

Abilene Approval Chart for Curriculum Changes

A = Approve I = Information Item R = Respond In Writing

Course Number:

Degree Plan(s): BSSW Curriculum

We request that the catalog be revised to exclude a BSSW of 2.75, but rather have an earned BSSW GPA of 2.75 for the three introductory courses. In this way the BSSW's requirement will include students maintaining a 2.5 GPA to stay in the program and graduate.

	Campus-Level Academic Review ¹	1	=	2	3	4	5
	Change to a Course Include signatures from all chairs/program directors for cross-listed courses. ¹						
1.	Title (description unchanged)	A	A	A	I	I	I
2.	Description (not affecting content)	A	A	A	I	I	I
3.	Course term(s)	A	I	A	I	I	I
4.	Content (change of course outcomes)	A	A	A	I	I	A
5.	Number of credit hours	A	A	A	A	A	A
6.	Course number within the hundred	A	A	I	I	I	I
7.	Course number beyond the hundred	A	A	A	A	A	A
8.	Prerequisites	A	A	A	I	I	I
9.	Course restriction (e.g., majors only, junior standing)	A	A	A	A	A	A
10.	Level change (U to G or G to U)	A	A	A	A	A	A
11.	Cross list course	A	A	A	A	A	A
12.	Department of record	A	A	A	A	A	A
13.	Open or close a course	A	A	A	A	A	A
	Change to a Degree Plan						
14.	Educational Program — Revise	A	A	A	A	A	A
15.	Educational Program — Adopt/revise admission requirements	A	A	A	A	A	A
16.	GPA — Revise program-required GPA	A	A	A	A	A	A
17.	Minor — Revise	A	A	A	A	A	A

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Full Review											
	Change to Catalog Information (for Campus)											
18.	General requirements for Bachelor's and Associate Degrees	-	-	-	-	A	A	A	A	A	I	
19.	Policies governing academic probation and suspension	-	-	-	-	A	A	A	A	A	I	
20.	Requirements for graduating with honors	-	-	-	-	A	A	A	A	A	I	
	Change to a Degree Plan											
21.	Educational Program — Add or Discontinue ^{2,3}	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	I	
22.	Educational Program — Discontinue (Provost-proposed)	R	-	R	A	A	A	A	A	A	I	
23.	Minor — Add or Discontinue	A	A	A	A	A	A	-	A	A	I	
24.	Minor — Discontinue (Provost-proposed)	R	-	R	A	A	A	-	A	A	I	
25.	Degree — Add or Discontinue	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	I	
26.	Degree — Discontinue (Provost-proposed)	R	-	R	A	A	A	A	A	A	I	

	Change to General Education Requirements for Undergraduates (System)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
27.	Change course outcomes of an included course	A	A	A	A	A	A	-	A	A	I	
28.	Add or drop a required course from the General Education Requirements	A	-	A	-	A	A	A	A	A	I	
29.	Add or drop a course from a menu within the General Education Requirements	A	-	A	-	A	A	-	A	A	I	
30.	Comprehensive revision of General Education Requirements	-	-	-	-	A	A	A	A	A	I	

Notes

² Any change to a cross-listed course requires the signature of both department chairs or program directors overseeing the course to ensure that the courses stay in sync. This includes courses taught at other campuses (e.g. BIBL 101 and BIBO 101).

³ For undergraduate majors, a minimum of 30 hours is required. These programs must have a minimum of 6 elective hours, unless the requirements of external accrediting bodies make it impossible. Master's programs must include a minimum of 30 hours, and doctoral programs must include a minimum of 30 hours beyond the master's.

⁴ When a department/school or dean proposes closing a program, approval routing follows the typical process beginning with the department/school. An administrative proposal by the provost or senior vice president for academic affairs would follow the "provost-proposed" routing on the chart.

Department/School(s)

04/23/26

Chair Signature

Date

Chair/Program Director Signature

Date

College Academic Council(s)

05/01/2026

Chair Signature

Date

Chair Signature

Date

Dean(s)

05/02/2026

J. Dirk Nelson (May 2, 2026 08:27:27 CDT)

Signature

Date

Signature

Date

Teacher Education Council

Signature

Date

**Campus Academic Council:
Abilene Undergraduate or Abilene Graduate**

Signature

Date

Provost

Signature

Date

University General Education Council

Signature

Date

University Faculty

Abilene Faculty Senate Chair signature

Date

Dallas Faculty Council Chair signature

Date

Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Signature

Date

President

Signature

Date

Social Work, BS (SOCW)

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General Education Requirements

Please see the [General Education](#) section of this catalog.

Major Requirements

Social Work

- [BIOL 101 - Biology - Human Perspective](#) Credit Hours: 3 *
- *or*
- [BIOL 291 - Anatomy and Physiology I](#) Credit Hours: 3 *
- [BIOL 293 - Anatomy and Physiology I Laboratory](#) Credit Hours: 1
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- [SOCW 230 - Introduction to Social Work](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [SOCW 245 - Foundations of Social and Economic Justice](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [SOCW 250 - Principles of Practice: Ethics and Engagement](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [SOCW 255 - Social Worker Observation](#) Credit Hours: 2
- [SOCW 327 - Theoretical Frameworks for Social Work](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [SOCW 329 - Diversity, Equity, and Belonging in Practice](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [SOCW 361 - Pre-Practicum Orientation](#) Credit Hours: 2
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- [IPE 301 - Interprofessional Education and Ethics](#) Credit Hours: 1
- *or*
- [IPE 302 - Topics in Interprofessional Education](#) Credit Hours: 1
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- [SOCW 415 - Social Research](#) Credit Hours: 3 (writing-intensive course)
- [SOCW 441 - Social Policy](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [SOCW 442 - Policy Analysis and Practice](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [SOCW 447 - Practice I: Engagement and Assessment with Individuals and Groups](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [SOCW 449 - Practice II: Intervention and Evaluation with Individuals and Groups](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [SOCW 451 - Practice III: Communities and Organizations](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [SOCW 479 - Social Work Practicum I](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [SOCW 481 - Social Work Practicum II](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [SOCW 491 - Integrative Seminar](#) Credit Hours: 1 (capstone course)
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- *Hours may also fulfill general education requirements and are not included in total major hours

Total: 47-48 Credit Hours

Electives

Minimum - 26-27 Credit Hours

Total Major Hours: 74

Other Graduation Requirements

Minimum grade for each course in major and supplement: C

Minimum GPA in major: 2.75

Minimum GPA for graduation: 2.50

Minimum advanced hours: 33

Minimum total hours: 128

*Courses numbered 0** do not count in minimum hours required for degree.*

Formal Admission Requirements

The declaration of social work as a major does not ensure admission to the social work program. In addition to the requirements for all degrees (see the *General Education* section of this catalog), the student must apply for and be granted admission to the social work program before taking most upper-level courses.

The following accomplishments are required for admission:

- Junior standing (60 credit hours).
- GPA of 2.75 or better in SOCW 230, SOCW 245, and SOCW 250.
- Completion of application to the program designated by the school.
- Satisfactory completion of the following courses SOCW 230, SOCW 245, and SOCW 250.
- Approval for admission by program faculty after consideration of various criteria. An optional interview may be requested by the Program Director or student.
- Signed commitment to follow the NASW Code of Ethics & Code of Conduct.

Complete information on applying for admission to the program is given to all students when they declare their major. The deadline for application is the last full week of courses of the semester prior to the anticipated beginning of upper-level practice and field course work. Students are notified of the decision of the faculty by the end of the 16th week (i.e., finals week) of the semester.