

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK (1666)

Approved Abbreviation: BSW

Western Sydney University Program Code: 1666

AQF Level: 7

CRICOS Code: 013975D

This program applies to students who commenced in 2015 or later.

Commencement Year 2014 - 1666.3 Bachelor of Social Work (<http://handbook.uws.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=1666.3>)

Commencement Year 2011 - 2013 - 1666.2 Bachelor of Social Work (<http://handbook.uws.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=1666.2>)

Commencement Year 2010 - 1666.1 Bachelor of Social Work (<http://handbook.uws.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=1666.1>)

The Bachelor of Social Work is a four-year degree that is fully accredited by the Australian Association of Social Workers. Western Sydney University social work graduates are prepared for work in a wide range of human services organisations across diverse practice areas, including case work, group work, community development, policy and research. Students undertake traditional academic units as well as completing assessed placements comprising 1000 hours.

The Bachelor of Community Welfare (exit) degree is based on the Liverpool and Parramatta campuses and includes 400 hours of on-site supervised practice. It is available as an exit from the 4 year Bachelor of Social Work degree after completion of three years of study. The degree equips graduates to work in a range of human service professions with a particular emphasis on community development and social action. It is informed by a critical perspective and taught by a vibrant staff, many of whom are also practitioners, and all of whom are committed to ensuring the best possible community welfare education for our students.

The Associate Degree in Social Science (exit) is an early exit point from the Bachelor of Social Work. As detailed below, qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 160 credit points of Social Work subjects.

The Diploma in Social Science Studies (exit) is an early exit point from the Bachelor of Social Work. As detailed below, qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 80 credit points of Social Work subjects.

Early Exits

Students may exit this program on completion of 160 credit points with a 1918 Associate Degree in Social Science (exit only) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/associate-degree-social-science-exit-only/>) or on completion of 80 credit points with a 1919 Diploma in Social Science Studies (exit only) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/diploma-social-science-studies-exit-only/>) or on completion of 240 credit points of Social Work subjects including one field placement subject with a 1665 Bachelor Community Welfare (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-community-welfare/>).

Study Mode

Four years full-time or eight years part-time.

Program Advice

See below based on campus

Location

Campus	Attendance	Mode	Advice
Liverpool Campus	Full Time	Internal	Program Advice (apabsocialworklp@westernsydney.edu.au)
Liverpool Campus	Part Time	Internal	Program Advice (apabsocialworklp@westernsydney.edu.au)
Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road	Full Time	Internal	Program Advice (apabsocialworkparrasouth@westernsydney.edu.au)
Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road	Part Time	Internal	Program Advice (apabsocialworkparrasouth@westernsydney.edu.au)

Accreditation

This program is accredited by the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW) and graduates are eligible for membership of the AASW.

Inherent Requirements

There are inherent requirements for this program that you must meet in order to complete your program and graduate. Make sure you read and understand the requirements for this program online.

Inherent requirements (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/ir/inherent_requirements/inherent_requirements_for_bachelor_of_social_work/)

Work Integrated Learning

Western Sydney University seeks to enhance student learning experiences by enabling students to engage in the culture, expectations and practices of their profession or discipline. This program includes a placement or other community-based unpaid practical experience.

There is a mandatory work component required for completion of this program. Please contact the Program Advisor listed above for information.

International students should also refer to the link below for more information and a link to the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS).

Work Integrated Learning (WIL) for international students (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/services_and_facilities/international_student_support/working_in_australia/work_integrated_learning/)

Admission

Admission 2024 and prior

Applications from Australian and New Zealand citizens and holders of permanent resident visas may be made via the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) or directly through the Western Portal. Use the links below to apply via UAC or Western Sydney University. Applications made directly to Western Sydney do not have an application fee.

<http://www.uac.edu.au/>
<https://westernsydney.uac.edu.au/ws/>

Applicants who have undertaken studies overseas may have to provide proof of proficiency in English. Local applicants who are applying through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) will find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on the

UAC website. Local applicants applying directly to the University should also use the information provided on the UAC website.

International students currently completing an Australian Year 12 in or outside Australia, an International Baccalaureate in Australia or a New Zealand National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) level 3 must apply via UAC International.

<http://www.uac.edu.au/>

All other International applicants must apply directly to the University via the International Office.

International students applying to the University through the International Office can find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on their website.

International Office (<http://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/>)

Overseas qualifications must be deemed by the Australian Education International - National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition (AEI-NOOSR) to be equivalent to Australian qualifications in order to be considered by UAC and Western Sydney University.

Alternate Entry Pathways:

- Students can apply via the HSC True Reward Program:

<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/study/application-pathways/hsc-true-reward> (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/study/application-pathways/hsc-true-reward>)

- Students can apply via WSU's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Pathway Program overseen by the Office of Pro-Vice Chancellor (Engagement and Advancement)

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Admission from 2025

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International students who have not completed a Year 12 or equivalent secondary school level qualification or higher qualification in the English language consistent with the requirements for admission to AQF Level 7 degree courses in Australia must have a minimum score of 7.0 or higher in each component (listening, reading, writing and speaking) of the Academic International English Language Testing System (IELTS) test, or equivalent.

