

## HOW TO USE THIS MAP

- UToledo's Major Map is a guide for you to plan for future success while you explore your University experience. The five rows of the map provide a step-by-step guide to integrate your academic courses with experiences on and off-campus that will help build your career readiness.
- Start thinking about life beyond college now and use the map to set short- and long-term goals, such as preparing for graduate or professional schools, preparing for your first career-track job and networking with others in your profession.

## RESOURCES FOR SUPPORT

From orientation to graduation, there are many resources to support your University experience.

Your success coach is like your personal GPS. As you navigate from where you are to where you want to be, coaches offer one-on-one guidance and support through referrals to academic support services and other campus resources, and connections to campus engagement and experiential learning opportunities. Visit [utoledo.edu/success-coach](http://utoledo.edu/success-coach) to connect with your success coach.

Career Services provides comprehensive career planning and preparation services for all UToledo students in order to clarify and implement their academic and career goals. Connect with Career Services during your first year and continue working with them often throughout your academic career. Visit [utoledo.edu/career](http://utoledo.edu/career) to learn more about the programs, services and events to support your success.



## BUILD YOUR EXPERIENCE BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Many students in the social work program engage in practices outside of the classroom to gain leadership experience and to learn more about social justice advocacy. Students will have the opportunity to get involved in the Human Trafficking and Social Justice Conference held each year at the University of Toledo in September. Multiple volunteer opportunities within the department are available to include working with programs like the Fearless Writers, Community Care Clinic, the Eberly Center for Women, or the Office of Diversity and Inclusion. Speak with your academic advisor or program director to learn about additional interprofessional, leadership, and community engagement opportunities that are available to challenge and enrich your experience with peers and faculty while actively engaging you with the material you're learning.



# SOCIAL WORK

## TOP 5 REASONS TO STUDY SOCIAL WORK AT UTOLEDO

- 1 Students graduate with 508 hours of field training for licensure (LSW)
- 2 Policy Practice. Engagement with, Assessment of, Intervention with, Evaluation of Practice with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.
- 3 Research areas include art in social work, therapy animals in social work, human trafficking, LGBT advocacy and Latino community development.
- 4 University Partnership with Ohio Child Protective Services social workers.
- 5 Connected to Toledo area via United Way organizations

## PUTTING YOUR DEGREE TO WORK

Graduates in this field use their degree in many industries, including:

- Community and Social Services
- Healthcare Services
- Behavioral Health Services
- Education
- Support
- Administrative
- Criminal and Legal Services
- Program and Project Management
- Media and Communication
- Human Resources

## AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR

- Add a world language.
- UToledo School of Social Justice: Human Trafficking and Social Justice Institute
- Student Social Work Organization
- Phi Alpha Honor Society
- Speakers and events sponsored for public service/social justice conversation

**“This program equipped me with critical tools and knowledge needed to build the foundation of a successful social work career, which helped me to secure employment immediately after graduation.”**

MEG KRANER, LMSW, Program Coordinator for Cobb County Community Services Board, '19

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FUELING TOMORROWS

## 1ST YEAR

## 2ND YEAR

## 3RD YEAR

## 4TH YEAR

### EXPLORE YOUR MAJOR AND CAREER PATHWAYS



In your first year, you will have the chance to explore the foundations of Social Work along with some electives:

- SOCW 1030 Introduction to Social Welfare

Meet with your [academic advisor](#) to learn more about your [plan of study](#) and discuss any minors if you are interested, such as Criminal Justice, Women's and Gender Studies, Disability Studies, Psychology, etc.

Start to dive deeper into the discipline of Social Work. All students start as Pre-Social Work majors and have to complete the requirements to apply and gain admission to the social work program. See the Social Work [advisor](#) for your BSW application.

SOCW 2010: Survey of the Social Work Profession. Student are required to complete a 60-hour a field experience as part of their application to the program.

Stay on track for graduation! Social Work courses are only offered once a year and are sequenced. Spring semester of 3<sup>rd</sup> year, students will attend a meeting to confirm eligibility for Senior field experience. Applications are due March 1.

Are you considering applying for advance standing in a MSW graduate program? Visit the [Council for Social Work Education's \(CSWE\) Director of Accredited MSW Programs](#).

In fourth year, you will have the chance to participate in courses that can lead to [Graduate School](#) or to your [future career path](#). Make sure to finish up all your courses for your major and your optional minor and/or additional major(s).

Students will complete a 16 hour per week Senior field experience, with classes on Friday during the day.

Need to take the GRE? Start [here](#).

