



UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTHERN CARIBBEAN
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

Degree Program Guide/Course Sequencing Sheet

BSc. Social Work - Full Time

2025-2027 Bulletin

Core courses are indicated in **bold letters**.
Courses for which there are options are indicated in *italics*.

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



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<u>Third Year</u>			
Semester I		Semester II	
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	3	EDTE 354 Philosophy of Education	2
<i>One course from area of emphasis</i>	3	<i>One course from area of emphasis</i>	3
Total	16	Total	15
<u>Fourth Year</u>			
Semester I		Semester II	
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		
Total	16	Total	10
Total credits		128	



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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 (RELT255 Doctrines of the SDA Church)
 - 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 take HIST104 World Civilizations I.
- c) You are required to take either IDSC205 Introduction to Fine Arts **OR** MUHL220 Music Appreciation.

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
CHEM107 Chemistry in Society
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:
PEAC110 Personal Physical Fitness **OR**
PEAC130 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
FDNT110/Lab



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Social Work Emphases:

You are required to choose ONE area of emphasis.

You may choose from the following areas:

(1) Health, (2) Community and (3) Combined.

Health

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

PSYC460 Psychology of Abnormal Behaviour	3
SOWK467 Social Aspects of 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
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Choose any ONE of the following groups to complete the Combined emphasis:

Group A

PSYC220 Human Development Lifespan	3
SOWK310 Gerontology	3
PSYC210 Introduction to Health Psychology	3

OR

Group B

PSYC410 Introduction to Counseling and Psychotherapy	3
PSYC445 Cognitive Psychology	3
PSYC449 Psychopharmacology	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



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

SOWK100 Introduction to Social Work

- No prerequisite

SOWK211 Law for Social Work Practice

- *SOWK100 Introduction to Social Work*

SOWK231 Introduction to Macro Practice

- *SOWK100 Introduction to Social Work*

ANTH 200 Cultural Anthropology

- *SOCI119 Principles of Sociology*

SOWK300 Social Work Issues in the Caribbean

- *SOWK 100 Introduction to Social Work AND*
- *SOWK211 Law for Social Work Practice*

SOWK315 Values, Ethics and Diversity

- *SOWK100 Introduction to Social Work AND*
- *SOWK211 Law for Social Work Practice*

SOWK320 Introduction to Counseling Skills

- *SOWK100 Introduction to Social Work AND*
- *SOWK300 Social Work Issues in the Caribbean*

SOWK340 Human Behaviour in the Social Environment

- *SOWK100 Introduction to Social Work AND*
- *SOWK315 Values, Ethics and Diversity*

SOWK350 Social Welfare Policy

- *SOWK315 Values, Ethics and Diversity AND*
- *SOWK340 Human Behaviour in the Social Environment*

SOWK401 Foundations of Practice I

- Co-requisite: SOWK435 Field Instruction I*
- *SOWK340 Human Behaviour and the Social Environment*

SOWK402 Foundations of Practice II

- *SOWK401 Foundations of Practice I AND*
- *SOWK435 Field Instruction I*

SOWK411 Foundations of Practice III

- Co-requisite: SOWK436 Field Instruction II*
- *SOWK402 Foundations of Practice II*

SOWK437 International Environment of Social Welfare

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

SOWK440 Assessment and Treatment of Survivors of Violence

- *SOWK 401 Foundations of Practice*



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AND

- *SOWK435 Field Instruction I*

SOWK455 Treatment of Substance Abuse

- *SOWK401 Foundations of Practice I*
- AND
- *SOWK435 Field Instruction I*

SOWK/SOCI460 Death and Grief in Contemporary Society

- *SOWK402 Foundations of Practice II*

SOWK470 Social Work Research

- *STAT120 Introduction to Statistics for Social Sciences*
- AND
- *SOWK437 International Environment of Social Welfare*

SOWK 489 BSW Professional Seminar

- *SOWK411 Foundations of Practice III*
- AND
- *SOWK436 Field Instruction II*

Emphases courses:

SOWK310 Gerontology

- *SOWK231 Introduction to Macro Practice*
- AND
- *SOWK300 Social Work Issues in the Caribbean*

SOWK325 Social Welfare Institutions and Services

- *SOWK231 Introduction to Macro Practice*
- AND
- *SOWK315 Values, Ethics and Diversity*

SOWK412 Children and Families at Risk

- *FMST115 Introduction to Family Studies*
- AND
- *SOWK350 Social Welfare Policy*

SOWK 467 Social Aspects on Long-Term Care

- *SOWK350 Social Welfare Policy*
- AND
- *SOWK402 Foundations of Practice 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

Courses below are undertaken only if required:

SOWK475 Topics in _____ 1-4

SOWK495 Independent Study/Projects/ 1-4
Teachings