



# WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY | SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

## Minor in Social Work & Social Justice



Providing undergraduate students from all majors the opportunity to learn practical solutions to foster environments that are socially just, diverse, inclusive, and equitable.

### **DIVERSE STUDENT BODY**

This minor is open to all WSU undergraduate students and serves to complement students entering fields including social work, criminal justice, education, immigration, human resources, advocacy and government.

### **EXPANDING JOB MARKET**

According to the U.S. Department of Labor – Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of social workers and community service specialists is projected to grow 12% by 2028. This is much faster than the average for all occupations.

### **FLEXIBLE COURSES**

Full- and part-time program options with day, evening, weekend, and online classes to fit your schedule. Select in-person classes are offered on main Detroit campus and at our Macomb extension center.

### **URBAN ADVANTAGE**

Detroit's urban context provides rich and compelling experiences that prepare students to address social injustices on a micro, mezzo and macro level.

### **Questions?**

Visit us at

[socialwork.wayne.edu/bsw/socialworksocialjusticeminor](https://socialwork.wayne.edu/bsw/socialworksocialjusticeminor)



The Minor in Social Work and Social Justice provides undergraduate students from any major with the opportunity to learn how to apply practical solutions to foster environments that are socially just, diverse, inclusive, and equitable. It serves to complement majors in other departments where students enter fields like state and local government, criminal justice, education, immigration, human resources, and advocacy. Students with a Minor in Social Work will learn to apply social work principles to questions of social injustices at the micro, mezzo and macro levels in areas such as aging, child welfare, criminal justice, environmental justice, housing, policy and community practice and mental health.

Graduates will demonstrate the following learning outcomes:

- Incorporate social justice principles to strategies for creating and sustaining equitable and inclusive environments.
- Identify issues of fairness and equality in economic, political and social systems
- Enhance sensitivity to vulnerable and at-risk population
- Evaluate ideas and create social justice projects that provides engagement with the city of Detroit community

With an emphasis on the relationship between social justice and social work practice, graduates will add an additional and unique credential that employers may value because it will augment their major with content in social work courses and support readiness for employability particularly for students pursuing careers in the helping field.

### Coursework

Students must complete a minimum of 12 credit hours in Social Work (3 required courses and 1 elective course) and 6 credit hours in CLAS (2 elective courses), specifically:

- SW 1010 - Introduction to Social Work and Social Welfare (3 cr) *\*satisfies general education requirement*
- SW 3110 - Diversity, Oppression & Social Justice (3 cr)
- SW 3710 - Social Welfare and the Social Work Profession: History, Trends and Basic Concepts (3 cr)
- 1 Social Work elective courses
- 2 CLAS elective courses

Visit <https://socialwork.wayne.edu/bsw/socialworksocialjusticeminor> for a full list of elective options.

### Program Requirements

- Admission to Wayne State University Undergraduate Program
- Maintain your program cumulative GPA requirement
- Complete course requirements of 4 Social Work and 2 CLAS courses (18 total credits)

### Admissions Process

Students may add the minor at any time, simply

- Meet with your academic advisor to discuss the requirements
- Declare your Minor in Social Work and Social Justice
- Enroll in courses