### CONNECT WITH OTHERS AND BUILD COMMUNITY



Attend the [Student Involvement Fair](#) in the fall; explore over 400 [student organizations](#) and attend [campus events](#).

Consider joining a fraternity or sorority and getting involved in [Greek Life](#).

Working on campus is a great way to meet others-stop by the part-time Job Fair too! Give aid to a community by joining a [volunteer organization](#).

Explore student organizations that compliment your major. Interested in learning more about where social work students are placed to apply theories learned in class and gain practice experience? [Click here](#) to learn more.

Apply for the University Partnership Program (UPP). UPP seeks to develop social workers to provide the highest-quality service to children, families and communities.

Attend the Human Trafficking and Social Justice Institute.

Join a professional association related to your interests.

Present your research at a research exhibition on campus. Consider attending and presenting your work at a regional or national conference with a faculty member. Explore service opportunities after graduation, such as [Peace Corps](#), [AmeriCorps](#), or [Teach for America](#).

### BUILD YOUR SKILLS THROUGH EXPERIENCE



Meet with a [Social Work faculty member](#) to discuss creative ways to volunteer or intern in your area of interest.

Other opportunities outside the classroom:

- The [Student Social Work Organization](#)
- [Phi Alpha Honor Society](#)
- The [social work program](#) sponsors speakers and events

Looking to improve your study strategies? Utilize the [Learning Enhancement Center](#) (LEC).

Explore summer job opportunities related to your major by scheduling a meeting with [Career Services](#).

Interested in undergraduate research? Visit the [Office of Undergraduate Research-UToledo \(OUR-UT\)](#) for information on additional opportunities.

"Social work is the fastest-growing profession internationally – and in many countries, statistics point towards its significant further expansion. The [Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts a 16% growth of the profession between 2016 and 2026](#)."

Investigate internships or full-time jobs related to careers of interest by attending events for graduating seniors sponsored by [Career Services](#).

### ENGAGE IN AN INCLUSIVE GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE



Get to know people who are different from you.

Connect with the Office of Multicultural Student Success (OMSS) by attending the [OMSS History and Heritage Month programming](#). Learn a [foreign language](#) or join [UT Explorers](#).

Connect with the [Study Abroad office](#) to learn more about the opportunities to live and learn in a different country.

Meet with your advisor to see how your credit will transfer and discuss the best time to study away. Consider completing the [OMSS Diversity Education certificate program](#).

Join an [international student organization](#) to learn more about other cultures.

Get connected to the [Confucius Institute](#). Attend the I-Village event or I-Dinner, two premier [UToledo international events](#).

Build your intercultural competencies by learning more about diversity, inclusion and equity through OMSS and ODI programming.

### PREPARE FOR POST-GRADUATION



Complete your [Handshake](#) Profile (use your UTAD log-in credentials) to apply for on and off campus part-time jobs.

[Explore What Can I do With This Major](#) and [Candid Career](#) to learn about career paths and employers within your field of study.

Meet with [Career Services](#) to begin developing your resume and a plan to get career ready.

Utilize [Handshake](#) and [InvoNet](#) (search career services) to find opportunities to meet employers and expand your network by attending career fairs and other events.

Meet with [Career Services](#) to update your resume and LinkedIn profile.

Use [Handshake](#) to apply to part-time jobs, internships or externships to gain practical and relevant experience.

Gain interviewing skills with Big Interview or schedule an appointment with [Career Services](#) for a mock interview.

Meet with [Career Services](#) to update your resume and get info for building your professional attire in preparation for your field experience.

Solidify post-graduate plans. Don't miss the Career Services presentation in your field seminar course focused on resumes & interviews. Follow up with [Career Services](#) for additional assistance with job searching, resumes, interviews, and grad school applications.

Research employers. Attend job fairs on campus. [Complete the First Destination Survey](#).

### WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Develop your career readiness competencies to ensure you are prepared to launch your career upon graduation:

- Career & Self Development
- Communication
- Critical Thinking
- Equity & Inclusion
- Leadership
- Professionalism
- Teamwork
- Technology

### HOW WILL I USE IT?

Use your degree to attain career positions such as:

- Medical Social Worker
- Hospice Social Worker
- Intake Assessor
- Senior Center Program Director
- Afterschool Outreach Program
- Coordinator Oncology Care Team
- Behavioral Health Specialist
- Residential Coordinator
- Community Resource Advocate
- Executive Director
- Unit Director
- Chief Executive Officer
- Discharge Planner
- Research Associate
- Assistant Professor