

The purpose of social work education is articulated as follows:

1. Ensure inclusive, equitable and accountable quality social work education at all levels.
2. Prepare a cadre of professional social workers and provide lifelong learning opportunities to them for achievement of social development goals and social welfare/ justice for socially excluded groups to work with the state, non-government organisations, health centres, schools, industries, criminal justice systems, etc.
3. Undertake field action projects for innovations and demonstration of the role of social work professionals in neglected areas of social work practice, together with administration, training and practice-based research and provide fieldwork placement to students.
4. Develop and disseminate knowledge for research informed social work practice and practice informed research, administration, education, training, and research. The methodology used is an integration of knowledge and action, based on a critical inquiry into multidisciplinary and applied social science knowledge, practice wisdom, practice-based and participatory research, documentation of best practices, policy analysis and so on
5. Promote an egalitarian, participatory and democratic educational system and denounce a hierarchical, authoritarian, and alienating educational system. Make a commitment to praxis, which is an ongoing process of moving between a critical perspective, one's teaching, field action, research, administration and consultation, and evaluative reflection and back again to a critical perspective.
6. Provide consultation on social work, social welfare/ justice and social development policies and programmes, teaching and research, to the voluntary, government, international and other academic organisations; and strengthen professional associations in social work.
7. Enhance skills required for the employability of students in the social welfare/ justice and social development sectors.

Undergraduate Programmes in Social Work

The undergraduate degree offered in social work is varyingly called Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Social Work and Bachelor of Social Work (BSW). While both may offer the same syllabus, the former aligns social work with liberal arts disciplines and the latter focuses on social work as a profession. While this presentation will use the term BSW, its curricular framework is relevant for BA in Social Work as well. In this document on social work education, the BSW programme is kept generic, without selection of major and minor subjects, as it is the first professional degree in social work.

Based on the NEP guidelines, the schools of social work will have a choice among the following two options to offer at the undergraduate level:

1. Only a three-year BSW degree with the following Multiple Entry and Exit Points:

First Year: Certificate in Social Work

Second Year: Diploma in Social Work

Third Year: BSW Degree

2. A three-year BSW degree as well as a four-year BSW Honours degree with the following Multiple Entry and Exit Points:

First Year: Certificate in Social Work

Second Year: Diploma in Social Work

Third Year: BSW Degree

Fourth Year: BSW Honours Degree

The students will have a choice to select one of the two options.

As far as the undergraduate Honours degree is concerned, the NEP emphasises research whereas social work is a practice profession so the BSW Honours will focus on linking research with practice in students' fieldwork setting. It is important to note here that most of the social work students are going to work as practitioners and not researchers

Master's Degree in Social Work Programmes

Based on the NEP guidelines, the schools of social work will have a choice among the following options to offer for the MSW degree programme:

1. A Two-Years MSW Degree programme (with a bachelor's degree from any discipline).
2. Integrated five-year MSW degree with the following Multiple Entry and Exit Points:
First Year: Certificate in Social Work
Second Year: Diploma in Social Work
Third Year: BSW Degree
Fourth and Fifth Year: MSW Degree
3. Integrated five-year MSW Degree with the following Multiple Entry and Exit Points:
4. First Year: Certificate in Social Work
Second Year: Diploma in Social Work
Third Year: BSW Degree
Fourth Year: BSW Honours Degree
Fifth Year: MSW Degree

Ph.D. Degree in Social Work Programme

Ph.D. in Social Work Degree will aim to prepare social work professionals as educators, researchers, policy-makers, practitioners, and fieldwork supervisors at advanced levels, who may be employed in education, research, training, policy making and practice systems.

The credit allocation for the Certificate in Social Work programme may be carried out as follows:

Entry Requirements

Passed 12th Standard or equivalent level of education

Duration

First year of the BSW/ Integrated Five-Year Programme: One year/ two semesters

Semester	Social Work Core Courses x 2 credits	Social Work Elective Courses x 2 credits	Open General Elective Courses x 2 credits	Ability Enhancement Courses x 2 credits	Fieldwork Practicum	Total Credits
1	3 courses 6 credits	2 courses 4 credits	1 course 2 credits	1 course 2 credits	8 credits	22 credits
2	3 courses 6 credits	2 courses 4 credits	1 course 2 credits	1 course 2 credits	8 credits	22 credits
Total	12 credits	8 credits	4 credits	4 credits	16 credits	44 credits

