

# Social Work

## BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK DEGREE

### Why study social work?

You have a passion for social justice and have always been interested in social issues. You believe in human rights, working towards a more just society. Whether you want to study full- or part-time, UFV's Bachelor of Social Work degree is flexible enough to provide you with options so you can carry on with other commitments in your life while earning this degree.

#### WHAT TYPE OF CAREER CAN I EXPECT?

As a successful graduate, you'll be ready to work with individuals, groups, and communities in a variety of settings that are funded by both government and non-government sources. Some of those options include:

- child welfare and protection
- hospitals and health care settings
- community and institutional corrections
- addictions services
- services for women
- immigration and cross-cultural services
- community services and programs
- First Nations communities and First Nations child welfare
- programs for people with special needs and disabilities
- community and health services for the elderly

#### WHY EARN MY BSW DEGREE AT UFV?

UFV offers a unique program of studies that will lead you towards your Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree. The program will prepare you for generalist social work practice that reflects the principles of social justice, equality, and respect of diversity. With a commitment to lifelong learning and a critical analysis of oppression, graduates will have the knowledge, skills, and professional social work values necessary to work collaboratively with individuals, families, groups, and communities in diverse and cross-cultural environments. Our program contributes to the knowledge base of social work through partnerships with professional and local communities.



*“Our programs will assist you in making a difference in the lives of others. From certificate to diploma to BSW, we have something for everyone.”*

— JOHN HOGG,  
Acting Director, UFV School  
of Social Work and  
Human Services.

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*“My time at UFV was an exciting time of learning that prepared me well for a lifelong career in Social Work. The program included classes in theory, policy, research, and practice. I valued the emphasis on diversity, cross-cultural practice, and First Nations perspectives. The degree program provides an excellent preparation for rewarding work in a variety of social service settings.”*

— APRIL GOERTZEN, Bachelor of Social Work, '07.

An important part of our UFV BSW degree is its emphasis on identifying social barriers such as gender, race, and class. These are the basis of inequality and inequitable treatment, and they prevent people from living to their full potential in a democratic society. Based on egalitarian ideals, social work is dedicated to the promotion of individual, family and community development, and seeks to ensure people have access to other economic, political and social resources that promote participation and self-determination. To achieve these aims, social workers advocate for social change and social justice in the belief that the basic and continuing improvement of social conditions is fundamental to individual and family growth and development.

The BSW program has a full seven-year accreditation with the Canadian Association of Schools of Social Work.

## **I'M STILL IN HIGH SCHOOL. CAN I REGISTER FOR THIS PROGRAM?**

Not yet. UFV's BSW program is designed specifically for entry at the third-year level, after you've completed 60 credits. To qualify, those credits must include some specific course work and arts and sciences. It's best to check our online calendar at [www.ufv.ca/calendar](http://www.ufv.ca/calendar) or our Social Work & Human Services website at [www.ufv.ca/swhs](http://www.ufv.ca/swhs) for complete details on entrance requirements.

## **I'M CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN THE SOCIAL SERVICES DIPLOMA PROGRAM. CAN I TRANSFER CREDITS TOWARDS MY DEGREE?**

Absolutely. Our Social Services diploma program is a two-year career-oriented program that prepares students to enter the workforce at the para-professional level. As a graduate of this diploma program, you can apply up to 54 credits into the degree program and complete the BSW either on a part-time basis while working, or as a full-time student.

## **WHAT DO I NEED TO GET IN?**

You must have successfully completed Introduction to Social Work and Human Services (SOWK 110) and Social Welfare (SOWK 210), or have an equivalent six credits. We also require that you have a minimum of 45 general university-transfer Arts and Science credits that may be applied to the BSW graduation requirements, with a GPA of 2.67. These 45 credits must include: three credits of course work in English composition and three credits of course work in English literature; three credits of Human Development; and three credits of Introductory Statistics.

We recommend that you have three credits of Sociology of the Family.

