

Department of Social Work and Criminal Justice

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Degrees

To earn a degree, students must complete the curriculum and meet other requirements for a degree listed in the academic policy section of this catalog.

- [Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice](#)
- [Bachelor of Social Work](#)

Criminal Justice

The purpose of a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice is to prepare students to deal with the challenges of law enforcement in a changing society. The criminal justice program will instill a comprehensive knowledge of the criminal justice system while educating students to be critical thinkers who can communicate their thoughts effectively in oral and written form. The curriculum will familiarize students with facts and concepts, but will also teach students to use ethical behavior in applying this knowledge to related problems and changing situations. Graduates from this program will be members of professional organizations dedicated to selfless public service and will be vital in maintaining peace and curtailing lawlessness in our society. Criminal justice graduates find gainful employment in law enforcement, security, the courts, and correctional facilities. Graduates with a degree in criminal justice may find employment in juvenile and adult probation, municipal and county law enforcement, private security, hospital security, investigations, and warrant offices. Minimum employment requirements in law enforcement generally include the following:

- Be at least 21 years old
- Have no convictions for Class A misdemeanor or felony offense
- Have no convictions for Class B misdemeanor offense in the past 10 years
- Possess good mental and physical health
- Meet varying eyesight standards
- Have good moral character
- Possess a valid Texas driver's license with minimum violations

The criminal justice degree is designed to meet the standards established by the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS). ACJS encourages baccalaureate programs to reflect a balanced presentation of a broad scope of criminal justice studies. The criminal justice degree focuses specifically on the five core areas identified by ACJS:

- Criminal justice and juvenile justice processes—law, crime, and administration of justice
- Criminology—causes of crime, typologies, offenders, and victims
- Law enforcement—police organization, discretion, subculture, and legal constraints
- Law adjudication—criminal law, prosecution, defense, and court procedures and decision-making
- Corrections—incarceration, community-based corrections, and treatment of offenders

Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice

A. University Core (45 hours)

- BIB1310 Introduction to the Old Testament
- BIB1320 Introduction to the New Testament
- BIB3305 Christian Heritage
- BIB3310 Christian Life
- COM2340 Communication for the Professional
- ENG1301 Composition Studies

- ENG1302 Composition and Literature
- PSY1300 General Psychology
- HIS2301 History of the United States I
- HIS2302 History of the United States II
- ESS1200 Personal Fitness and Wellness
- MAT1311 College Algebra
- 3 hours from BIO, CHE, NRC, or PHY
- ENG3308 Technical Writing
- UNI1170 University Seminar
- 3 hours from
 - GOV 2301 National Government
 - GOV 2302 Texas State and Local Government
- UNI2000 University Skills

B. Major (37 hours)

- CRJ 2301 Introduction to Criminal Justice
- CRJ 2302 Fundamentals of Texas Criminal Law
- CRJ 2303 Criminal Investigation
- CRJ 2304 Legal Aspects of Law Enforcement
- CRJ 2305 Courts and Criminal Procedure
- CRJ 3301 Criminology
- CRJ 3302 Juvenile Delinquency
- CRJ 3312 Violent Offenders
- CRJ 3322 Social Deviance
- CRJ 3324 Corrections, Probation and Parole
- CRJ 4140 Senior Assessment Seminar
- CRJ 4326 Terrorism and Homeland Security
- CRJ 4333 Professionalism and Ethics in Criminal Justice

C. Supporting Courses (21 hours)

- SOC 1300 General Sociology
- 18 hours from
 - CRJ3311 White Collar Crime
 - CRJ3321 Understanding Sexual Offending
 - CRJ4324 Crime Analysis and Crime Mapping
 - CRJ4325 Forensic Computer Examination
 - CRJ4327 Cyber Crimes
 - CRJ4328 Death Penalty
 - CRJ4329 Gangs
 - GOV4305 Constitutional Law
 - PSY3326 Crisis Intervention
 - PSY4321 Forensic Psychology
 - PSY4322 Drugs, Alcohol, and Society
 - SWK3310 Statistics
 - SWK3314 Family and Community Violence
 - SWK3320 Social Research Methods

D. Electives (17 hours)

E. Total (120 hours)

Note: CRJ 4140 and CRJ 4333 must be taken at the university.

