Program Objectives
The program's objectives are:
• Provide the student with generalist knowledge, skills and core social work values for entry into beginning social work practice in a variety of agencies and human service settings.
• Provide the student with knowledge and skills to address social welfare needs and issues relevant to complex global societies.
• Develop leaders prepared to enhance the development of social welfare and the delivery of social services.
• Enhance social welfare, the provision of social services and the social work profession through service, research and continuing education, including work on advanced degrees.

These goals are interrelated with the Program's mission and with the broader missions of the College of Education and Human Services of California University of Pennsylvania and evolve naturally from the value base of the social work profession.

The social work program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

Careers
Graduates of the social work program are eligible for membership in the National Association of Social Workers and, if they have a high enough GPA, for advanced standing in most accredited graduate social work programs. This degree provides opportunities in a variety of human service settings, including government agencies; mental and/or behavioral health care facilities; hospitals and outpatient health care agencies; schools; drug and alcohol programs; prisons and other legal settings; family service agencies, etc. Social workers provide direct and indirect services on behalf of individuals, families, groups and communities.

Admission
Full admission into the upper-division skills classes of the social work program requires that the student apply for degree candidacy after he or she has (1) completed a minimum of 45 credit hours; (2) completed SOW 150, SOW 208, SOW 215, ENG 101, and ENG 102 with a minimum grade of C; (3) achieved an overall GPA of 2.0; (4) submitted the candidacy application.

Field Work
In addition to the courses listed above, students will complete 15 credits in Social Work Field Education and Seminar (SOW 425 and SOW 435). Prerequisites for these courses are advanced senior standing and SOW 345, 370 and 405. SOW 349 may be taken currently if not already completed.

Curriculum
California University believes that a broad liberal arts foundation is essential for all students, regardless of the profession for which they may be preparing. The goals, objectives and courses that comprise our general education program are designed to provide students with the knowledge, understanding, and skill they will need to pursue their careers and lead productive and rewarding lives.

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The eight-semester schedule of courses provides a recommended framework for completing this program of study in four years. To ensure that they are making satisfactory academic progress, students should consult with their faculty adviser, ensure that they complete prerequisites and required courses in sequence, and complete a minimum of 15 credits each semester. A two-year plan is available for students entering with earned associates with sufficient liberal arts credits.
Freshman Year
First Semester.........................................................................................16 credits
**ENG 101 English Composition I ............................................................3 crs.
**UNI 100 First-Year Seminar ..................................................................1 cr.
**PSY 100 or SOC 100 Social Science ....................................................3 crs.
*SOW 150 Introduction to Social Work ....................................................3 crs.
General Education Courses (see catalog) .................................................6 crs.

Second Semester .....................................................................................15 credits
**ENG 102 English Composition II .............................................................3 crs.
**PSY 100 or SOC 100 Social Science ....................................................3 crs.
General Education Courses (see catalog) .................................................9 crs.

Sophomore Year
Third Semester ........................................................................................15 credits
*SOW 208 Diversity in a Changing World ....................................................3 crs.
*SOW 215 Human Behavior and the Social Environment I:
Life Course ..................................................................................................3 crs.
General Education Courses (see catalog) .................................................9 crs.

Fourth Semester .......................................................................................15 credits
*SOW 302 Soc. Work Practice with Individuals .........................................3 crs.
*SOW 316 Human Behavior and the Social Environment II:
Groups, Organizations and Communities ................................................3 crs.
General Education Courses/Electives (see catalog) ...................................9 crs.

Junior Year
Fifth Semester ........................................................................................15 credits
*SOW 304 Social Work Practice with Families .........................................3 crs.
*SOW 360 Social Welfare, Philosophy, .......................................................3 crs.
Policy Analysis & Social Service Delivery ................................................3 crs.
*1st Social Work Special Interest .................................................................3 crs.
General Education Courses/Electives (see catalog) ....................................6 crs.

Sixth Semester .........................................................................................15-18 credits
**SOW 303 Human Sexuality and Society ...............................................3 crs.
**SOW 345 Social Work Practice with Groups .........................................3 crs.
*SOW 370 Policy Practice in Social Work ................................................3 crs.
*2nd Social Work Special Interest .................................................................3 crs.
General Education Courses/Electives (see catalog) ....................................3-6 crs.

Senior Year
Seventh Semester ....................................................................................15 credits
*SOW 405 Social Work Research Methods ...........................................3 crs.
*SOW 349 Social Work Practice with Organizations and Communities .....3 crs.
E Electives (see catalog) ...........................................................................9 crs.
Pre-practicum Orientation .........................................................................0 crs.

Eighth Semester .......................................................................................15 credits
*SOW 425 Field Education ................................................................ ......12 crs.
*SOW 435 Field Seminar ................................................................ .........3 crs.

*Required major and related courses
**Required and recommended General Education courses

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