



**UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTHERN CARIBBEAN  
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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK**

# Degree Program Guide/ Course Sequencing Sheet

## BSc. Social Work - Full Time

*For Students who enter the University from 2017-2019 (SEPTEMBER 2020 intake)*

Core courses are indicated in **bold letters**.

Courses for which there are options are indicated in *italics*.

<u>First Year</u>					
Semester I			Semester II		
<b>SOWK100 Introduction to Social Work</b>	3		<b>ANTH200 Cultural Anthropology</b>	3	
PSYC101 Introduction to Psychology	3		FMST115 Introduction to Family Studies	3	
ENGL125 Academic Writing I	3		CPTR100 Introductory Computer Tools	3	
RELT100 God and Human Life	3		COMM104 Communication Skills	3	
IDSC110 College Success and Career Planning	1		<i>Course in History (Please read notes under Arts/Humanities/Philosophy)</i>	3	
SOCI119 Principles of Sociology	3		<i>Either PEAC110 Personal Physical Fitness OR PEAC130 Special Activities: .....</i>	1	
<b>Total</b>	16		<b>Total</b>	16	
<u>Second Year</u>					
Semester I		Semester II		Semester III	
<b>SOWK211 Law for Social Work Practice</b>	3	STAT120 Introduction to Statistics for Social Sciences	3	SPAN101 Conversational Spanish OR FREN101 Conversational French	3
<b>SOWK231 Introduction to Macro Practice</b>	3			FDNT110 Basic Food Preparation	2
<b>SOWK300 Social Work Issues in the Caribbean</b>	3	<b>SOWK320 Introduction to Counseling Skills</b>	3	<i>One course from Science</i>	3
<b>SOWK315 Values, Ethics and Diversity</b>	3	<b>SOWK340 Human Behaviour and the Social Environment</b>	3		
ENGL225 Academic Writing II	3	SOCI131 Professional Writing Seminar	2		
		RELB210 Jesus in His Time and Ours	3		
		IDSC205 Introduction to Fine Arts OR MUHL220 Music Appreciation OR two credits from Ensemble or Applied Music	2		
<b>Total</b>	15	<b>Total</b>	16	<b>Total</b>	8



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<b><u>Third Year</u></b>			
<b>Semester I</b>		<b>Semester II</b>	
SOWK350 Social Welfare Policy	3	SOWK402 Foundations of Practice II	2
SOWK401 Foundations of Practice I	2	SOWK437 International Environment of Social Welfare	3
SOWK435 Field Instruction I	2	SOWK440 Assessment and Treatment of Survivors of Violence	2
RELT250 Personal Spirituality and Faith	3	SOWK455 Treatment of Substance Abuse	3
HELD220 Community and Environmental Health <i>One course from area of emphasis</i>	3	EDTE 354 Philosophy of Education <i>One course from area of emphasis</i>	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>
<b><u>Fourth Year</u></b>			
<b>Semester I</b>		<b>Semester II</b>	
SOWK411 Foundations of Practice III	2	SOWK470 Social Work Research	3
SOWK436 Field Instruction II	2	SOWK489 BSW Professional Seminar	1
SOWK460 Death and Grief in Contemporary Society	3	<i>Two courses from area of emphasis</i>	6
RELT340 Religion and Ethics in Modern Society	3		
<i>Two courses from area of emphasis</i>	6		
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Total credits</b>		<b>128</b>	



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## Notes

### General Education Requirements

The following is a summary of the general education courses that you are required to take. It highlights the areas in which you have choices and the areas of requirements. It is NOT an exhaustive presentation of the general education requirements. For a complete discussion of the general education requirements, please read your bulletin.

