationsrequires 3530 ☐ SOCW 4010 (3) – Race, Racialization and Immigration ☐ SOCW 4020 (9) — Practicum & Seminar – requires 3040 + 105 ☐ SOCW 4540 (3) – Decolonizing Practice – requires 3040 + 3540 **Human Development Required Course Date Proposed Date Completed** Credits ☐ SOCW 3550 (3) – Human Development A lifespan human development course is required. If a lifespan human development course is taken as Psychology (for example, TRU's PSYC 2130 and 2230) it will be considered General University Studies credits. List it on the following page. Otherwise, the lifespan human development course requirement must be satisfied by SOCW 3550 (or SOCW 3551 - Open Learning). **Child Welfare Specialization (CWS) or Elective Courses Date Proposed Date Completed Credits** ☐ SOCW 3570 (3) – Law & Social Policy ☐ SOCW 3760 (3) – Family and Child Welfare Practice ☐ SOCW 4760 (3) – Family and Child Welfare Policy **Social Work Electives Date Proposed Date Completed Credits** ☐ SOCW 3300 (3) – International Field School ☐ SOCW 4200 (3) – Family Violence ☐ SOCW 4300 (3) – Sexual Diversity ☐ SOCW 4400 (3) – Mental Health ☐ SOCW 4500 (3) – Leadership ☐ SOCW 4520 (3) – Educating for Social Change ☐ SOCW 4550 (3) – Community Practice ☐ SOCW 4600 (3) – Special Topics ☐ SOCW 4610 (3) – Group Practice ☐ SOCW 4650 (3) – Aging ☐ SOCW 4660 (3) – Addictions ☐ SOCW 4770 (3) – Family Practice ☐ SOCW 4780 (3) – Intro to Disability Studies ☐ SOCW 4800 (3) – International Social Work ☐ SOCW 4900 (3) – Directed Study **SUB-TOTAL Completed Social Work Credits (60 required):**

General University Studies Credits (minimum 48 credits) see Approved Electives	Date Proposed		Date Completed		Credits
☐ 1. ENGL 1100 (or 6 credits of English lit or composition)					
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SUB-TOTAL Completed General University Studies Credits (48 required):					
Discretionary (General University Studies, SW, Block or Outside) Credits (max. 12)	Date Proposed		Date Completed		Credits
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□ 2.					
□ 3.					
□ 4.					
OR: Block Credits awarded (for Diploma/Certificate)			transfer/ladder		
SUB-TOTAL Completed Discretionary Credits (12 required):					
UMMARY Cred		Credits	To Date Credits Neede		eeded
Social Work courses (min. 60 credits, max. 72)					
General University Studies courses (min. 48 credits, max. 60)					
Discretionary credits (max. 12 credits)					
TOTAL CREDITS (120 required for degree completion):					

Please Note:

- Some of these courses have required or recommended prerequisites. Consult Course Descriptions in the TRU Calendar or on-line course description prior to registration. Not all courses listed will be offered each year.
- Courses in blue font are in-progress (yet to receive a final grade)
- 'Credits To Date' includes in-progress courses
- Courses with an 'X' in checkbox have been completed successfully

Advising: Consult Your SSWHS Program Advisor

To ensure you have the right selection and number of credits to complete your Bachelor of Social Work degree requirements, please contact the SSWHS Program Advisor after completing these documents. After your initial visit when you are granted admission to the BSW program, you will need to update your Checklist (pages 2-3) and check in with the Coordinator or Advisor during the program. Do **not** wait until your final semester to review this information – you may be missing necessary courses that prevent you from graduating!

Remember, satisfying all degree requirements is the student's responsibility.

For appointment or more information please contact:

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