OUR MISSION

We are Chicago’s Jesuit, Catholic University—a diverse community seeking God in all things and working to expand knowledge in the service of humanity through learning, justice, and faith.

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK (BSW)

The BSW degree provides the knowledge, values, and skills graduates need as a beginning-level generalist in social work practice. Field placement in community agencies and organizations occurs, providing opportunities for students to integrate classroom knowledge and practice skills with individuals, families, groups, communities, and organizations.

FIVE-YEAR PROGRAM (BSW/MSW)

Loyola offers a combined BSW/MSW degree that allows full-time students to complete both an undergraduate and graduate degree in just five years. Students earn a BSW degree, blending a top-quality social work curriculum with a strong liberal arts base. Because many first-year MSW requirements are completed during students’ senior year, the program can be completed in less time than normally required to earn a Master’s degree in Social Work.

Social workers work in various settings and help people of all ages from all social and economic backgrounds. Loyola’s School of Social Work prepares you for success with a student-centered learning environment as well as classes that are open-minded, lively, and inclusive.
Rich history, contemporary insight

Loyola's commitment to social work runs deep. Founded in 1914 and accredited since 1921, our school—the first at a Jesuit institution of higher learning—is the oldest school of social work at a Catholic university in North America. The values and mission of this profession, as well as Loyola's Jesuit tradition and commitment to social justice, fortify our pledge to serve others. You'll gain an invaluable foundation for your career through study and hands-on learning, and have opportunities to expand your global view through study abroad and international fieldwork.

500
NUMBER OF FIELDWORK HOURS COMPLETED BY UNDERGRADS

The end result: you will be a social worker with a wide range of knowledge and experience—as well as the confidence—to successfully engage clients and make an immediate impact in the world.

A diverse faculty

Our instructors come from a wide range of professional backgrounds with a wealth of research and field experience. You'll be able to tap into that experience in areas such as:

- Advocacy and community organizing
- Child welfare
- Domestic violence
- Gerontology
- Health care
- Inter-professional practice
- International social work
- Immigrant and refugee resettlement
- Mental and behavioral health
- Philanthropy
- Social policy

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STUDENT ORGANIZATION FOCUS

School of Social Work Student Organization (SSWSO)

From networking to service and social events, Loyola's School of Social Work Student Organization helps social work majors enhance their Loyola Experience while preparing for their professional future.

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