



**Undergraduate Studies Academic Calendar**  
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### About Social Work

#### Overview

The School of Social Work, Renison, University of Waterloo offers a unique post-BA Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree through full-time or part-time studies. Applicants to the BSW program require a Bachelor of Arts (or equivalent) degree with the required prerequisite social work and social science foundation courses. Conditional admission is available to qualified applicants with BA's (or equivalent) who have not completed all the prerequisite courses. Full-time studies are distinguished by an intensive ten-month program, while part-time studies may be completed within three years. The program prepares students through theory and practice opportunities (720 practicum hours) to enable them to enhance the quality of life for their clients and promote human rights and social justice in the larger community.

The BSW program is accredited by the Canadian Association for Social Work Education. Graduates are eligible for registration under the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers and are eligible for membership in the Ontario Association of Social Workers. Graduates are employed in every province in Canada and elsewhere.

For further information, visit the School of Social Work website at: [www.renison.uwaterloo.ca/social-work/index.shtml](http://www.renison.uwaterloo.ca/social-work/index.shtml).

#### Degree

The degree of Honours Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) is awarded by the University of Waterloo upon successful completion of the requirements of the program. No degree will be granted to a student who does not complete the program requirements including the cumulative overall average of 75%.

Graduates are eligible to apply to one-year Master of Social Work (MSW) programs at Canadian universities and for MSW programs in the United States.

#### Admission

Admission requirements include the successful completion of either a three-year or four-year undergraduate University degree (Bachelor of Arts or equivalent) with a B average and at least 6.0 units in the social sciences, including ten required prerequisite courses or their equivalents. Qualified applicants who possess a Bachelor of Arts degree (or equivalent), but who lack one or more of the prerequisite courses for admission to the Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) program, may be eligible for **Conditional Admission** to the full-time or part-time program.

Successful **conditional admission applicants** will be given admission to the next available entry point to the Bachelor of Social Work program, **conditional on successful completion of the following prerequisite courses with a cumulative overall average in the courses of at least 75%**.

Entrance to the full-time program must be for the full academic year beginning in September. Entrance to the part-time program is available for September and January entry points.

#### Required Prerequisite Courses (or equivalents):

SDS [250R](#) Social Statistics

SDS [251R](#) Social Research

SOC [224R](#) Poverty in Canada and its Social Consequences **OR** SDS [312R](#) Homelessness and Public Policy

SOCWK [120R](#) Introduction to Social Work

SOCWK [220R](#) Social Work with Individuals - Theory and Practice 1

SOCWK [221R](#) Social Group Work

SOCWK [222R](#) Community Organization 1

SOCWK [300R](#) Canadian Social Welfare Policy

SOCWK [301R](#) Understanding Diversity in Canada **OR** PSYCH [222R](#) Cross-Cultural Psychology **OR** SDS [311R](#) Public Policy and Native Peoples in Canada

SOCWK [321R](#) Social Work with Families

**Note:** Once admitted to the BSW program, conditional admission students must register for the prerequisite courses using the SWREN designation.

SWREN [120R](#) Introduction to Social Work  
SWREN [220R](#) Social Work with Individuals - Theory and Practice 1  
SWREN [221R](#) Social Group Work  
SWREN [222R](#) Community Organization 1  
SWREN [224R](#) Poverty in Canada and its Social Consequences **OR** SWREN [312R](#) Homelessness and Public Policy  
SWREN [250R](#) Social Statistics  
SWREN [251R](#) Social Research  
SWREN [300R](#) Canadian Social Welfare Policy  
SWREN [301R](#) Understanding Diversity in Canada **OR** SWREN [223R](#) Cross-Cultural Psychology **OR**  
SWREN [311R](#) Public Policy and Native Peoples in Canada  
SWREN [321R](#) Social Work with Families

**Note:** Applicants who have taken courses equivalent to the required prerequisite courses should submit all documentation for course equivalency evaluation, including official transcripts and **full** course outlines to: Marion Reid.