International applicants must apply directly to The University via the International Office. International students applying to The University through the International Office can find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on their website.

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Program Structure

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 320 credit points including the subjects listed in the recommended sequence below.

Recommended Sequence

Full-time start-year intake

Course	Title	Credit Points
Year 1		
Autumn session		
CULT 1017	Understanding Society	10
BEHV 1021	The Individual in Society	10
BEHV 2008	Mental Health in the Community	10
WELF 2002	Community Work & Development	10
Credit Points		40
Spring session		
HUMN 1060	Introduction to Indigenous Australia: Peoples, Places and Philosophies	10
WELF 1003	Human Services Intervention Strategies	10
CULT 1022	Working with Cultural Differences	10
WELF 1002	Context of Human Services	10
Credit Points		40
Year 2		
Autumn session		
HUMN 2066	Investigating and Communicating Social Problems	10
WELF 2010	Lifespan Development and the Human Services	10
WELF 2017	Working with Individuals and Families	10
WELF 2006	Fields of Practice 1	10
Credit Points		40
Spring session		
CULT 2005	Ethics in the Social Sciences	10
WELF 2008	Human Rights, Human Services and the Law	10
WELF 2007	Group Work in Social Work	10

HUMN 2015	Community and Social Action	10	Year 3	
	Credit Points	40	Autumn session	
Year 3			HUMN 2066	Investigating and Communicating Social Problems
1H session			WELF 2010	Lifespan Development and the Human Services
WELF 3020	Field Education 1	20		
	Credit Points	20	Credit Points	20
Autumn session			Spring session	
CULT 3001	Applied Social Research	10	CULT 2005	Ethics in the Social Sciences
WELF 3006	Family Violence: Policy and Practice	10	WELF 2008	Human Rights, Human Services and the Law
	Credit Points	20		
Spring session			Credit Points	20
WELF 3014	Social Work and Social Policy	10	Year 4	
WELF 2001	Community Management and Organisations	10	Autumn session	
WELF 3001	Child Abuse as a Social Issue	10	WELF 2017	Working with Individuals and Families
Select one elective		10	WELF 2006	Fields of Practice 1
	Credit Points	40		
Year 4			Credit Points	20
Autumn session			HUMN 2015	Community and Social Action
WELF 4007	Practice skills for social work	10	WELF 2007	Group Work in Social Work
WELF 4008	Professional Decision Making in Social Work	10		
WELF 4006	Ideologies of Practice in Social Work	10	Credit Points	20
WELF 3013	Social Work and Health	10	Year 5	
	Credit Points	40	Autumn session	
2H session			CULT 3001	Applied Social Research
WELF 4005	Field Education 2	30	WELF 3006	Family Violence: Policy and Practice
	Credit Points	30		
Spring session			Credit Points	20
WELF 4001	Contemporary Social Work Practice	10	WELF 3014	Social Work and Social Policy
	Credit Points	10	WELF 2001	Community Management and Organisations
	Total Credit Points	320		
Part-time start-year intake			Credit Points	20
Course	Title	Credit Points	Year 6	
			1H session	
Year 1			WELF 3020	Field Education 1
Autumn session				
BEHV 1021	The Individual in Society	10	Credit Points	20
CULT 1017	Understanding Society	10	Spring session	
	Credit Points	20	WELF 3001	Child Abuse as a Social Issue
Spring session			Select one elective subject	10
HUMN 1060	Introduction to Indigenous Australia: Peoples, Places and Philosophies	10		
WELF 1003	Human Services Intervention Strategies	10	Credit Points	20
	Credit Points	20	Year 7	
Year 2			Autumn session	
Autumn session			WELF 4007	Practice skills for social work
BEHV 2008	Mental Health in the Community	10	WELF 4008	Professional Decision Making in Social Work
WELF 2002	Community Work & Development	10		
	Credit Points	20	Credit Points	20
Spring session			Spring session	
WELF 1002	Context of Human Services	10	WELF 4001	Contemporary Social Work Practice
CULT 1022	Working with Cultural Differences	10		
	Credit Points	20	Credit Points	10

2H session

WELF 4005	Field Education 2	30
	Credit Points	30
	Total Credit Points	320

Equivalent Core Subjects

The subject listed below counts towards completion of this program for students who passed this subject in 2022 or earlier.

HUMN 1041 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/subject-details/humn1041/#text>) People, Place and Social Difference, replaced by HUMN 1060 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/subject-details/humn1060/>) Introduction to Indigenous Australia: Peoples, Places and Philosophies

The subject listed below counts towards completion of this program for students who passed this subject in 2020 or earlier.

HUMN 2049 Social Research Methods, replaced by HUMN 2066 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/subject-details/humn2066/#text>) Investigating and Communicating Social Problems