To be considered for the summer semester, which begins in May, applications must be received by Dec. 31 of the year prior to application. To be considered for the fall semester, which begins in September, applications should be received by Jan. 31 that year.

If you have completed a Social Services certificate or diploma program, you may be eligible to receive discretionary credits, as well as additional credits for any completed Arts and Science transfer courses (e.g., English, psychology, etc.) For a current list of qualifying Arts and Science courses, it's best to visit our website at [www.ufv.ca/swhs](http://www.ufv.ca/swhs) or contact the department. To help with your application, it's also vital that you are committed to the profession of social work, and willing to undergo a criminal records check. You must also have at least 400 hours of recent, supervised work experience in the human services field, an aptitude for working with people, and a capacity for social analysis.

## WHAT TYPE OF COURSES WILL I TAKE?

Here's a basic program outline of the general Bachelor of Social Work degree (years three and four):

### SEMESTER V

COURSE #	TITLE
SOWK 300	Social Work Practice with Individuals
SOWK 311	Social Work Theory & Ethics
SOWK 312	Legal Knowledge of Social Work Practices
SOWK 320	Anti-Racist and Cross Cultural Social Work Knowledge and Practice
<i>Elective<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>Lower- and upper-level Arts or SOWK Group B*</i>

### SEMESTER VI

COURSE #	TITLE
<i>Elective<sup>1</sup></i>	<i>SOWK Group A*</i>
SOWK 330	Practicum I
SOWK 392	Aboriginal Social Work
<i>Elective<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>Lower- and upper-level Arts or SOWK Group B*</i>

### SEMESTER VII

COURSE #	TITLE
SOWK 404	Research Methods and Evaluation
SOWK 410	Social Welfare Policy and Practice
<i>Elective<sup>1</sup></i>	<i>SOWK Group A*</i>
<i>Elective<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>SOWK Group B*</i>
<i>Elective<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>Lower- and upper-level Arts or SOWK Group B*</i>

### SEMESTER VIII

COURSE #	TITLE
SOWK 430	Practicum II
<i>Elective<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>Lower- and upper-level Arts or SOWK Group B*</i>
<i>Elective<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>Lower- and upper-level Arts or SOWK Group B*</i>

### SOCIAL WORK ELECTIVES

COURSE #	TITLE
SOWK 301	Social Work Practice with Groups
SOWK 380	Social Work and Community Development
SOWK 394	Substance Misuse Issues
SOWK 450	Social Work in Health Care
SOWK 483	Family-Centred Social Work
SOWK 490	Gerontological Social Work
SOWK 491	Child Welfare
SOWK 493	Feminist Social Work
SOWK 496	Disability Issues
SOWK 497	Social Work in Mental Health

## I'M INTERESTED. WHAT'S THE NEXT STEP?

Check out our online calendar at [www.ufv.ca/calendar](http://www.ufv.ca/calendar) or our website at [www.ufv.ca/swhs](http://www.ufv.ca/swhs). Visit the download centre and download the application forms. You can then either mail your complete application, along with the documents listed in the calendar and the \$45 processing fee, to any UFV campus or centre on or after Oct. 1 for the following September, or transmit it through the Internet at [www.pas.bc.ca](http://www.pas.bc.ca).

Early application is encouraged. If you plan to start your studies in September, then your application should be submitted by Jan. 31. Applications received after this date will be considered if spaces are still available in the program. It's also important to indicate whether you're applying for part-time or full-time studies.

## HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

Consult the UFV calendar at [www.ufv.ca/calendar](http://www.ufv.ca/calendar) for a complete list of fees, keeping in mind that new fees are usually set in May. In addition to tuition fees, you should be prepared to cover additional costs of \$150 per course for books and other supplies. It's worth a visit to the UFV financial aid and awards office, which facilitates the disbursement each year of about \$12 million in federal and provincial student loans, grants, bursaries, scholarships, and awards to UFV students.

A helpful budget planning worksheet is available online at [www.ufv.ca/fineaid/budget](http://www.ufv.ca/fineaid/budget).

