

Program Planning Guide

Bachelor of Social Work

Admission to the Bachelor of Social Work program is competitive and requires a minimum 60 credits of Post-Secondary coursework to be completed in addition to other requirements for admission. This guide is intended for students entering the program in September 2025 in Prince George only. Students currently working on their prerequisite coursework in advance of applying to the program should visit www.unbc.ca/social-work for admission and application details.

Note: the list or requirements may change, so please ensure you follow the appropriate requirements ([2025-2026 Undergraduate Calendar](#)). After July 1, 2025, you can find the calendar in a [PDF format](#).

Year 3 September 2025		
Course	Credits	Notes
SOCW 300	6	
SOCW 301	3	
SOCW 310	3	
SOCW 320	3	
Year 3 January 2026		
SOCW 302	6	Practicum
SOCW 330	3	
SOCW 336	3	
SOCW 4XX (elective list)	3	
Total Credit Hours	30	

Year 4 September 2026		
Course	Credits	Notes
SOCW 401	3	
SOCW 420	3	
SOCW 421	3	
SOCW 4XX (elective list)	3	
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Year 4 January 2027		
Course	Credits	Notes
SOCW 402	15	Practicum
Total Credit Hours	30	

Year 3 May/August 2026– Optional		
Course	Credits	Notes

Course Notes

- **LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCE REQUIREMENT:** As a condition of your admission to the program, you would have been informed in your Admissions letter in your Applicant Dashboard if you have a requirement to complete additional Liberal Arts or Science coursework. All students are required to have 48 credit hours of coursework from this area. This requirement will vary depending on student background. Unsure if you need to pick up additional coursework? Please reach out to your Student Advisor.
- **SEPTEMBER 2025 SEMESTER:** This first semester is completely prescribed. **You must take SOCW 300 (a six credit course which includes a lab), SOCW 301, SOCW 310, and SOCW 320.** Do not worry about SOCW 421 or SOCW 4XX electives in this semester, you will have room for those courses in future semesters. If you do not take the four specific courses listed above you will not be eligible to take the SOCW 302-6 practicum in January and you will be out of sequence, effectively extending your program by at least a year. If you are interested in part-time studies, please contact your Student Advisor.
- **COURSE OFFERINGS:** For students hoping to complete in 2 years, courses need to be taken in the semester offered in order to progress to the next semester. The **only** flexibility with regard to coursework is with electives (noted as SOCW 4XX in the chart above) and SOCW 421. Planning on taking fewer classes or continuing Part-Time? Please check with your Student Advisor.

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- **SOCW ELECTIVES:** Electives are numbered SOCW 426 or higher as per the list in the academic calendar. SOCW electives are denoted in this document as SOCW 4XX.
Note: SOCW 421 is **not** an elective course; students are required to complete it. Have transfer credit for SOCW 421? Please see your Student Advisor.
- **SUMMER COURSES:** The program typically offers a variety of SOCW 4XX elective courses in the May/August semester, many of which are delivered in a condensed format. SOCW 421 is also often offered in the summer in an online format. For those students that need them, this semester is also a good chance to pick up any Liberal Arts, Science (LAS) credits or other coursework that they had remaining upon admission to the program.
- **REPEATING COURSES:** Students may repeat a Social Work course once. Students who fail a required Social Work course twice are required to withdraw from the program.
- **QUALIFICATION FOR THE DEGREE:** Students must attain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.33 (C+) on courses for credit towards the Social Work degree. In addition, students must attain a minimum passing grade of 2.00 (C) in every Social Work course for credit towards the degree. All requirements for the degree must be completed within eight years of admission into the program or from the first Social Work course used for credit towards the degree.

Advisor Notes

- **STUDENT ADVISING:** Is available by phone, email, or in person. To book an appointment, or to see when drop-ins are scheduled, please visit www.unbc.ca/advising or contact bsw.advising@unbc.ca
- **DEGREE EVALUATIONS:** The [Degree Evaluation](#) is an interpretation of the Undergraduate Calendar for the year that you were admitted and helps display the requirements needed for your program. You will find detailed information on this useful tool online at www.unbc.ca/advising/understanding-your-degree-evaluation
- **INDIVIDUAL ASSESSMENT:** Your specific requirements will vary depending on your individual background, transfer credit, individual plans, etc. Students **should not** base their course selections and decisions on other students in their cohort as their individual remaining requirements may differ from yours. Questions? Please check in with your Student Advisor.
- **UNDERGRADUATE CALENDAR:** It is the student's responsibility to be aware of all University of Northern British Columbia [Undergraduate Calendar](#) regulations. Academic regulations, program information, course information, and pre-requisites can be found in this document.
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