BSW Program

The BSW degree is offered at both the Hattiesburg and Gulf Coast campuses. Students gain a basic knowledge of the social work profession, social welfare systems, human behavior, policy, research and the values and skills necessary for beginning social work practice. Students advance to the professional level courses after successfully completing two years of general education requirements, including 9 hours of introductory level social work courses. A minimum of 124 hours are required for graduation.

If a student expresses interest in the BSW program at Southern Miss, it is important that they follow the advisement degree plan (see plan on our website).

Requirements for the BSW Program

1. Earn a cumulative USM GPA of at least 2.5 or above
2. Have only 6-9 hours of prerequisite courses remaining from the USM and Social Work Core (see the Advisement Degree Plan used during advisement for a list of all required courses)
3. Complete the three Introductory Level Social Work courses: (a) SWK 301 which requires a 40 hour volunteer field placement at a social service agency that is arranged with the help of their instructor, (b) SWK 300 and (c) SWK 315
4. Complete the Human Growth and Development/Developmental Psychology course (PSY 275) and the Human Sexuality Requirement (DPH 430)
5. Earn a grade of “C” or better in each course that counts toward the BSW degree
6. Complete MAT 100 or higher

Making it Personal

We want to meet and get to know you. Feel free to contact Delories Williams, BSW Program Coordinator at 601-266-5915 or delories.williams@usm.edu to get more information, ask questions, or schedule a visit to one of our campuses.

We can also arrange for you to meet with current students.