### Religion

- a) You are required to complete the following courses:
- RELT100 God and Human Life
  - RELB210 Jesus in His Time and Ours
  - RELT250 Personal Spirituality and Faith
  - RELT340 Religion and Ethics in Modern Society

### Arts/Humanities/Philosophy

- a) You are required to take EDTE354 Philosophy for Education.
- b) You are required to complete a course in history. If you have not passed Caribbean History at GCE/CXC or CSEC level, you **must** take HIST147 West Indian History. If you have passed Caribbean History at GCE/CXC or CSEC level, you have the option of taking either HIST104 World Civilizations I OR HIST105 World Civilizations II.
- c) You are required to take either IDSC205 Introduction to Fine Arts OR MUHL220

Music Appreciation OR two credits for Ensemble or Applied Music. You may choose from the following:

- MUPF225 University Concert Band
- MUPF230 University Choir and Orchestra
- MUPF235 University Singers
- MUPF240 University Steel Orchestra
- MUPF285 Women's Choir
- MUPF290 Male Chorale
- MUPF100 Applied Music

Note: Students MUST select two (2) credits using the same course acronym in order to fulfil the requirement for this area.

### Social Sciences

You are required to take PSYC101 Introduction to Psychology in your first year.

### Language and Communication

You are required to take the following courses:

- a) COMM104 Communication Skills (This course should be taken in your first or second year).
- b) ENGL125 Academic Writing I and ENGL225 Academic Writing II. (These courses must be taken in your first and second year).
- c) Foreign Language: You have a choice of taking either FREN101 Conversational French or SPAN101 Conversational Spanish.

ENGL125 Academic Writing I and ENGL225 Academic Writing II are equivalent to

ENGL115 English Composition I and ENGL215 English Composition II, respectively.

### Science

Select **one** course from the following:

BIOL107 Concepts of Environmental Science  
BIOL245 Natural History of Trinidad and Tobago  
CHEM107 Chemistry in Society  
PHYS115 Concepts of Physics  
FDNT230 Nutrition (*not the lab*)

### Technology

You are required to take CPTR100 Introductory Computer Tools.

### Mathematics

You are required to take STAT120 Introduction to Statistics for Social Sciences.

### Health and Wellness

- a) You are required to take HLED220 Community and Environmental Health.
- b) You have a choice of:  
PEAC 110 Personal Physical Fitness OR  
PEAC 130 Special Activities:

### Vocational/Career Planning

You are required to take the following courses:

- a) IDSC110 College Success and Career Planning
- b) FDNT110 Basic Food Preparation



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**Emphasis**

You are required to choose ONE area of emphasis.

You may choose from the following areas: health, community and combined.

**Health**

Students are required to take the following courses for the Health Emphasis:

PSYC460 Psychology of Abnormal Behaviour	3
SOWK467 Social Aspects on Long-Term Care	3
SOCI435 Medical Sociology	3

Choose ONE of the following groups to complete the Health Emphasis:

**Group A**

PSYC220 Human Development Lifespan	3
SOWK310 Gerontology	3
PSYC449 Psychopharmacology	3

OR

**Group B**

PSYC410 Introduction to Counseling and Psychotherapy	3
PSYC445 Cognitive Psychology	3
PSYC454 Theories of Personality	3

**Community**

Students are required to take the following courses for the Community Emphasis:

SOWK412 Children and Families at Risk	3
SOWK325 Social Welfare Institutions and Services	3
SOCI430 Gender Roles in Contemporary Society	3

Choose any ONE of the following groups to complete the Community Emphasis:

**Group A**

SOCI345 Juvenile Delinquency	3
FMST456 Marriage and Family	3
PSYC442 Human Sexuality	3

OR

**Group B**

EDPC240 Psychology of Learning	3
PSYC252 Psychology of Adolescent, Youth and Aging	3
PSYC454 Theories of Personality	3

**Combined**

Students are required to take the following courses for the Combined Emphasis:

SOWK412 Children and Families at Risk	3
PSYC460 Psychology of Abnormal Behaviour	3
SOWK467 Social Aspects on Long-Term Care	3

Choose any ONE of the following groups to complete the Combined emphasis:

**Group A**

PSYC220 Human Development Lifespan	3
SOWK310 Gerontology	3
PSYC449 Psychopharmacology	3

OR

**Group B**

PSYC410 Introduction to Counseling and Psychotherapy	3
PSYC445 Cognitive Psychology	3
PSYC454 Theories of Personality	3

OR

**Group C**

SOCI345 Juvenile Delinquency	3
FMST456 Marriage and Family	3
PSYC442 Human Sexuality	3

OR

**Group D**

EDPC240 Psychology of Learning	3
PSYC252 Psychology of Adolescent, Youth and Aging	3
PSYC454 Theories of Personality	3

Please note that your Social Work degree is a generic degree; consequently, the choice of an emphasis



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does not restrict you to working in that area. However, it may give you a competitive edge if you choose to work within your emphasis.

