



SOCIAL WORK

MAJOR FACT SHEET



Discover a challenging profession and a rewarding and stimulating career in a field that is always changing. Social workers serve on the front lines of community restoration, serving underprivileged and struggling members of the population by intervening in contexts such as child welfare, chemical dependence, aging, corrections, and physical and mental health. Social workers strive every day to improve the lives of their neighbors.

SOCIAL WORK FACTS

- Social work is ranked #17 in the nation for value and graduate salary.
- Courses are taught by licensed professionals and students gain an experience-driven education through field work.
- All degrees offered by the UW Oshkosh Department of Social Work are accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE).
- Social Work is one of the top 10 majors at UW Oshkosh whose graduates pursue graduate school.

AVERAGE ANNUAL STARTING SALARY

UWO Graduate*

\$43,060

National**

\$36,375

FEATURED EMPLOYERS

Winnebago County Department of Human Services, Lutheran Social Services, Wisconsin Corrections, Fox Valley Autism Treatment Program



CLASSES

- Intro to Social Work
- Social Work Ethics in a Diverse Society
- Diversity and Social Justice
- Engagement and Assessment in Social Work Practice
- Generalist Practice I Interviewing Lab
- Teamwork and Interprofessional Practice in Social Work
- Research in Social Services
- Interventions and Evidence Based Practice with Individuals and Families
- Interventions and Evidence Based Practice in Macro Practice Settings
- Applied Generalist Practice I
- Generalist Practice with Groups
- Applied Generalist Practice II
- Social Welfare Policy

CHARACTERISTICS

- Active listening
- Social perceptiveness
- Critical thinking

COMMON JOB TITLES

- Social Worker
- Social Services Coordinator
- Youth Outreach Advocate
- Correctional Treatment Specialist
- Care Navigator

STUDENT ORGANIZATION

Student Social Work Association is an outreach group that advocates for oppressed people in the community and campus. They demonstrate that social workers are people who care for everyone and want to seek justice and equality, not division.

* Salary data from UWO 2021-2022 First Destination Outcomes report

** Salary data from NACE Class of 2021 Report