

# BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIAL WELFARE (BASW) AUTUMN 2023 APPLICATION INFORMATION

## AUTUMN 2023 APPLICATION DEADLINES

Students are admitted to the Social Welfare major (BASW) once per year, to begin in Autumn quarter (September).

All BASW applicants will submit the departmental BASW admission application; in addition to the departmental application, prospective UW transfer students will submit the UW transfer application.

**January 15, 2023:** Priority deadline for Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA). Available October 1st.

**February 15, 2023:** UW transfer admission application deadline, for Autumn 2023. Available December 15th.

**April 15, 2023:** Departmental BASW application deadline for the Social Welfare major. Available by February.

## ELIGIBILITY

Eligible BASW applicants will have completed:

- Minimum 65 college credits completed (or on track to be complete by the start of the program in September)
- Minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA
- Minimum 2.0 ("C" grade) in each prerequisite course



## PREREQUISITE COURSES & EXPERIENCE

The following courses are prerequisites to *beginning* the BASW program, but their completion is not required to *apply* to the program:

- 1) Psychology  
*Any 100 or 200 level Psychology course at UW qualifies*
- 2) Sociology  
*Any 100 or 200 level Sociology course at UW qualifies*

For a Transfer Course Equivalencies guide, see: [admit.uw.edu/apply/transfer](https://admit.uw.edu/apply/transfer)

While there is no minimum hour requirement, applicants are encouraged to showcase prior relevant social and human service experience (volunteering, jobs, clubs, etc). Our admission committee highly values human service experience related to serving vulnerable or underserved individuals.

## STATISTICS AND FOREIGN LANGUAGE

All students will complete an introductory Statistics course prior to beginning senior year BASW courses, and it is therefore encouraged (but not required) to be taken prior to beginning the BASW program..

BASW seniors must fulfill the Foreign Language Graduation Requirement (third year of high school foreign language or third college quarter of a foreign language or equivalent).

### Connect with Us!

To schedule a phone or Zoom advising appointment:

- Email [sswinfo@uw.edu](mailto:sswinfo@uw.edu) or visit [sswinfo.youcanbook.me](https://sswinfo.youcanbook.me)
- Live Zoom prospective student drop-in advising hours, offered most Thursdays between 12:00-2:00 PM Pacific. No appointment necessary.
- Stay updated on upcoming info sessions and events by viewing our calendar: [socialwork.uw.edu/admissions](https://socialwork.uw.edu/admissions)



*"Social work attracts the most amazing people. A wealth of incredible people and incredible minds."*

*- Boi, BASW Student*

## TRANSFER TIDBITS

The Bachelor of Arts in Social Welfare program (BASW) is a 67-credit, capacity-constrained major. Satisfying minimum eligibility requirements does not guarantee admission.

Applicants who submit a UW transfer application for Autumn (February 15th deadline) plus the departmental BASW application for the Social Welfare major (April 15th deadline) can expect to receive an admission decision in approximately May to June, notifying them of their admission status both for the university and for the Social Welfare major.

Completing an Associate's degree does not guarantee completion of general education requirements, and some Washington community college degrees transfer more smoothly than others. For example:

- Associate in Arts Direct Transfer Agreement (AA-DTA) degrees tend to lead to an easy transfer of credits that align well with UW graduation requirements.
- Associate in Human Services degrees often do not transfer as easily; students transferring with this degree may need to spend additional time at UW to earn credits and complete graduation requirements. It is also possible students may not have sufficient credits (65 transferrable quarter credits) to be eligible to begin the BASW program.

We welcome you to contact us at [sswinfo@uw.edu](mailto:sswinfo@uw.edu) with questions. Help US help YOU to plan ahead!

## TRANSFER TOOLS & RESOURCES

Visit [admit.uw.edu/apply/transfer](https://admit.uw.edu/apply/transfer):

- Campus events (including Transfer Thursdays)
- UW general education requirements
- Academic planning worksheets for every UW major
- MyPlan (online academic planning tool for transfers)
- Transfer course equivalencies guide (for credits earned at Washington community colleges)
- English proficiency requirements, and resources for international students

## READY TO APPLY?

Visit [socialwork.uw.edu/apply-to-basw](https://socialwork.uw.edu/apply-to-basw), click on "Apply Now" and follow the instructions to submit the online application, consisting of:

- Contact information
- How you'll satisfy the two BASW prerequisites
- Two short-answer questions
- Supplemental materials (Résumé, Essay, Unofficial Transcript(s), Social Service Experience Form, Signed BASW Application Signature Form).



*"I met phenomenal professors and classmates who continue to inspire me to break down barriers to social justice."*

*- L'Oreal, BASW Graduate*