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Social Work

The Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredits the Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) program at the university.

Therefore, graduates are eligible to sit for the social work licensing exam to become Licensed Bachelor Social Workers (LBSW). Types of agencies where BSW graduates often find employment are foster care and adoption, hospitals, schools, military services, child and adult protection, substance abuse, criminal justice, mental health, hospice, home health care, aging, victim services, community outreach, and various other agencies. BSW graduates are experiencing a high rate of admission into Master of Social Work programs and are most often granted advanced standing, shortening the length of the master's program to around 40 hours.

Social Work Program Mission

Within the context of Christian liberal arts education, the Lubbock Christian University Social Work Program prepares competent and effective generalist social workers to compassionately serve and advocate for the vulnerable and oppressed.

Social Work Program Goals

- Prepare students for research-informed generalist social work practice with individuals, families, groups, communities, and organizations;
- Cultivate practitioners that are guided by the values and ethics of the social work profession; and
- Develop social workers who understand the forms and mechanisms of oppression and discrimination and the consequential need to advocate for economic and social justice, human rights, and respect for all people.

Social Work Program Outcomes

Graduates will be able to:

- Identify as a professional social worker and conduct oneself accordingly;
- Apply social work ethical principles to guide professional practice;
- Apply critical thinking to inform and communicate professional judgments;
- Engage diversity and difference in practice;
- Advance human rights and social and economic justice;
- Engage in research-informed practice and practice-informed research;
- Apply knowledge of human behavior and the social environment;
- Engage in policy practice to advance social and economic well-being and to deliver effective social work services;
- Respond to contexts that shape practice; and
- Engage, assess, intervene, and evaluate with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.

Weekend and Online Course Offerings

In order to meet the needs of those who are unable to take social work courses face-to-face during the week, the social work program offers social work courses on the weekend or online, in addition to social work courses offered during the week. Weekend courses are taught over four weekends in an every other weekend format with the following schedule: Fridays, 7-10 PM and Saturdays, 8AM-4PM. The curriculum of the social work courses is the same, regardless of how the course is offered.

Social Work Transfer Credit

To be considered for social work transfer credit, courses must be completed with a grade of C or higher and be of similar content and level. Courses taken from programs not accredited by CSWE and courses taken 5 or more years ago must first be evaluated by the Director of Social Work. Transfer credit for SWK 4610 and SWK 4620 is not accepted.

Admission to the Program

Students interested in the Social Work major must see the Social Work faculty for academic and career advising. Any student may enroll in the pre-professional course, SWK 2300. However, only students admitted to the Social Work program are permitted to enroll in SWK 3301, 3302, 3303, 4610 or 4620. Once SWK 2300 is complete, Social Work majors must apply to be admitted to the program. In order to be admitted, students must:

- An overall GPA of 2.25;
- Completed ENG 1301 and ENG 1302 earning a grade of C or better in each course;
- Completed SWK 2300;
- Completed a written application for admission;
- Provided a reference from a non-social work faculty member; and

- Provided a personal reference.

When the above requirements are met, the Social Work faculty will consider the application and grant or deny admission to the Social Work Program. Students will be informed of the decision by email. Applicants refused admission may appeal.

Field Placement

A vital part of the social work program is a 400 hour field placement, which is a required internship completed in the semester prior to graduation. Students complete the internship in a social service agency under the supervision of an experienced social worker. Social work students are required to successfully complete the 400 hours in field in a timely manner, consistent with field practice policy and procedure. It is each social work student's responsibility to plan in advance for the field experience in order to ensure that they will have ample time to complete all field requirements. The vast majority of available and viable field agency sites are capable of accommodating students on a full-time basis during traditional business hours. Options for field sites will generally be limited to these types of agencies. Each student must arrange, in advance, to participate in the field experience on a full-time basis. Failure to do so may prevent a student from advancing in, or completing, the social work program.

