Bachelor of

Social Work

Sunshine Coast, Semester 1 2023

Program structure

Introductory courses (7) 84 units

COU176 Group Processes and Practice
COU180 Therapeutic Communication Skills
SCS101 Foundations of Human Behaviour
SCS110 Australian Society: How does(n't) it work? - An Introduction to Sociology
SCS130 Introduction to Indigenous Australia
SWK100 Introduction to Social Work Practice Theories
SWK172 Introduction to Social Work and Human Services

Developing and Graduate courses (16) 240 units

SCS225 Social Research
SCS235 Social Justice, Welfare and the State
SWK200 Social Work Practice in Various Organisational Settings
SWK202 Mental and Physical Health and Wellbeing
SWK251 Working with First Nations Peoples and Multicultural Communities
SWK277 Working With Children, Youth and Families
SWK278 Ethics, Law and the Helping Professions
SWK286 Disability: Culture, Community and Change
SWK300 Social Work Field Education 1(36 units)
SWK302 Community Development and Social Action
SWK304 Direct Practice 1
SWK306 Direct Practice 2
SWK400 Social Work Field Education 2(36 units)
SWK401 Critical Social Policy Analysis
SWK407 Context Responsive Social Work Practice

PLUS select 1 course from:

COU300 Counselling for Crisis, Trauma and Loss
CRM309 Working with Victims and Offenders

Elective courses (5) 60 units

Select 5 elective courses (60 units) from the undergraduate elective course options.

Students are encouraged to use these electives to study courses in the following discipline areas:

Behavioural Science
Counselling Skills
Criminology and Justice
Indigenous Studies
International and Human Rights^
International Studies^
Social Theory^
Sustainability

^Not currently available at Moreton Bay campus

Note: Program structures are subject to change. Not all UniSC courses are available on every UniSC campus.

Total units: 384

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Study sequence

Year 1

Semester 1

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
COU180 Therapeutic Communication Skills	• Semester 1	12	Anti: SCS180 The online course offering is not available to students enrolled in a Bachelor of Counselling or Counselling dual degree programs due to external accreditation.
SCS101 Foundations of Human Behaviour	• Semester 1	12	Pre: Not enrolled in Program AR374, AR405, AB314, AB315, AR302 or AR364 Anti: PSY100
SWK172 Introduction to Social Work and Human Services	• Semester 1	12	Anti: SCS172 or SCS272

PLUS select 1 elective course from the undergraduate elective course options.

Semester 2

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
COU176 Group Processes and Practice	• Semester 2	12	Anti: SCS276 and COU276
SCS110 Australian Society: How does(n't) it work? - An Introduction to Sociology	• Semester 1, Semester 2	12	
SCS130 Introduction to Indigenous Australia	• Semester 1, Semester 2	12	
SWK100 Introduction to Social Work Practice Theories	• Semester 2	12	

Year 2

Semester 1

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
SWK200 Social Work Practice in Various Organisational Settings	• Semester 1	12	Anti: SWK402
SWK277 Working With Children, Youth and Families	• Semester 1	12	Anti: SCS277

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SWK278 Ethics, Law and the Helping Professions	• Semester 1, Semester 2	12	Anti: SCS278
SWK286 Disability: Culture, Community and Change	• Semester 1, Semester 2	12	Anti: SCS286

Semester 2

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
SCS235 Social Justice, Welfare and the State	• Semester 2	12	
SWK202 Mental and Physical Health and Wellbeing	• Semester 2	12	Anti: (SCS285 or SWK266) or SWK285
SWK302 Community Development and Social Action	• Semester 2	12	

PLUS select 1 elective course from the undergraduate elective course options.

Year 3

Semester 1

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
SWK300 Social Work Field Education 1	• Semester 1, Semester 2	36	Pre: Completed 192 units in Program AR362 or AR363 and SWK277 and SWK278, and instructor consent to ensure mandatory requirements for field are met including attendance requirements. Co: SWK304 Anti: SWK301
SWK304 Direct Practice 1	• Semester 1	12	Pre: 144 units and SWK278 and enrolled in program AR362 or AR363

Semester 2

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
SCS225 Social Research	• Semester 2	12	Pre: Any 2 courses or enrolled in Program AR707 or AR708
SWK251 Working with First Nations Peoples and Multicultural Communities	• Semester 1, Semester 2	12	Anti: SCS251

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PLUS select 1 course from:

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
COU300 Counselling for Crisis, Trauma and Loss	• Semester 1	12	Pre: (COU180 or SCS180) and (COU265 or SCS265 or SWK202) and enrolled in Program SA306, AR375, AR372, AR362, AR303 or AR302 Anti: SCS266
CRM309 Working with Victims and Offenders	• Semester 2	12	Pre: Enrolled in Program AR325, AR374, AR362, AR363, AR364, AR316, AB316 or AR396 and completed 96 units

OR select 1 elective course from the undergraduate elective course options.