Applicants must also demonstrate sufficient work and/or volunteer experience in the social services and personal suitability as evidenced by letters of reference and a personal statement. For further information contact Marion Reid, Renison University College, 519-884-4404, ext. 28626, or [ren-bsw@renison.uwaterloo.ca](mailto:ren-bsw@renison.uwaterloo.ca).

### **Application Deadlines**

Whether you are applying for the full-time or part-time BSW program, **all applicants must follow these application procedures:**

#### **Full-time Program (Ten-month format)**

Apply through the online [Post-degree and Social Work application link](#). Complete and submit the BSW Application Package to Renison University College.

For further information, contact [Shauna Elliott](#) at 519-884-4404, ext. 28650.

School of Social Work applications can be downloaded from the following web site:  
[www.renison.uwaterloo.ca/social-work/index.shtml](http://www.renison.uwaterloo.ca/social-work/index.shtml).

Application Deadlines: December 15, 2012 for fall 2013 admission.

#### **Part-time Program (Three-year format)**

Apply through the online [Post-degree and Social Work application link](#). Complete and submit the BSW Application Package to Renison University College.

For further information, contact [Shauna Elliott](#) at 519-884-4404, ext. 28650.

School of Social Work applications can be downloaded from the following web site:  
[www.renison.uwaterloo.ca/social-work/index.shtml](http://www.renison.uwaterloo.ca/social-work/index.shtml).

Application Deadlines: March 30, 2012 for fall 2012 admission, July 5, 2012 for winter 2013 admission or March 15, 2013 for fall 2013 admission.

### **Program Requirements**

To graduate from the Honours Bachelor of Social Work Program, students must successfully complete the following 7.0 academic course unit equivalents with a cumulative overall average of at least 75%.

#### **Required Academic Courses**

SWREN [414R](#) Interviewing and Assessment in Social Work Practice  
SWREN [422R](#) Advanced Macro Practice  
SWREN [423R](#) Advanced Social Group Work Practice  
SWREN [424R](#) Diversity and Empowerment  
SWREN [431R](#) Fields of Practice  
SWREN [434R](#) Selected Theories for Social Work Practice: Analysis and Application  
SWREN [470R](#) Mental Health and Addiction Issues: Social Work Responses

#### **Required Field Practicum Courses**

SWREN [441R\\*](#) Practicum 1\* (Full-time) **or**  
SWREN [441](#) Practicum 1\*\* (Part-time)  
(A) and (B)  
SWREN [442R\\*](#) Practicum 2\* (Full-time) **or**  
SWREN [442](#) Practicum 2\*\* (Part-time)  
(A) and (B)  
SWREN [443R\\*](#) Practicum 3\* (Full-time) **or**  
SWREN [443](#) Practicum 3\*\* (Part-time)  
(A) and (B)

\***Note:** SWREN 441R, 442R and 443R total 720 field practicum hours.

\*\***Note:** The practicum courses for part-time students are designated as being offered in two parts (A) and (B) to accommodate completing the field practicum of 720 hours over a different time frame than the full-time program.

A choice of **one** of the following academic elective courses:

SWREN [411R](#) Integrative Practice: Aboriginal Perspectives and Social Work

OR

SWREN [471R](#) Social Work with Older Adults: Critical Issues and Future Trends

OR

SWREN [472R](#) International Context of Practice: An Experiential Learning Opportunity\*\*\*

\*\*\***Note:** This is the *Mexico & Canada: Two Countries - One World* experience that includes Reading Week in Mexico and three Saturdays in Canada as well as related academic assignments.

Field Practicum

The full-time program requires a three day per week unpaid field practicum for ten months. The organization and time-lines for the part-time program are individualized according to student need.

It is required by most practicum agencies that students have a driver's license and access to their own vehicle. Police checks are required by many agencies and in some settings immunization shots may be required.