Type of Courses	Semester 1	Semester 2
Social Work Core Courses (compulsory)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> History and Ideologies of Social Work Profession Life Span Development and Behaviour Social Science Concepts for Social Work 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> UN Human Rights Law and Indian Constitutional Rights Local Self-Governance Social Work with Groups
Social Work Elective Courses (select two Social Work Elective courses in Semester 1 and two courses in Semester 2)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Life Skills Education Gender and Sex Education Childcare/ Parenting Education Family Life Education Health and Nutrition Education Multicultural Education Peace Education Human Rights Education 	
Open General Elective Courses (select one Applied/ Interdisciplinary Social Science course in Semester 1 and one in Semester 2)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Applied Psychology Social Psychology Cultural Sociology Social Anthropology Political Economy Media Communication 	
General Ability Enhancement Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English/ state/ local language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Work Skill Lab for the skills covered by the core courses in the respective semester

Fieldwork Practicum

Fieldwork objectives at each level should contribute to the learning outcomes for that level.

Components: The fieldwork practicum for the Certificate in Social Work programme comprises the following components:

- Organisational Visits: Visits to voluntary NGOs/ projects implementing government schemes in the respective city/ district for observations, interviews and discussions
- Concurrent/ continuous fieldwork
- Fieldwork seminars: Seminars to share activities. Achievements, and challenges in fieldwork practicum and camps

Fieldwork Settings: The fieldwork settings for the Certificate in Social Work programme will include the following:

- Community development centres/ Open communities
- Schools
- Hospitals, health centres and mental health settings/ Organisations working on specific health issues such as substance abuse/ HIV/AIDS/ Corona
- Family service/ counselling centres/ family courts
- Government schemes/ Voluntary organisations for socially excluded group: children/ women/ older persons, persons with disability/ labour/ Dalits/ tribals/ religious, ethnic/ racial, and sexual minorities, etc.
- Institutions for children, women, older persons, persons with disability, etc.
- Self-Help Groups/ Cooperatives/ Farmers' Producers' Organisations/ Associations
- Government schemes/ Voluntary organisations working on social development issues such as livelihood, poverty eradication, food and nutrition security, water and sanitation, livelihood and employment, housing, environmental sustainability, literacy, and basic education, etc.
- Government schemes/ Voluntary organisations working on issues such as displacement/ social conflicts/ disasters/ livelihoods/ forced migration, etc.
- Industries/ Workplaces/ Unorganised Sector

Diploma in Social Work Programme: Second Year

The purpose of the Diploma in Social Work programme may be to prepare paraprofessional social workers at level 2. The paraprofessional social workers carry out preventive and developmental work such as awareness building, at the preprofessional level, mainly for implementation of select government schemes. In the field, they are varyingly known as frontline workers, social mobilisers, social animators, extension workers, etc.

Entry Requirements

Graduated with a Certificate in Social Work

Duration

Second year of the BSW/ Integrated Five-Year Programme: One year/ two semesters

The credit allocation for the Diploma in Social Work programme may be carried out as follows:

Semester	Social Work Core Courses x 2 credits	Social Work Elective Courses x 2 credits	Open General Elective Courses x 2 credits	Ability Enhancement Courses x 2 credits	Fieldwork Practicum	Total Credits
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3	3 courses 6 credits	2 courses 4 credits	1 course 2 credits	1 course 2 credits	8 credits	22 credits
4	3 courses 6 credits	2 courses 4 credits	1 course 2 credits	1 course 2 credits	8 credits	22 credits
Total	12 credits	8 credits	4 credits	4 credits	16 credits	44 credits

Type of Courses	Semester 3	Semester 4
Social Work Core Courses (compulsory)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Role of Religions, Thinkers, and Social Movements for People's Welfare in India 2. International Social Development 3. Social Work with Individuals 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Social Work with Families 2. Social Work with Communities 3. School Social Work
Social Work Elective Courses (select two courses in Semester 3)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Life Skills Education 2. Gender and Sex Education 3. Childcare/ Parenting Education 4. Family Life Education 5. Health and Nutrition Education 6. Multicultural Education 7. Peace Education 8. Human Rights Education 	
(select two courses in Semester 4)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Child-centred Social Work 2. Women-centred Social Work 3. Social Work with Persons with Disability 4. Occupational Social Work (with Organised/ Unorganised/ Migrant Labour) 5. Gerontological Social Work 	
Open General Elective Courses (select one Applied/ Interdisciplinary Social Science course in Semester 1 and one course in Semester 2)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Applied Psychology 7. Social Psychology 8. Cultural Sociology 9. Social Anthropology 10. Political Economy 11. Development Economics 	
Ability Enhancement Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Work Skill Lab for the skills covered by the core courses in the respective semester 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information/Digital Literacy/ Computer/ ITeS (Information Technology Enabled Services)

Fieldwork Practicum

Fieldwork objectives at each level should contribute to the learning outcomes for that level.