Year 4

Semester 1

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
SWK306 Direct Practice 2	• Semester 1, Semester 2	12	Pre: SWK301 or (SWK300 and SWK304)
SWK401 Critical Social Policy Analysis	• Semester 1, Semester 2	12	Pre: (SCS235 and (SWK300 or SWK301)) OR (SWK300 or SWK301 and enrolled in AR363)

PLUS select 1 course from:

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
COU300 Counselling for Crisis, Trauma and Loss	• Semester 1	12	Pre: (COU180 or SCS180) and (COU265 or SCS265 or SWK202) and enrolled in Program SA306, AR375, AR372, AR362, AR303 or AR302 Anti: SCS266
CRM309 Working with Victims and Offenders	• Semester 2	12	Pre: Enrolled in Program AR325, AR374, AR362, AR363, AR364,

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			AR316, AB316 or AR396 and completed 96 units

OR *if completed CRM309, you may select 1 elective course from the undergraduate elective course options.

PLUS select 1 elective course from the undergraduate elective course options.

Semester 2

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
SWK400 Social Work Field Education 2	• Semester 1, Semester 2	36	Pre: Course Coordinator Consent Required and (SWK301 or SWK300) and SWK306 Anti: SWK404
SWK407 Context Responsive Social Work Practice	• Semester 1, Semester 2	12	Pre: SWK201 or SWK301 or SWK300 and enrolled in Program AR303, AR362, AR363 or AR372

Program requirements and notes

In order to graduate you must:

- Successfully complete 384 units as outlined in the Program Structure
- Successfully complete 2 field education placements (SWK300 Social Work Field Education 1 and SWK400 Social Work Field Education 2) for a total of 1000 hours in different settings
- Complete no more than 10 introductory level (100 coded) courses in total
- All students are required to complete a minimum of 140 hours (equivalent to 20 full days) of face-to-face classroom-based learning, the focus of which is professional practice skills. At least 35 hours (equivalent to 5 full days) of face-to-face professional skills learning must occur before the first placement.
- Professional skill competencies that must be demonstrated in classroom learning include but are not limited to: advanced oral communication skills and professional documentation; assessment, engagement and decision-making with individuals and groups; developing the personal and professional insight and emotional intelligence required for effective use of self as a professional.

Online with mandatory on campus intensives.

1st year 2022, 2nd year 2023, 3rd year 2024 and 4th year 2025

There will be a Face to Face component, where students will be required to attend campus for 20 days as required by AASW accreditation standards, (Fraser Coast or Moreton Bay) in Session 5 to undertake accelerated course offerings of SWK277 , SWK304 , SWK306 and SWK401 , in years 2 and 4 or years 3 and 4, as per recommended study sequences. Additionally students must undertake mandatory face to face attendance at two field placements (SWK300 Social Work Field Education 1 and SWK400 Social Work Field Education 2) (500 hours each) in different settings

In order to commence field education placement you must:

- Hold a valid Blue Card, throughout the duration of your program, which is issued by the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian (CCYPCG). You should allow 12 weeks for CCYPCG to issue the card. Note: students who do not possess a valid Blue Card will be unable to complete the field education component of their program and will be unable to meet graduation requirements
- Have a National Criminal History check (by Queensland Police Service or other state/territory authority)
- Travel to attend field education placements

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- Please note, while all endeavours will be made to place students in a given semester, this is not guaranteed and students may need to enrol at a later time should a position in an agency be unavailable in the preferred semester
- Have all required mandatory vaccines

Program notes

- For Sippy Downs students some courses in this program will be taught at the Sunshine Coast Heath Institute
- Completing this program within the specified (full-time) duration is based on studying 48 unit points per semester (normally 4 courses) and following the recommended study sequence
- The unit value of all courses is 12 units unless otherwise specified
- It is each students responsibility to enrol correctly according to your course requisites, program rules and requirements and be aware of the academic calendar dates.
- Courses within this program are assessed using a variety of assessment methods which may include essays, seminar presentations, reports, in-class tests and examinations
- As part of your UniSC program, you may apply to Study Overseas to undertake courses with an overseas higher education provider
- Only a full-time study option is available to international students on a Student Visa
- Refer to the Managing your progression page for help in understanding your program structure, reviewing your progress and planning remaining courses.

WIL notes

- It is a Queensland Government requirement that students undertaking a placement within a clinical setting are fit tested annually for an approved respirator. Clinical settings include hospitals, residential aged care facilities, residential disability care facilities, prison health services, youth detention health services, community health care settings, and vaccination clinics. If the Fit Testing requirement applies to placement activity within your Program, it will appear in your mandatory checks on Sonia Online. In accordance with Australian Standards, you must be clean shaven for your fit test. Facial hair that lies along the sealing surface of a tight-fitting respirator prevents an effective seal. Therefore, it is a requirement that there is no hair growth between the skin and the facepiece sealing surface in order to achieve a fit. At this stage, there is no exemption in Queensland to this requirement for religious or other reasons and UniSC is unable to waive this requirement.
- *It is no longer a requirement that students in Bachelor of Social Work are fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Please note that some placement host organisations have chosen to continue requiring COVID-19 vaccination. If you are not fully vaccinated, it is important to know that placement opportunities in your program may be limited and may result in a delay to your placement. UniSC still strongly recommends that all students undertaking placement are fully vaccinated and provide evidence of this vaccination status to the University.*
- For more information on mandatory requirements refer to Social Work - Placement.

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