Description/Objective:
The WSU Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree program prepares students for beginning, generalist professional Social Work practice. The program is fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. The Social Work program serves students on both the Winona and Rochester campuses.

In many states, a license is required to practice Social Work, and a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree from an accredited Social Work program is required for licensure. Students who graduate with a BSW degree are eligible for advanced standing when applying to most graduate schools. Advanced graduates can finish most MSW programs in one year; however, the requirements vary from one institution to another.

Career Opportunities:
Students are well prepared for generalist social work practice and may be employed in social welfare and/or casework in the public or private sector, working with a variety of population groups in a variety of settings.

High School Background:
A well-rounded college preparatory program is recommended. An interest in working with other people and in understanding human behavior is very important. Communication skills, computer skills and community service experiences also are very important in this field.

Department Programs:
B.S. Major: Social Work – no minor required
Declaring a Social Work Major:

Students should contact the Social Work Department Office, 228 Minné for specific program admission requirements.

First-Year Sample Program:

Each of these majors and minors require different prerequisites in general education. Students interested in Social Work must consult an advisor in the program before selecting university studies courses. This major has program-specific GPA minimum requirements for admission, retention and graduation. Students must consult the particular major department chair in Winona or program coordinator in Rochester for additional details.