

Bachelor of Social Work

Course code: ABSW

Course Requirements

To attain the Bachelor of Social Work, students will be required to complete 288 credit points consisting of:

- 384 credit points of Core studies

Students are required to enrol in all units for semester 1 and 2, and are not permitted to enrol in more than 48 credit points per semester as a full-time load.

Credit Points

A credit point is used to measure the study load for a unit. A standard unit consists of 12 credit points, with each completed unit's credit points adding up to meet your required total of credit points to complete your course.

Further Information

Unit and course information is available from the University course search site at <http://vu.edu.au/course-search> or go to <https://askvu.vu.edu.au> or Phone VUHQ on 03 9919 6100

Campus

Footscray Park (FP)

College

College of Sport, Health and Engineering

Study Mode

Full Time or Part Time

Duration

4 years Full Time or Part Time equivalent

Fee Type

For information on course fees, refer to <http://vu.edu.au/fees>

Application Method

VTAC - <https://vtac.edu.au>
Direct Application - <https://gotovu.custhelp.com/app/landing>

Timetable

vu.edu.au/timetables

Course Chair

Priscilla Dunk-West

Course Advice

AskCUA - <https://askvu.vu.edu.au/app/askcua>

Year 1

Unit Code	Unit Title	Unit Type	Sem	Credit Points	Campus	Pre-Requisites
ASW1001	Introduction to Social Work	Core	1B1	12	FN, FP	
HHB1104	Introduction to Public Health and Wellness	Core	1B2, 1B3, 1B4	12	CC, FP	
AEK1105	Aboriginal Traditions and Policy	Core	1B3, 1B4	12	FP, OSP, SA	
ASX1003	Foundations of Social Science Research	Core	1B4, 2B1, 2B3	12	FP	
HHH1000	Interpersonal Skills and Communication	Core	2B1, 2B2	12	FP	
ABA1003	Introduction to Sociology	Core	2B2, 1B2	12	FP	
ASA1024	Applied Human Rights	Core	2B3, 2B4	12	FP, ORT, W	
ASW1000	Working in Human Services Organisations	Core	2B4, 2B3, 2B1	12	FP	

Please note: Primary pattern of study blocks are in bold. This is the recommended sequence.

Year 2

Unit Code	Unit Title	Unit Type	Sem	Credit Points	Campus	Pre-Requisites
ASW2202	Social Work Theories	Core	1B1	12	FP	Completion of 96 CP of First Year Core ABSW units
ASW2103	Human Development in Social Context	Core	1B2	12	FP	Completion of 96 CP of First Year Core ABSW units
ASW3097	Social Work and Trauma Informed Care	Core	1B3	12	FP	Completion of 96 CP of First Year Core ABSW units
ASW2104	Critical Social Work Theories	Core	1B4	12	FP	Completion of 96 CP of First Year Core ABSW units
ASW3101	Skills for Social Work Direct Practice	Core	2B1	12	FP	Completion of 96 CP of First Year Core ABSW units
ASW2102	Social Welfare: History and Current Context	Core	2B2	12	FP, ORT	Completion of 96 CP of First Year Core ABSW units
ASW3103	Social Work Practice: Legal Context	Core	2B3	12	FP, ORT	Completion of 96 CP of First Year Core ABSW units
ASW2090	Groupwork Theory and Practice	Core	2B4	12	FP	Completion of 96 CP of First Year Core ABSW units

Prerequisites

A number of units within the degree have 'prerequisites'. These prerequisites must be met before enrolment in the unit is permitted. Generally these prerequisites require the successful completion of a unit or units taken at an earlier stage in the course. Students should pay particular attention to these prerequisite requirements as failure to meet these can seriously hinder progression through the course.

Core

A unit that must be completed

Year 3

Unit Code	Unit Title	Unit Type	Sem	Credit Points	Campus	Pre-Requisites
ASW2013	Introduction to Social Policy	Core	1B1, 2B3	12	FP	Completion of 192 CP of First and Second Year Core ABSW units
APS2030	Qualitative Social Research Methods 1	Core	1B2, 2B4	12	FP, ORT	Completion of 192 CP of First and Second Year Core ABSW units
ASW3300	Working With Individuals and Families	Core	1B3, 2B2	12	FP	Completion of 192 CP of First and Second Year Core ABSW units
AEK3203	Working Ethically in Aboriginal Community	Core	1B4, 2B1	12	FP	AEK1105 or AEK1204 and AEK2203 or AEK2205
ASW3002	Professional Practice	Core	WB, SB	48	FP	Completion of 192 CP of First and Second Year Core ABSW units

Placement

Consistent with Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW) requirements for social work field education programs, students complete two industry-based placements (1,000 hours total) in different human service agency settings during the course.

Your student placements are organised and allocated by the social work Field Education Coordinators and overseen by the Academic Leader.

Placements are generally located in and around Melbourne but there may be opportunities for exciting rural or interstate placements.

[Social Work Field Education Webpage](#)

Contact: sw.placements@vu.edu.au

ASW3002 Professional Practice

This unit consists of a minimum of 500 hours supervised field education. Students are required to attend 10 hours (2 x 5 hour per day) pre-placement intensives. These pre-placement intensives are in-person and scheduled for the first week of the block in which placement occurs. Students are also required to attend 12 hours (3 x 4 hour) compulsory theory-practice integration seminars. These seminars are delivered online-real time and are scheduled across the 14 week placement period.

Year 4

Unit Code	Unit Title	Unit Type	Sem	Credit Points	Campus	Pre-Requisites	◆	◆	◆
ASW4002	Advanced Professional Practice	Core	SB, 1B4	48	FP	Completion of 288 CP of First, Second and Third Year Core ABSW units	◆	◆	◆
ASW4003	Social Work Advocacy: Scope, Research and Design	Core	2B1, SB	12	FP	Completion of 288 CP of First, Second and Third Year Core ABSW units	◆	◆	◆
ASW3104	Health and Mental Health: Practice and Policy	Core	2B2, 1B3	12	FP, ORT	Completion of 288 CP of First, Second and Third Year Core ABSW units	◆	◆	◆
ASW3096	Understanding and Responding to Family Violence	Core	2B3, 1B2	12	FP	Completion of 288 CP of First, Second and Third Year Core ABSW units	◆	◆	◆
ASW4004	Social Work Advocacy: Social Change in Action	Core	2B4, 1B1	12	FP	ASW4003 and Completion of 288 CP of First, Second and Third Year Core ABSW units	◆	◆	◆

Placement

ASW3002 Advanced Professional Practice

This unit consists of a minimum of 500 hours of supervised field education. Students are required to attend 5 hour pre-placement intensive. This pre-placement intensive is in-person and scheduled for the first week of the block in which placement occurs. Students are also required to attend 12 hours (3 x 4 hour) compulsory theory-practice integration seminars. These seminars are delivered online-real time and are scheduled across the 14 week placement period.

