

SOCIAL WORK

MAJOR MAP 2024



GETTING STARTED

YOUR COURSE JOURNEY

- Establish a [4-year plan](#) with your adviser
- Take SOC 101, SOC 261 and other relevant [General Education Program \(GEP\)](#) courses
- Attend and engage in all classes
- Ask for help from the [Tutoring: Learning Center \(TLC\)](#) and your professors to improve in your courses and work on your writing skills

KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

- Talk to your Social Work professors about opportunities and careers
- Establish healthy study and wellness habits
- Look into [financial literacy](#)
- Explore [extracurriculars](#) at UWSP

ACT LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY

- Join the [Sociology and Social Work Organization \(SSWO\)](#) and engage in its activities
- Look for an on-campus job through [Quest](#)

CAREER READINESS

- Get involved with service opportunities in the community
- Complete your [Handshake profile](#)
- Learn about and practice networking by attending a [Networking Workshop](#) or the [All-Major Career and Internship Fair](#)
- Create a [college resume](#)

MAKING PROGRESS

- Consider adding a double major in [Sociology](#)
- Consider adding a [minor or certificate](#)
- Apply to the [social work program](#)
- Check out the [National Association of Social Work \(NASW\)](#) website

- Apply for summer employment to build your skills
- Consider adding a second language
- Apply for [department scholarships](#)

- Consider a [semester abroad](#), or completing an internship abroad
- Attend cultural events and other experiences in our community

- Conduct an [informational interview](#) or [job shadow](#) with someone who works in a field of interest
- Further develop application materials, including a [cover letter](#), more curated [Handshake profile](#), and/or create a [LinkedIn profile](#)
- Conduct a [Gap Analysis](#)

MAKING PROGRESS

- Begin to plan for [internship](#) with adviser
- Apply for [social work internship](#)
- Check out professional development and volunteer opportunities at [NASW-WI](#)

- Participate in [NASW Advocacy Day](#)
- Attend NASW and other professional conferences, trainings
- Apply for [department scholarships](#)

- Join [Phi Alpha Honor Society](#) (if invited)
- Become an officer with SSWO

- If considering [graduate school](#), explore requirements for further education (GRE, LSAT, MCAT, etc.)
- Gain [internship](#) or similar work experience in your field: follow department guidelines
- Pursue opportunities at the [All-Major Career and Internship Fair](#)
- Attend an [Interviewing Workshop](#); seek additional interview [preparation tools](#)

PREPARING FOR WHAT'S NEXT

- Engage in an [internship](#)
- Consider presenting research at [COLS Spring Research Symposium](#), WCSWE, WSA
- [Apply for graduation](#)

- Network with practicing social workers to further knowledge and practice skills

- Join the [National Association of Social Workers \(NASW\)](#)
- Become a mentor to other students

- Prepare for social work certification
- [Apply for jobs](#) or further education
- Meet with a [Career Coach](#) to work through stuck points
- Join and [get involved with](#) relevant professional associations
- Complete the Graduation Exit Survey when you receive it via email; we want to celebrate your accomplishments!

CAREERS

- Case Manager
- Social Worker
- Program Director
- Patient Advocate
- Family Service Worker
- Youth and Family Specialist
- Foster Care Specialist
- Addictions Counselor
- Mental Health Assistant

and many more!

AVAILABLE ONLINE

Major Map documents are available online with additional information!

The staff and faculty at the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point want to help you craft your personal journey. Use this map as a jumping off point for conversations about your goals.

