

Social Welfare, Minor

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Are you interested in exploring how social services are delivered in a variety of settings and enhancing your ability to work in human service environments? You can combine your primary program with this minor's educational emphasis to help change the world.

Description

The social welfare minor program prepares students for work in human service settings where a fundamental knowledge of human relations is required.

The minor enhances and broadens students' abilities to analyze complex family, individual and societal problems in the context of societal values, cultural humility and other social and economic variables. The program contributes to students' understanding of society and social behavior, encourages critical thinking and helps students develop their communication skills.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [Watts College of Public Service & Community Solut](#)
- **Location:** [Downtown Phoenix](#), [West Valley](#) or [Online](#)

Program requirements

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Students should:

1. be at sophomore standing to take 300- or 400-level courses
2. complete 18 credit hours of graded coursework (internship or independent study not applicable)

3. complete a minimum of 12 credit hours of resident credit at ASU
4. complete SWU 171 as the prerequisite for all upper-division SWU courses
5. earn a grade of "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) or better for all courses in the minor
6. maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.00 (4.00 scale) or higher
7. consider meeting with a social welfare advisor prior to registration
8. take a minimum of 12 credit hours of upper-division coursework from the approved list

Required Courses -- 9 credit hours

SWU 171: Introduction to Social Work (SOBE OR SB) (3)

SWU 291: Social Service Delivery Systems (3)

SWU 332: Social Policy and Advocacy (CIVI) or SWU 432: Social Policy and Services (3)

Governance and Civic Engagement (select one) -- 3 credit hours

SWU 374: Diversity and Oppression in a Social Work Context (CIVI OR C) (3)

SWU 456: Immigrants and Refugees (CIVI OR C) (3)

SWU 457: Southwest Borderland Immigration Issues (CIVI OR C) (3)

SWU 461: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Issues (CIVI OR C) (3)

Elective Courses* (select two) -- 6 credit hours

SWU 303: Micro Human Behavior and the Social Environment (SOBE OR L or SB) (3)

SWU 340: Macro Human Behavior and the Social Environment (SOBE OR SB) (3)

SWU 454: Overview of Addictions (3)

SWU 456: Immigrants and Refugees (CIVI OR C) (3)

SWU 457: Southwest Borderland Immigration Issues (CIVI OR C) (3)

SWU 458: Behavioral Health Services (3)

SWU 460: Legal Issues in Social Work (3)

SWU 461: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Issues (CIVI OR C) (3)

SWU 462: Global Social Welfare (GCSI OR G) (3)

SWU 498: Pro-Seminar (L) (1-7)

*Note: Student may select one additional course from the Governance and Civic Engagement options above.

*Note: SWU 456, SWU 457, and SWU 461 cannot be used to meet both the Governance and Civic Engagement course requirement and an elective requirement.

Prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this minor.

Enrollment requirements

GPA Requirement: 2.00

Incompatible Majors: BSW in social work; BA in public service and public policy (social services delivery); BA in community advocacy and social policy

Other Enrollment Requirements: None

Students should meet with a social welfare advisor prior to registration.

Current ASU undergraduate students may pursue a minor and have it recognized on their ASU transcript at graduation. Minor requirements appear on the degree audit once the minor is added. Certain major and minor combinations may be deemed inappropriate by the college or department of either the major or the minor program. Courses taken for the minor may not count toward both the major and the minor.

Attend online

ASU Online

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may [view the program's ASU Online page](#) for program descriptions and to request more information.

Career opportunities

Graduates with a minor in social welfare are prepared for work in a variety of human service settings. This minor complements careers in journalism, communications, public administration, nursing and related fields, and it provides a foundation for students who seek to pursue an MSW degree.

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