



COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES  
**LAMAR UNIVERSITY**  
Social Work

**BSW Pre-Major (PSOW) requirements for reclassification to Social Work (SOWK) Major status and eligibility to enter Field Placement:**

The Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree prepares students for entry-level professional social work practice and will be awarded upon completion of the 120 credit hours listed on the BSW degree plan.

Upon initial declaration of intent to pursue the BSW degree, students will be classified as pre-majors (PSOW). Once enrolled in the Field Preparation Seminar (SOWK 4300), students will be evaluated for overall readiness to be classified as Social Work (SOWK) majors.



This reclassification and checklist below are part of the eligibility requirements for students to enroll in SOWK 4321/4324 and complete their required 400-hour field placements.

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**Checklist for Pre-Majors (PSOW) seeking Social Work (SOWK) Major Status:**

- Successfully completed **both** SOWK 2361 and SOWK 2371 courses
- Currently enrolled in SOWK 4300 - Field Preparation Seminar
- Completed or enrolled in SOWK 3310 Practice 1 (documented by transcript)
- Documented completion of **50** total volunteer hours by the end of SOWK 4300 course
- Verified overall GPA of **2.50** or greater and a grade of **C** (or higher) in all Social Work courses
- Signed **Consent for Criminal Background Check** to be completed by Field Placement Agency. This consent form is included in the Field Application Packet.

***PLEASE NOTE:*** Students with ***any*** type of criminal history should set up an appointment to speak with BSW Field Director or Program Director ***prior*** to the end of SOWK 4300 and ***before*** being assigned to a field agency for disclosure, evaluation, and guidance on their placement options. While the BSW Field Director is committed to getting all students into placements, students should be aware that having a documented criminal history may impact their ability to be matched with their placement of choice.