



BSW Course Sequence

Year One

FALL	FYS101	First-Year Seminar: "Simmons 101"
	FYW101	First-Year Writing
SPR	SW101	Introduction to Social Work & Social Welfare
	MATH	Math Requirement (or elective if proficiency exam passed) + Foreign Language
	MCC102	Multidisciplinary Core Course: Culture Matters
	SOCI101	Principles of Sociology
	SW200	Social Welfare Policy + Foreign Language or elective

Year Two

FALL	SW251	Human Behavior in the Social Environment I
	BIO102/113	Mode IV: Biology of Human Development or General Biology
	ECON101	Mode V: Macroeconomics + Foreign Language
SPR	Semester Abroad – 16 credits Foreign Language, Modes 1, 2 and/or 6, Electives	

Year Three

FALL	Point of official entry into Social Work Program (including transfer students)	
	SOCI249	Inequality: Race, Class and Gender
	SOCI239	Introduction to Social Research
	SW 351	Social Work Practice I + Mode, Elective, any foundational courses not yet complete
SPR	SW252	Human Behavior in the Social Environment II
	SW352	Social Work Practice II – includes junior field placement
	MATH118	Mode III: Introductory Statistics + Mode, Elective, any foundational courses not yet complete

Year Four

FALL	SW353	Social Work Practice III
	SW370	Social Work Field Placement and Seminar I – <i>integrative seminar & fall senior field placement</i> + Mode, Elective, any courses not yet complete
SPR	SW354	Social Work Practice IV
	SW371	Social Work Field Placement and Seminar II – <i>integrative seminar & spring senior field placement</i>
	SW390	Senior Seminar (also satisfies one College ILR requirement)



Study Abroad for Social Work / BSW

Recommended Study Abroad Programs

Given the sequential structure and field placement requirements of the BSW Program curriculum, it is preferable for BSW students to study abroad in the Spring of their sophomore year.

Recommended Program Providers

There are many different programs with excellent coursework in which you can take required modes and possibly some social work courses. Be sure to check with your academic advisor to get courses approved in advance.

[API](#)

[Arcadia University](#)

[Boston University](#)

[CIEE](#)

[IES Abroad](#)

[IFSA – Butler](#)

[TEAN](#)

Theme Based Programs

Denmark: *Child Diversity & Development; Prostitution and the Sex Trade in Europe; Cross-Cultural Psychology; Positive Psychology; Cultural Diversity and Social Capital (with optional practicum)*
[Copenhagen – DIS](#)

Dominican Republic: *Contemporary DR: Political and Socioeconomic Process; Service Learning Program with Community Advocacy Internship*
[Santiago – CIEE](#)

Ghana: *Business, Development & Social Entrepreneurship*
[Legon – CIEE](#)

South Africa: *Community Development & Social Justice: Theory + Practice (summer only)*
[Cape Town – CIEE](#)

Multiple Locations:

Social Movements, Education and Human Rights – SIT
[Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Morocco, Netherlands, South Africa, Switzerland](#)

Multiculturalism, Migration and Indigenous Peoples – SIT
[Bolivia, China, Ecuador, France, Jordan, Kenya, Madagascar, Morocco, Nepal, Peru, Samoa, Spain, Tunisia](#)

Social Work Programs – IES Abroad
[Australia, China, Ecuador, New Zealand, South Africa](#)

Study abroad can help you prepare for your professional life in today's global context

Can I afford to study abroad?

Many study abroad opportunities can be affordable. Program fees often cover full-time tuition, housing, and most meals. Federal and State aid applies to study abroad, and in some cases, you will receive an increased award to cover additional expenses. The Study Abroad Office offers many scholarships for studying abroad, ranging from \$250 – \$2500. Regional and national scholarships also exist to help students based on need, merit, where/what you will be studying, and other factors. With assistance from the Study Abroad Office, a faculty member or the Writing Center, you can write a competitive essay.

Do credits go towards my requirements?

The programs listed here are approved by the Study Abroad Office, meaning there is established confidence in the academic quality, safety, and student support services available in each program. You will need to get your individual course selections approved through a petition process before you leave Simmons, but all of the programs will provide pre-departure and on-site orientation, housing, academic support, international health insurance, and on-site logistical assistance.

How do I start?

1. Go to an Information Session
2. Begin researching program options
3. See your financial aid advisor
4. Talk with your academic advisor
5. Choose a program and apply!