

Bachelor of Social Work 2015

Social Workers work with individuals, families and communities – in a diverse range of areas – to overcome social challenges and to realise their rights as citizens in today's world.

There is a high demand for qualified social workers in New Zealand and overseas, and this degree gives you the professional knowledge and skills required to be an effective social worker who can make a difference.

Quick facts	
Bachelor of Social Work	
Full-time	4 years (part-time study options also available)
Points per degree	480
Taught at	Epsom Campus
Majors	Child and Family Practice, Health Social Work Practice, Youth Services Practice, General Social Work
Application closing date	1 December 2014 (late applications may be considered if places are available)
Classes start	2 March 2015 (with an introduction day the week prior)



Programme structure

The courses within this degree include compulsory (core) courses, courses specific to your major (which you do not need to choose until Year Two of the programme) and some elective courses. Combined they give you a comprehensive and coherent understanding of social work practice and theory. See the next page for the courses you will study.

This programme can be completed with Honours in your final year if your grades in the first three years make you eligible for the Honours programme (criteria apply).

Supervised field practice

In your third and fourth year of study, you will undertake blocks of supervised field practice in social work agencies to experience first-hand what it is like to work in the profession. You will experience real situations and issues and interact and discuss approaches and outcomes with experienced social workers.

There are two blocks of supervised field practice – a placement of around three-months in Year Three of the BSW and a longer placement in Year Four. The final placement aims to match your major with a role in a related agency. When you are on a supervised field placement, you will be expected to work agency hours of approximately eight hours per day and you must have a full New Zealand driver's licence (exceptions include any disability that prevents driving).

Career opportunities

The high demand for qualified social workers in New Zealand, Australia and other countries (especially in the United Kingdom), means you will have many employment opportunities. You will have developed social work skills and knowledge, both from a theoretical and professional practice perspective,

which gives you solid preparation to enter into any social work position. You will also have knowledge of specialist settings relevant to your major or selected courses of study.

This high quality degree enables you to practice in a wide range of social service settings and qualifies you to apply for social work registration with the Social Workers Registration Board, thereby enhancing your career and salary opportunities.

If you complete this qualification with Honours you will have the benefit of a postgraduate qualification and have gained advanced skills and valuable research experience.

How to apply

Applications are made online. To apply to study this programme visit www.auckland.ac.nz/applynow

Important information for first-year students

Find out about student mentors and the First Year Experience Programme www.education.auckland.ac.nz/fye

Apply for a Start Smart Scholarship www.education.auckland.ac.nz/start-smart

Check out the range of student support and services www.education.auckland.ac.nz/student-support

Further study

Postgraduate study is the opportunity to further your knowledge and skills, focus on an area of special interest and enhance your career and salary opportunities. After completing this degree, you can continue on to study at postgraduate level either full-time or part-time while working. See www.education.auckland.ac.nz/postgraduate

2015 Academic Year	
Year One - Bachelor of Social Work	
Introduction Day	tbc
Lectures	2 March - 2 April
Mid-Semester break	3 April - 17 April
Lectures	20 April - 5 June
Study break/Exams	8 June - 26 June
Inter-semester break	29 June - 17 July
Lectures	20 July - 28 August
Mid-Semester break	31 August - 11 September
Lectures	14 September - 23 October
Study break/Exams	27 October - 13 November

Note: Current at time of publication but changes may occur.

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Course code	Course title	Pts
Year One		
HUMSERV 101	Psychology for Human Services	15
HUMSERV 102	Lifespan Development for Human Services	15
SOCWORK 111	Professional Communication Skills	15
SOCWORK 112	Sociology for Human Services	15
SOCWORK 113	Culture and Diversity	15
SOCWORK 114	Treaty of Waitangi in Human Services	15
SOCWORK 115	The Social Work Environment	15
GEN ED	General Education course	15
	Total Points	120
Year Two		
SOCWORK 211	Social Policy Development	15
SOCWORK 212	Bicultural Social Work Practice	15
SOCWORK 213	Social Work Practice Skills	15
SOCWORK 214	Social Work Practice Theories	15
SOCWORK 216	Law and the State in Social Work	15
SOCCHFAM 215	Whānau-Family-Aiga Practice	15
(MAJOR)	Course from your chosen major (or elective)	15
GEN ED	General Education course	15
	Total Points	120
Year Three		
SOCWORK 311	Social Work Process and Practice	15
SOCWORK 312	Applied Social Research	15
SOCWORK 315	Organisations and Management	15
SOCWORK 317	Supervised Field Practice and Professional Development 1	30
SOCCHFAM 314	Child Protection Practice	15
SOCHLTH 313	Mental Health in Social Practice	15
(MAJOR)	Course from your chosen major (or elective)	15
	Total Points	120
Year Four		
Either Year Four of the Bachelor of Social Work or the Bachelor of Social Work (Honours) Programme.		
See www.education.auckland.ac.nz/undergrad-programmes for further information.		
	Total Points	120

Courses you will study in your first year

HUMSERV 101 Psychology for Human Services

An introduction to the study of psychology and its application to working in human services. Students will explore key theorists and theories of psychology. A particular emphasis on learning theory, developmental processes of social, cognitive, moral and personality interaction. A central theme is an understanding of human behaviour in social settings.

HUMSERV 102 Lifespan Development for Human Services

An introduction to the theories of lifespan development. Key issues affecting human development and its relevance and application to the work of human service practitioners will be explored. The consideration of social contexts of human development will be a central theme.

SOCWORK 111 Professional Communication Skills

An introduction into effective personal and professional communication in human services. An experiential and collaborative approach will be used to assist students to explore the place of self in the communication process, to understand the stages, purpose and task of the communication process, and to develop effective interaction.

SOCWORK 112 Sociology for Human Services

Introducing the traditions of sociological analysis and its application to the human services. Key theory and theorists, the history of ideas and debates within sociology, and their relevance to practitioners' understanding of contemporary New Zealand society will be explored. A

central theme is that a critical sociological imagination is essential for practitioners in social service settings.

SOCWORK 113 Culture and Diversity

An introductory exploration of notions of culture and diversity that critically examines impacts on individuals, whānau and communities in Aotearoa. A range of cultural perspectives will lead to and encourage critical discovery of 'self' in relation to realms of difference in the context of social and human services.

SOCWORK 114 Treaty of Waitangi in Human Services

Examines the Treaty of Waitangi and its significance in regard to historical events, trends and theories of social, economic and political change in Aotearoa New Zealand society. Explores the implications of the Treaty of Waitangi in social service delivery practice and past, present and future significance in Māori development.

SOCWORK 115 The Social Work Environment

An introduction to the history and practice of social work and the wider policy environment that will be encountered while working in the profession. Examination of the roles played in the profession and familiarisation with traditions of care and policies of welfare that influence the work of social workers and social services.

General Education Programme

You will also study one course from the General Education schedules available for this degree. See www.auckland.ac.nz/generaleducation

For course descriptions for Year 2, 3 and 4 courses, refer to the University of Auckland Calendar, which can be viewed online at www.auckland.ac.nz/calendar