Admission to Field

Students are evaluated for readiness before beginning field. Only students meeting this criteria will be admitted into field:

- Successful completion of all other courses required for the social work degree;
- Minimum overall GPA of 2.25;
- Minimum 2.5 GPA in social work courses;
- Minimum 2.5 average in SWK 3301, 3302, and 3303;
- Evaluated favorably by the Social Work faculty in professional ethics, values, and behavior using the NASW Code of Ethics;
- Successful completion of UNI2000;
- Submission of the Field Placement application; and
- Successful oral interview with the Director of Field Education.

The 2.5 average in the social work practice courses, SWK 3301, 3302, and 3303, will serve as a measure for determining student potential to engage in effective social work practice. The practice courses provide opportunities for students to demonstrate practice skills. If students have at least an average of 2.5 in those courses, it is assumed they have demonstrated the potential to engage in effective social work practice. Within these practice courses, and other social work major courses, social work faculty also evaluate student ability to recognize and demonstrate social work ethics and behavior. Ethics assignments required throughout the social work curriculum are used as the primary measure for evaluating student knowledge and demonstration of social work values, ethics, and behavior. Ethics assignments required throughout the social work curriculum are used as a measure for evaluating student knowledge and demonstration of social work values and ethics. Social work faculty also formally evaluate social work students on the demonstration of professional behavior in each upper level social work course.

Faculty evaluation of field readiness will occur after the Field Placement Application is submitted. Student are notified of the decision in writing. Students denied admission to field may appeal the decision. If field criteria are met, students meet with the Director of Field Education to discuss guidelines for field and to identify field placement sites. After successful completion, enrollment in SWK 4610 and 4620 is permitted. Students must have the prior permission of the Director of Social Work to take additional courses while enrolled in field.

Criminal Record Implications

Many social service agencies do not allow volunteers and/or employees with criminal backgrounds. Therefore, it may be extremely difficult, if not impossible, to locate an agency where students with criminal backgrounds can complete their field placement. In which case, it becomes the primary responsibility of a student with a criminal background to secure an approved field placement in accordance with the social work degree plan. The State of Texas reserves the right to deny a license to any person entering the field of Social Work with a criminal history. Therefore, upon their graduation students having a criminal background may be denied licensure by the State of Texas for this or any other reason the State deems relevant. Licensure eligibility is the sole decision of the State of Texas.

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The social work program does not give academic credit for life experience or previous work experience.

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- 3 hours from
 - GOV 2301 National Government
 - GOV 2302 Texas State and Local Government
- 3 hours upper level ENG
- UNI 1170 University Seminar
- UNI 2000 University Skills

B. Major (42 hours)

- SWK 2300 Introduction to Social Work
- SWK 2340 Diversity
- SWK 3301 Generalist Practice with Individuals and Families
- SWK 3302 Generalist Practice with Communities and Organizations
- SWK 3303 Generalist Practice with Groups
- SWK 3304 Social Welfare Policy
- SWK 3306 Social Work Ethics and Professional Behavior
- SWK 3310 Statistics
- SWK 3311 Human Behavior in the Social Environment
- SWK 3320 Social Research Methods
- SWK 4610 Field I
- SWK 4620 Field II

C. Supporting Courses (18-20 hours)

- SOC1300 General Sociology
- SWK 2320 Social Justice
- SWK 3330 Maladaptive Functioning
- 3 hours from
 - SWK 3313 Interventions with Older Adults
 - SWK 3314 Family and Community Violence
 - SWK 3315 Social Work in Criminal Justice Settings
 - SWK 3316 International Social Work
 - SWK 4352 Special Topics in Social Work
- 6-8 hours of foreign language and/or multicultural studies

D. Electives (13-15 hours)

E. Total (120 hours)

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Minor in Criminal Justice

(18 hours)

- CRJ2301 Introduction to Criminal Justice
- CRJ2305 Courts and Criminal Procedure
- CRJ3301 Criminology
- 9 hours from
 - CRJ3302 Juvenile Delinquency
 - CRJ3312 Violent Offenders
 - CRJ3322 Social Deviance
 - CRJ3324 Corrections, Probation, and Parole
 - CRJ4325 Forensic Cyber Evidence Examination
 - CRJ4326 Terrorism and Homeland Security
 - CRJ4333 Professionalism and Ethics in Criminal Justice
 - PSY4321 Forensic Psychology

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