#### Footnotes:

\* As a BSW student, you are required to complete a total of six SOWK electives (see footnotes 1 and 2) and two university-level electives. University-level arts electives must contribute to the breadth of the student's knowledge, and should be chosen with the advice of faculty.

1 You must have a minimum of two of the following SOWK Group A electives: SOWK 301, 380, and 483.

2 You must complete four electives from the following SOWK Group B electives: SOWK 394, 450, 490, 491, 493, 496, and 497, unless you choose to complete all three Group A electives (see above) in which case you are required to complete three Group B electives.

## CAN I GET ACADEMIC CREDIT FOR THE SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE GAINED IN MY LIFE SO FAR?

Yes. UFV offers Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR), a flexible assessment process that evaluates your experiential learning (what you already know and can do) for post-secondary credit.

Experiential learning includes independent study, volunteer activities, non-credit courses, workplace learning, and military service. To find out more, check out the PLAR website at [www.ufv.ca/plar](http://www.ufv.ca/plar) or contact Susan Brown, Assessment Services Coordinator, PLAR at 604.851.6342 or [susan.brown@ufv.ca](mailto:susan.brown@ufv.ca).

## WHAT SORT OF SUPPORT WILL I GET?

UFV BSW students can become members of the Bachelor of Social Work Student Association, a student organization that strives to support, represent, and advocate for students in the BSW degree program. The SWSA provides a forum for students to voice their concerns, make suggestions, and socialize with peers. It also acts as an important communication link with the school and faculty, and ensures that students' voices are represented on the BSW advisory committee, faculty selection advisory committees, and curriculum evaluation committees.

For more information about support and student services at UFV, visit [www.ufv.ca/student-services](http://www.ufv.ca/student-services) to learn about the broad range of services designed to help you learn about and adjust to the university environment.

## CAN I SPEAK WITH SOMEONE ABOUT MY OPTIONS?

We want to hear from you. If you're unsure of your direction, contact Student Services at 1-888-504-7441 to connect with an educational advisor, or arrange for career counselling.

Also, feel free to contact the School of Social Work and Human Services directly by calling 1-888-504-7441, local 4631, or 604-864-4631, or 604-702-2623, or go to [www.ufv.ca/swhs](http://www.ufv.ca/swhs).

## SOUNDS GOOD. WHAT DO I DO NOW?

Visit [www.ufv.ca/advising/prospective/enroll](http://www.ufv.ca/advising/prospective/enroll) for a step-by-step process to becoming a UFV student. Have specific questions? Contact the School of Social Work and Human Services directly at 1-888-504-7441, local 4631, or 604-864-4631, or 604-702-2623, or go to [www.ufv.ca/swhs](http://www.ufv.ca/swhs).



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## About UFV

Nestled in the beautiful Fraser Valley just east of Vancouver, in B.C., UFV is a fully accredited, public university that enrolls more than 11,000 students each year. UFV has campuses in Abbotsford, Chilliwack, and Mission and regional centres in Hope and Agassiz, and a growing presence in Chandigarh, India.

UFV is committed to exceptional post-secondary instruction and a nurturing learning environment. We are large enough to offer variety, yet small enough to offer the personal attention that our students need to thrive. Our small class sizes and focus on teaching allow our students to get to know their instructors and learn in a hands-on setting.

We offer more than 80 programs, including 13 bachelor's degrees, a master's degree, and more than a dozen trades and technology programs. We believe that anyone who wants to go to university should be given the chance, so our admission policies are flexible, and we provide university prep courses and high school completion options. There are many options for learning: full-time, in class, online, as part of a structured program or one tailored specifically to your interests.

Many of our programs "ladder" into one another, allowing students to keep their options open. Our international programming makes for a culturally diverse student body and great opportunities to study abroad, while our continuing studies offerings make learning a lifelong experience.

UFV is recognized nationally for student success, an excellent learning environment, creative integration of programming, and our work with our local communities.

Get to know us better at [www.ufv.ca](http://www.ufv.ca).

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