

Minor and Certificate Programs

Minors

The transcript-recognized undergraduate academic minor must be completed in conjunction with an undergraduate degree at The University of Texas at Austin. For more information regarding the requirements for achieving a minor, including a comprehensive list of minors, please visit the [Minor and Certificate Programs](#) section of the *Undergraduate Catalog*.

Social Work Minor

A Social Work Minor requires completion of 15 semester hours, six of which must be upper-division. All courses in the Social Work minor must be taken on a letter grade basis and students must earn a minimum grade of a C.

All interested students must apply for admission to the minor. To be eligible, students must have an overall minimum University of Texas at Austin GPA of 2.0.

The Social Work Minor requirements are:

Requirements	Hours
S W 310 Introduction to Social Work and Social Welfare	3
S W 312 Generalist Social Work Practice: Knowledge, Values, and Skills	3
S W 325 Foundations of Social Justice	3
Students will choose 2 additional courses from S W 360K numbered topic courses to complete their required 15 semester hours.	6
Total Hours	15

Critical Disability Studies Minor

A program that focuses on the nature, meaning, and consequences of what it is to be defined as disabled and explores the historical, cultural, economic, physiological, and socio-political dynamics of disability. Includes instruction in disability rights, legal issues, and public policy; literature, philosophy, and the arts; and/or research in the social sciences, education, and health sciences addressing social and experiential aspects of disability.

All interested students must apply for admission to the minor. To be eligible, students must have an overall minimum University of Texas at Austin GPA of 2.0.

The Critical Disability Studies Minor requirements are:

Requirements	Hours
CDI 355 Topics in Critical Disability Studies (Topic 1: Social Construction of Disability)	3
CDI 355 Topics in Critical Disability Studies (Topic 2: Making Systems Work for People with Disabilities)	3
S W 325 Foundations of Social Justice	3
Six hours chosen from:	6
SED 322C Individual Differences	
ANT 302 Cultural Anthropology	

ANT 349C	Human Variation
KIN 352K	Topics in Human Movement Studies
KIN 367S	Sport and Disability
KIN 366R	Adapted Fitness and Recreation
KIN 360	Programming for People with Disabilities
MUS 379K	Advanced Topics in Music Literature
N 371	Disability over the Life Course
SED 303	Autism Spectrum Disorder: Truths and Consequences
SLH 308K	Perspectives on Deafness
CDI 355	Topics in Critical Disability Studies

Please Note:

All courses in the disability studies minor must be taken on a letter grade basis, and students must earn a minimum grade of a C.

Total Hours **15**

Certificates

Public Safety Certificate

The certificate in public safety provides undergraduate social work students with coursework and service learning opportunities that prepare them for careers in public safety. These careers may include work in such settings as law enforcement, fire departments, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), and emergency management at the local, state, and national levels.

Application Requirements

Students will complete an application form and submit it to the Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Programs, who, in consultation with the Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, will offer admission to the Certificate Program. All courses in the Certificate Program must be taken on a letter grade basis and students must earn a minimum grade of a C.

Certificate Requirements

The certificate will be awarded to students whose successful completion of the BSW program of work includes six courses (18 hours) in the area of focus, including:

Requirements	Hours
PSF 311 Social Work and Public Safety	3
S W 325 Foundations of Social Justice	3
Three courses chosen from the following:	9
S W 311 Introductory Topics in Social Work (Topic 3: Introduction to the Criminal Justice System)	
S W 360K Current Social Work Topics (Topic 3: Treatment of Substance Use Disorders)	
S W 360K Current Social Work Topics (Topic 4: Social Work Practice with Abused and Neglected Children and their Families)	
S W 360K Current Social Work Topics (Topic 5: Advanced Topics in Social and Economic Justice)	

S W 360K	Current Social Work Topics (Topic 6: Contemporary Issues in Domestic Violence)	
S W 360K	Current Social Work Topics (Topic 8: Leadership in the Community)	
S W 360K	Current Social Work Topics (Topic 9: Loss and Grief: Individual, Family, and Cultural Perspectives)	
S W 360K	Current Social Work Topics (Topic 11: Communication Skills in Interdisciplinary Settings)	
S W 360K	Current Social Work Topics (Topic 12: Social Work in the Legal System)	
S W 360K	Current Social Work Topics (Topic 14: Working with Youth Gangs)	
S W 360K	Current Social Work Topics (Topic 17: Principles of Recovery and Relapse Prevention)	
S W 360K	Current Social Work Topics (Topic 18: Mental Health Issues in Public Safety)	
S W 360K	Current Social Work Topics (Topic 21: Juvenile Justice: Systems, Policy, and Practice)	
PSF 360K	Public Safety Field Immersion ¹	3
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1. Field Immersion Placements: Placements will be completed in public safety related settings, including such possibilities as the Austin Police Department, The University of Texas at Austin Police Department, Travis County Sheriff's Office, the Department of Corrections, City of Austin Office of Emergency Management, Travis County Office of Emergency Management, and Austin EMS.

Total Hours	18
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