## Practicum

Practicum is an essential part of the social work programme. Each student is required to complete 680 hours of practicum during their course of study. You qualify for Practicum after successfully completing the core courses of Years I and II and the first assessment. The first 170 hours of your practicum will be completed during one semester while you are registered for Foundations of Practice I and Field Instruction I. The following semester, you will complete the second 170 hours of practicum while registered for Foundations of Practice II. Your final 340 hours of practicum will be completed in your last year of the programme, registering for Field Instruction II & Foundations of Practice III. Students pursue Foundations of Practice III, and BSW Professional Seminar during their final year of study. BSW Seminar is the final course.

Students who are interested in placements in Psychiatric Social Work are required to complete PSYC460 Psychology of Abnormal Behaviour **before** starting practicum.

## Assessments

You are required to participate in two assessments during your social work training at the University of the Southern Caribbean. The first assessment will be held at the end of the second year and will take the form of a formal interview. This determines your eligibility for practicum. The second assessment will take place at the end of your fourth year and will be

conducted as part of the BSW Professional Seminar. This determines your eligibility to graduate.

## Prerequisites

Some courses have prerequisites, which means that you are required to complete a related course **before** starting the courses. Please ensure that you have passed the prerequisites before registering for the courses requiring prerequisites.

The **core courses** and their prerequisites follow. Please note that the prerequisites are in italics.

ANTH 200 Cultural Anthropology

- *SOC119 Principles of Sociology*

The following courses all require *SOWK100 Introduction to Social Work as a prerequisite:*

- SOWK211 Law for Social Work Practice
- SOWK231 Introduction to Macro Practice
- SOWK300 Social Work Issues in the Caribbean
- SOWK310 Gerontology
- SOWK315 Values, Ethics and Diversity
- SOWK340 Human Behaviour in the Social Environment

SOWK320 Introduction to Counseling Skills

- *SOWK100 Introduction to Social Work AND*
- *PSYC101 Introduction to Psychology*

SOWK325 Social Welfare Institutions and Services

- *SOWK100 Introduction to Social Work AND*

- *HIST147 West Indian History OR HIST104 World Civilizations I OR HIST105 World Civilizations II (Please see General Education: Arts/Humanities/Philosophy)*

SOWK350 Social Welfare Policy

- *SOWK315 Values, Ethics and Diversity*

SOWK401 Foundations of Practice I

- *SOWK340 Human Behaviour and the Social Environment*

*Co-requisite: SOWK435 Field Instruction I*

SOWK402 Foundations of Practice II

- *SOWK401 Foundations of Practice I*

SOWK411 Foundations of Practice III

- *SOWK402 Foundations of Practice II*

*Co-requisite: SOWK436 Field Instruction II*

SOWK412 Children and Families at Risk

- *FMST115 Introduction to Family Studies*

SOWK437 International Environment of Social Welfare

- *SOWK315 Values, Ethics and Diversity AND*
- *SOWK350 Social Welfare Policy*

SOWK440 Assessment and Treatment of Survivors of Violence

- *SOCI 119 Principles of Sociology AND*
- *SOWK 401 Foundations of Practice I*



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SOWK455 Treatment of Substance Abuse

- *SOWK401 Foundations of Practice I*

SOWK/SOCI460 Death and Grief in Contemporary Society

- *SOCI119 Principles of Sociology*

SOWK470 Social Work Research

- *STAT120 Introduction to Statistics for Social Sciences*

SOWK 467 Social Aspects on Long-Term Care

- *SOCI119 Principles of Sociology*
- *SOWK402 Foundations of Practice II*

SOWK 489 BSW Professional Seminar

- *SOWK435 Field Instruction I*  
AND
- *SOWK436 Field Instruction II*

**Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory Grades**

The grades given for the following courses are either Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory:

SOWK435 Field Instruction I

SOWK436 Field Instruction II

SOWK489 BSW Professional Seminar