What you can do with your
SOCIAL WORK MAJOR

Major Skills:

Professionalism & Ethical Conduct
You apply principles of ethical and professional conduct, demonstrate personal accountability and effective work habits, understand the impact of actions and non-verbal communication, and act responsibly with the interests of the larger community in mind.

Equity & Inclusivity
You connect awareness of the self, systems and social welfare knowledge to promote justice, equity, and inclusion and guard against biases; you promote anti-oppressive practices.

Practice Skills
You describe and demonstrate foundational knowledge and skills in engaging, assessing, intervening, and evaluating practice with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.

Written & Oral Communication
You articulate ideas clearly and effectively in written and oral form; you can explain complex ideas for clinical and non-clinical audiences.

Systems Analysis & Intervention
You analyze systems at the micro (individuals and families), mezzo (groups and communities), and macro (systems and organizations) levels and advocate for system-level changes; you assess individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities and intervene where appropriate.

Teamwork
You work collaboratively with others including interdisciplinary professionals, community members, families, and clients to achieve common goals, negotiate, and manage conflict.

Research
You use evidence to support arguments, critically and thoughtfully consume the work of others, use evidence to support arguments, and explain information clearly and concisely.

Supplement Your Skills With:

- Mentorship & Leadership in Student & Community Organizations
- Interdisciplinary Communication & Relationship Building
- Global & Intercultural Experience
- Service-learning, Field Placements, Volunteering, Part-Time Jobs, Internships

Chart Your Path Forward
Activate Your Handshake Account for connections to jobs, internships, employer & alumni networking.

Explore Career Communities to discover a wide variety of fields where you can turn your major into success.

Take the Next Step
This is a professional degree program that prepares students for licensure and to continue on to the Master’s program.
“Studying Social Work equipped me with crisis intervention techniques and problem-solving skills. These skills are essential in handling challenging situations, making decisions, and finding solutions to operational issues in the healthcare setting. Additionally, a lot of Social Work involves advocating for vulnerable populations and understanding social policies. This background has served me well in navigating healthcare regulations, quality assurance, and patient advocacy.”

Adriana Sofia Kotchkoski, 2018
MHA Student
University of Iowa
Iowa City, Iowa

“During my time in the BSW and MSW program, especially within field seminars, a great emphasis was placed on documentation. Stepping into my career, I was well-equipped to document appropriate case notes because of the education provided at UW-Madison,”

Camilla Vellon, MSW, 2022
Behavioral Health Clinician
Atrium Health
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