Program Objectives
The University of Southern Maine’s School of Social Work is committed to educating culturally competent generalist social-work practitioners prepared for multi-level, strengths-based practice that values the centrality of community in enhancing the well-being of diverse individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.

School of Social Work Diversity Statement
Commitment to diversity is an integral part of the School of Social Work’s mission. The School of Social Work faculty and staff are committed to preparing culturally competent social work practitioners. We welcome and honor people of all ages, abilities, creeds, cultures, genders, races, sexual orientations, and socio-economic statuses. We value intellectual curiosity, pursuit of knowledge, academic freedom, and integrity, and vigorously promote a safe atmosphere where ideas can be presented and challenged in a mutually respectful manner. We promote values of social justice and social change, and strive to end discrimination, oppression, poverty, and other forms of social injustice through partnership with the community and in our teaching, scholarship, and service endeavors.

Degrees & Concentrations Offered
Graduation Planner: usm.maine.edu/advising/degreeplanning
Degree Offered: Bachelor of Arts
Major Offered: Social Work

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Portland Campus, Ground level and 3rd floor of Masterton Hall
(207) 780-4120
Web Address: usm.maine.edu/swo

Career Possibilities*
- Administration Planning
- Advocacy/Intervention
- Assessment
- Budgeting
- Case Management
- Child Life Specialists
- Clinical Practice
- Counseling/Therapy
- Education
- Fundraising
- Hospice Care
- Human Resources
- Organizational Development
- Parole
- Rehabilitation
- Research
- Student Advocacy
- Supervision
- Therapy
- Volunteer Coordination
- Wellness
- Youth Services

* Additional education, training or experience may be required.

Acquired Transferable Skills
- Active
- Complex Problem Solving
- Coordination
- Critical Thinking
- Judgment and Decision Making
- Reading Comprehension
- Service Orientation
- Social Perceptiveness
- Speaking
- Writing

For more information on transferable skills go to:
usm.maine.edu/community-engagement-career-development/career-tools
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<td>Public Welfare</td>
<td>Public welfare agencies</td>
<td>• Public welfare is designed to provide services and support for poor, disabled, ill, elderly, or juvenile clients.</td>
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<td>Private social service agencies</td>
<td>• Volunteer at social service agencies to get experience.</td>
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<td>Local, state, and federal government</td>
<td>• Four out of ten social workers work for the government.</td>
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<td>• Complete an internship with the federal government.</td>
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<td>Research and</td>
<td>Colleges and universities</td>
<td>• Research provides data and statistics important in program implementation and policy development.</td>
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<td>Education</td>
<td>Research institutes</td>
<td>• Doctor of Social Work (DSW) or Ph.D. usually required.</td>
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<td>Research hospitals</td>
<td>• Some teaching and administration positions may be available to MSW's.</td>
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<td>Government</td>
<td>• Gain research experience as an undergraduate by assisting professors with their work.</td>
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<td>Vocational</td>
<td>Larger corporations</td>
<td>• Occupational social workers help employees to be more productive and satisfied.</td>
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<td>Employee assistance programs</td>
<td>• Gain experience in a university career center while in school.</td>
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<td>Labor unions</td>
<td>• Earn a relevant certification</td>
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<td>Healthcare</td>
<td>Hospitals</td>
<td>• Social workers in healthcare facilitate medical and emotional treatment of patients.</td>
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<td>Nursing homes</td>
<td>• They may focus on helping clients and their families cope with acute or terminal illnesses by providing psychosocial support.</td>
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<td>Group homes</td>
<td>• Choose volunteer settings to get experience.</td>
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<td>Hospice</td>
<td>• Gain membership in relevant associations.</td>
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*To learn about these areas and much more visit: [whatcanidowiththismajor.com/major](http://whatcanidowiththismajor.com/major) © 2011 What Can I Do With This Major

### Enrichment Opportunities

| Internships     | For more information contact Dept. of Social Work. [usm.maine.edu/community-engagement-career-development/internships](http://usm.maine.edu/community-engagement-career-development/internships) |
| Study Abroad    | For more information contact the USM Office of International Programs. [usm.maine.edu/international/study-abroad](http://usm.maine.edu/international/study-abroad) |
| Clubs &         | Social Work Student Organization               | [webapp.usm.maine.edu/pathways/list](http://webapp.usm.maine.edu/pathways/list) |
| Organizations   | For a complete list of student organizations:  |                                                                                     |
| USM Corporate    | The USM Corporate Partners are over 350        |                                                                                     |
| Partners        | business people, from nearly 100 companies.    |                                                                                     |

### Helpful Career Links

- **USMCareerConnections:**
  USM’s career network for job and internship searches. [usm.maine.edu/community-engagement-career-development/usmcareerconnections](http://usm.maine.edu/community-engagement-career-development/usmcareerconnections)

- **O*NET OnLine:**
  Learn more about a career opportunity by researching it with O*NET. [onetonline.org](http://onetonline.org)

- **Occupational Outlook Handbook:**
  Learn more about a career opportunity by researching it with OOH. [bls.gov/ooh](http://bls.gov/ooh)

- **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS** To name a few...
  - Student Division of National Association of Social Workers
  - Council on Social Work Education
  - Association of Social Work Boards