About the Department

Social work is a profession devoted to helping people function the best they can in their environment. Social workers are people who care about people – who want to make a difference. The Social Work Department began in 1974 to serve the needs of Maryland and the neighboring states, and since then, it has grown to include the dual-degree program (sociology and social work) with the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, a Master of Social Work Program, five satellite program locations offering both the B.A.S.W. and M.S.W., and a fully online M.S.W. Program serving residents of Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and Washington, D.C. All programs are fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, a must for earning licensure.

The Social Work Department is dedicated to excellence in the education of professional social workers at the baccalaureate and master’s levels. Both programs are committed to student centeredness and active community engagement in the pursuit of social, economic and environmental justice. Courses in the main campus and satellite program options are delivered in a “hybrid” format, meaning they use the latest technology to combine conventional face-to-face presentations with fully interactive, live video and online instruction from SU’s faculty. Since some of the class work is completed online, actual classroom time is reduced.

Bachelor of Arts in Social Work

The bachelor’s program prepares graduates through the use of both standard classroom study and practical field experience. Field experience, which is critical to education, is provided in human service agencies throughout the area to provide seniors with the hands-on knowledge necessary to develop entry-level skills.

Master of Social Work

Grounded in the ethics and values of the social work profession, the mission of SU’s M.S.W. Program is to inspire and educate competent and culturally responsive social work professionals to be prepared for advanced direct practice with individuals, families, groups and organizations in local, regional, national and global arenas. Both advanced standing and traditional options are available. Our M.S.W. graduates have higher licensure exam pass rates than the national average.

ACHIEVE YOUR PROFESSIONAL GOALS

Our Social Work Programs are designed with the working professional in mind. Features of our program options include:

- Five convenient locations (SU Main Campus, Cecil College, Eastern Shore Higher Education Center at Chesapeake College, University System of Maryland at Hagerstown and Southern Maryland Higher Education Center) and an online option allow you to complete the program close to home.
- Field placements are available in a variety of settings in your own area and may be tailored to meet your professional goals.
- The flexible programs offer part-time and full-time course load options and evening courses.
- Our programs are ranked as one of the 10 best value colleges for online social work degrees.

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