Components: The fieldwork practicum for the Diploma in Social Work programme comprises the following components:

- Organisational Visits: Visits to voluntary NGOs/ projects implementing government schemes in the respective city/ district for observations, interviews and discussions
- Concurrent/ continuous fieldwork
- Fieldwork seminars: Seminars to share activities, achievements, and challenges in fieldwork practicum and camps

Fieldwork Settings: The fieldwork settings for concurrent fieldwork practicum for the Diploma in Social Work programme will include the following:

- Community development centres/ Open communities
- Schools
- Hospitals, health centres and mental health settings/ Organisations working on specific health issues such as substance abuse/ HIV/AIDS/ Corona
- Family service/ counselling centres/ family courts
- Government schemes/ Voluntary organisations for socially excluded group: children/ women/ older persons, persons with disability/ labour/ Dalits/ tribals/ religious, ethnic/ racial, and sexual minorities, etc.
- Institutions for children, women, older persons, persons with disability, etc.
- Self-Help Groups/ Cooperatives/ Farmers' Producers' Organisations/ Associations
- Government schemes/ Voluntary organisations working on social development issues such as livelihood, poverty eradication, food and nutrition security, water and sanitation, livelihood and employment, housing, environmental sustainability, literacy, and basic education, etc.
- Government schemes/ Voluntary organisations working on issues such as displacement/ social conflicts/ disasters/ livelihoods/ forced migration, etc.
- Industries/ Workplaces/ Unorganised Sector

Bachelor of Social Work Degree Programme: Third Year

In social work education, the BSW degree is the first professional degree and aims to prepare generalist professional social work practitioners.

Entry Requirements

Graduated with a Diploma in Social Work

Total Duration

Third year of the BSW/ Integrated Five-Year Programme: One year/ two semesters

Credit Allocation

The credit allocation for the BSW Degree Programmes may be carried out as follows:

Semester	Social Work Core Courses x 2 credits	Social Work Elective Courses x 2 credits	Open Elective Courses x 2 credits	Ability Enhancement Courses x 2 credits	Fieldwork Practicum	Total Credits
5	4 courses 8 credits	1 course 2 credits	1 course 2 credits	1 course 2 credits	8 credits	22 credits
6	4 courses 8 credits	1 course 2 credits	1 course 2 credits	1 course 2 credits	8 credits	22 credits
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Total	16 credits	4 credits	4 credits	4 credits	16 credits	46 credits

Following is the list of courses for the BSW degree programme.

Type of Courses	Semester 5	Semester 6
Social Work Core Courses (compulsory)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Professionalisation and Indigenisation of Social Work in India 2. Systems for Social Welfare/ Justice and Development Administration 3. Social Development Policies and Programmes 4. Social Welfare/ Justice Policies and Programmes 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Community Development 6. Integrated Approach for Social Action and Advocacy with Systems 7. Poverty Eradication 8. Social Work Interventions with Emergencies/ Disasters
Social Work Elective Courses (select any one of the following courses in Semester 5 and one course in Semester 6)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Health-centred Social Work 2. Mental Health-centred Social Work 3. Criminal Justice Social Work 4. Environmental Social Work 	
Open General Elective Courses: Applied/ Interdisciplinary Social Science Courses (select any one course in Semester 5 and one course in Semester 6)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Women's Studies 2. Dalit Studies 3. Tribal Studies 4. Development Studies 5. Management Information System 	
Ability Enhancement Course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Work Skill Lab for the skills covered by the core courses in the respective semester 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global Citizenship Education in Semester 5

Fieldwork Practicum

Fieldwork objectives at each level should contribute to the learning outcomes for that level.

Components: The fieldwork practicum for the BSW Degree Programmes comprises the following components:

- Organisational Visits: Visits to voluntary NGOs/ projects implementing governmentschemes in the respective city/ district for observations, interviews, and discussions
- Concurrent/ continuous fieldwork
- Study Tour: Visits to voluntary NGOs/ projects implementing government schemes in another state
- Rural Camps: Camps for engagement with rural non-tribal or tribal communities and local self-governance institutions

- Fieldwork seminars: Seminars to share activities. Achievements, and challenges in fieldwork practicum and camps

Fieldwork Settings: Fieldwork settings for concurrent fieldwork practicum for the BSW Degree Programmes may include the following:

