



Congratulations graduating seniors

**“Be the change
you wish to see
in the world.” -Ghandi**

Are you passionate about social justice? Do you want to be an agent for change? Would you like to improve the quality of life for individuals, families, groups, and communities? Is empathy a strength of yours? If so, Social Work could be the major for you. Social workers help people experiencing some of life's most difficult challenges—poverty and discrimination, unemployment, mental and physical illness, disability, abuse, and addiction.

The social work major is a professional degree. You will have the knowledge, values, and skills of a professional, generalist social worker—qualified to effect change in a variety of settings with diverse populations. In your course work, you will develop practical skills and build your knowledge of human behavior in the social environment, gain a deeper understanding of poverty and its roots, and examine the ways racism and other forms of oppression that hurt people and society. Our program focuses on promoting social and economic justice. We emphasize service to at-risk populations in rural areas and with indigenous peoples of the Southwest. Upon graduation you will be eligible to apply for licensure in many states.

“Expect to be put outside your comfort zone and grow in ways you never thought possible. Also expect to be cared for by other students and faculty.”

Spring 2007 graduate

Degree Programs

■ Bachelor of Social Work

This degree path includes four major components—professional social work core curriculum, behavioral science cognates, university liberal studies requirements, and sufficient electives. No minor field is required.

The university's Bachelor of Social Work degree is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. With it, you will qualify to complete a Master of Social Work within one year for some accredited programs.

Career Opportunities

Study to become a . . .

Behavioral health case manager
Community services worker/ organizer
Crisis responder
Family advocate
Geriatric care manager
Medical services worker
Prevention specialist

Begin your career in . . .

Child and family services
Disability services
Health care services
Military/veterans services
Services to the elderly
Substance abuse treatment
Victim services

Explore Courses that Jump-start Your Career

How do you help people in crisis?

All people experience crises. People who seek social services are statistically more likely than the general population to be victimized by violent crime, be economically distressed, or be afflicted with debilitating health problems. As a social worker, helping people in crisis could be an everyday feature of your job. In **Crisis Intervention Methods**, you will learn tested strategies for dealing with serious, even life-threatening, events in a professional manner.

Enabling change

Professional social workers assist people, families, groups, and communities; restore and enhance well-being; and create societal conditions responsive to their needs. In our series of **Generalist Practice** courses, you will learn how to listen and communicate with empathy, identify and build on strengths, and implement strategies for change.

Experience the Work World

You earn college credit for completing 480 clock hours in a human service agency. Apply the knowledge, values, and skills gained in the classroom. Develop your professional abilities and make career contacts in federal, state, county, tribal, or private-sector social work settings, including those in rural locations and out of state. Field placement with the Arizona Legislature is available on a competitive basis.

Social work and social policy

The original Social Security Act of 1935 was about 30 pages long. Today's Social Security laws and amendments come in at a hefty 1,802 pages! What began as a fund for widows, their children, and orphans has expanded to include benefits for the elderly, grants to states for medical care and children's welfare, and many other human services. It is the biggest social services plan in the world and has paid out \$8.9 trillion in benefits. In **Social Policy and Legislation**, you will trace the evolution of policy and law concerning social and economic justice, and their impacts on human services.

Participate!

The on-campus **Social Work Student Association** will help you develop leadership ability through service and networking with faculty and professional social workers. It seeks to develop better awareness of social issues and arranges opportunities for volunteer service with individuals, families, and organizations in the community.

Finish in Four

Stay on a four-year track to your degree and save money in the process. The university guarantees access to the courses you need to graduate on time. It's your responsibility to talk with a social work faculty advisor early. Visit nau.edu/finishinfour.

Study Abroad

Study for a summer, a semester, or an academic year in universities around the globe. We provide international education opportunities for all academically qualified students. The university has collaborative agreements with institutions in Australia, Canada, Germany, and the United Kingdom. Start your travel planning with a visit to nau.edu/international.

