

**DO YOU WANT TO EARN A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN SOCIAL WORK
BUT CAN'T TRAVEL EVERY DAY TO BEMIDJI?**

Coming fall 2020 to Bemidji State University

SWIM (Social Work Integrated Model)

A blended, online delivery format.

What is it? Students can earn a BSW degree through distance education with the majority of all course work completed online and limited face-to-face course meetings on the BSU campus.

- **BSU's online social work degree has been recognized for quality in a national review of online programs by Affordable Colleges Online** and as one of the "Best Online Social Work Degree for 2016-2017."

How much "face-to-face" time is required? Students will come to BSU one Saturday each month to provide interactive dialogue and learn practice skills important to our profession. This means only 3-4 on-campus meetings each semester.

What is the timeline? Classes will begin August 2020. Students will graduate Fall 2022.

How many classes do I take each semester? Students will take 2-3 classes each semester with the majority of semesters limited to two classes. Below is a tentative course schedule.

Will courses be offered in the summer? Summer classes are reserved for students that need to complete courses required to graduate with a 4-year degree at BSU. This may include 3000-4000 level electives, courses for a minor (optional), or completing the social statistics course required of social work students.

Can I get financial aid? This is a financial aid eligible program. Contact the Financial Aid office at BSU to determine your individual eligibility for financial aid. 218-755-2034

What are the eligibility criteria? To be eligible for SWIM, students must: (1) have completed all 11 goals areas of their liberal education; (2) have a 2.25 cumulative GPA; and (3) completed the Supporting Foundation courses: Intro to Psych, Abnormal Psych, Human Biology, Intro American Politics, & diversity option (see following page for details), Intro to Social Welfare, and Field Experience in Social Work.

How do I apply to BSU? Apply to BSU as a transfer student here:

<http://www.bemidjistate.edu/admissions/transfer/apply>. Being admitted to BSU is **step one**. **Step two** will be applying to the SWIM program when the application window opens in the Fall of 2019.

Is information available about the Social Work Program? Go to our website for more information.
<http://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/departments/social-work/programs/online-social-work-bsw/>

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Bemidji State University
Social Work Integrated Model (SWIM)
2020 Cohort – TENTATIVE Course Schedule

Fall 2020	Spring 2021
SOWK 2110: Intercultural Communications SOWK 2160: Human Behavior in Social Environment I	SOWK 3201: Family Dynamics SOWK 3551: Generalist Practice I SOWK 2130: Interpersonal Relations
Fall 2021	Spring 2022
SOWK 3552: Generalist Practice II SOWK 3160: Human Behavior in Social Environment II SOWK 4450: SOWK Research Seminar	SOWK 3553: Generalist Practice III SOWK 3260: Social Welfare Policy SOWK 4880: Internship Orientation
Fall 2022	
SOWK 4970: Internship SOWK (480 hours)	

Plus: Interdisciplinary courses required for the SOWK major. These can be taken at other schools and the approval to substitute is made by the SWIM Coordinator for the Social Work Program. These courses can also be taken at BSU and most are offered online. *(Timeframe to accept transfer credits will follow the BSU policy of accepting credits completed within the last 10 years. Outside of this timeframe the department will accept credits on a case-by-case basis.)*

* Courses that must be completed by August 2020

- Human Biology*
- Intro to Psychology*
- Abnormal Psychology*
- Intro to American Politics*
- A 3-credit diversity course - ONE of the following*
 - Intro to Indian Studies
 - Ethnic and Minority Groups
 - Cultural Anthropology
 - World Religions
- SOWK 2120 Intro to Social Welfare* (Offered Fall 2019)
- SOWK 2140 Field Experience in Social Work* (Offered Spring 2020)

Social statistics (3000 level course) - must be completed by August 2022

Additional Eligibility Criteria:

- Ability to “pass” a Criminal Background Study done by the MN Dept. of Human Services. If a student has a felony/gross misdemeanor conviction, talk with Emily Paine as soon as possible.

Application Deadline: Fall 2019 with applicant selection finalized December 2019.