- Community development centres/ Open communities
- Schools
- Hospitals, health centres and mental health settings/ Organisations working on specific health issues such as substance abuse/ HIV/AIDS/ Corona
- Family service/ counselling centres/ family courts
- Government schemes/ Voluntary organisations for socially excluded group: children/ women/ older persons, persons with disability/ labour/ Dalits/ tribals/ religious, ethnic/ racial, and sexual minorities, etc.
- Institutions for children, women, older persons, persons with disability, etc.
- Self-Help Groups/ Cooperatives/ Farmers' Producers' Organisations/ Associations
- Government schemes/ Voluntary organisations working on social development issues such as livelihood, poverty eradication, food and nutrition security, water and sanitation, livelihood and employment, housing, environmental sustainability, literacy, and basic education, etc.
- Government schemes/ Voluntary organisations working on issues such as displacement/ social conflicts/ disasters/ livelihoods/ forced migration, etc.
- Industries/ Workplaces/ Unorganised Sector
- Criminal justice systems: police stations/ courts/ institutions

Bachelor of Social Work (Honours) Degree Programme: Fourth Year

The purpose of BSW (Honours) may be to prepare generalist professional social workpractitioners trained in social work research.

Entry Requirements Graduated with a BSW Degree

Total Duration

Fourth year of the BSW/ Integrated Five-Year Programme: One year/ two semesters

Credit Allocation

The credit allocation for the BSW (Honours) Degree programmes may be carried out as follows:

Semester	Social Work Core Courses x 2 credits	Social Work Elective Courses x 2 credits	Open Elective Courses x 2 credits	Skill Enhancement Courses x 2 credits	Fieldwork Practicum	Research Project	Total Credits
7	3 courses 6 credits	1 course 2 credits	1 course 2 credits	1 course 2 credits	6 credits	4 credits	22 credits
8	3 courses 6 credits	1 course 2 credits	1 course 2 credits	1 course 2 credits	4 credits	6 credits	22 credits
Overall Viva							02 credits
Total	12 credits	4 credits	4 credits	4 credits	10 credits	10 credits	46 credits

Following is the list of courses for the BSW (Honours) Degree programme.

Type of Courses	Semester 7	Semester 8
Social Work Core Courses (Compulsory)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Quantitative Social Work Research Qualitative Social Work Research Participatory Action Research 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Policy and Programme Analysis, Monitoring and Evaluation Evidence-based Practice Management Information System
Social Work Elective Courses (select any one of the following courses in Semester 7 and one course in Semester 8)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dalit-centred Social Work Social Work with Tribals/ Indigenous Communities Social Work with Sexual Minorities Social Entrepreneurship 	
Skill Enhancement Course for Social Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Work Skill Lab for the skills covered by the core courses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Work Data Analysis and Report Writing Skills

Fieldwork Practicum

The fieldwork practicum may be planned for BSW (Honours) students in such a way that the linkages between practice and research are facilitated, to contribute to the learning outcomes for this level.

Fieldwork Settings: Fieldwork settings for the BSW (Honours) degree programme may include the following:

- Community development centres/ Open communities
- Schools
- Hospitals, health centres and mental health settings/ Organisations working on specific health issues such as substance abuse/ HIV/AIDS/ Corona
- Family service/ counselling centres/ family courts
- Government schemes/ Voluntary organisations for socially excluded group: children/ women/ older persons, persons with disability/ labour/ Dalits/ tribals/ religious, ethnic/ racial, and sexual minorities, etc.
- Institutions for children, women, older persons, persons with disability, etc.
- Self-Help Groups/ Cooperatives/ Farmers' Producers' Organisations/ Associations
- Government schemes/ Voluntary organisations working on social development issues such as livelihood, poverty eradication, food and nutrition security, water and sanitation, livelihood and employment, housing, environmental sustainability, literacy, and basic education, etc.
- Government schemes/ Voluntary organisations working on issues such as displacement/ social conflicts/ disasters/ livelihoods/ forced migration, etc.
- Industries/ Workplaces/ Unorganised Sector
- Criminal justice systems: police stations/ courts/ institutions

Research Project

The research project for the BSW (Honours) Degree programme must be carried out by the students in the fourth year of the Integrated Five-Year programme, linked with the fieldwork practicum. The schedule of the research project is recommended as follows:

Semester	Tasks
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skill Workshop-1 for literature review, field study and preparation of the research proposal. • Presentation of the research proposal at Research Seminar-1.
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data collection and data analysis. • Skill Workshop-2 on Data Analysis by using relevant soft wares. • Skill Workshop-3 on Report Writing. • Writing the report and its presentation at the Research Seminar-2. • Encourage students to publish an article based on the research that they conducted