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CONNECT WITH US

Golden Bear Orientation

Join your peers in the campus-wide UC Berkeley **orientation** program for all new students.

Events

Attend department events with students, staff, and faculty. Visit socialwelfare.berkeley.edu for news and updates.

ADVISING

Students can email the Undergraduate Major Advisor with any questions or to schedule an appointment at swundergrad@berkeley.edu.

For more information and the most up-to-date drop-in hours, please see: socialwelfare.berkeley.edu/academics/bachelor-arts-social-welfare.

HOW TO USE THIS MAP

Use this map to help plan and guide your experience at UC Berkeley, including academic, co-curricular, and discovery opportunities. Everyone's Berkeley experience is different and activities in this map are suggestions. Always consult with your advisors whenever possible for new opportunities and updates.

Visit ue.berkeley.edu/majormaps for the latest version of this major map.

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SOCIAL WELFARE

Bachelor of Arts

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INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

The **Social Welfare** major provides undergraduate students with a broad-based introduction to America's social welfare problems and social policies within a social science context. The curriculum focuses both on the history and institutions of social work as a field of activity, and on the welfare state as a collective enterprise addressing human need. Students gain knowledge of organized networks of public and private social services, and the basic practice methods associated with the social work profession.

The major is a designated "group major" grounded in the liberal arts, rather than specialized training in the profession of social work. Students who successfully complete the major program are awarded the Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree.



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“My favorite thing about the Social Welfare major is the people I've met along the way. It's great to be around people who are knowledgeable about the field and love what they do!”

– Monica Poblano, Class of 2022

ADMISSION TO THE MAJOR

Social Welfare is a capped major and prerequisites and enrollment controls for required courses are in place to manage student demand. Students interested in declaring should complete the **prerequisite entry requirements** as soon as possible. In order to declare, students must complete all prerequisites with a C or better, have a minimum GPA of 2.0, and have taken less than 80 units (including in progress classes).

Students should also be aware of application deadlines and complete the e-form as soon as all of the prerequisites have been completed.

AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR

- Get involved with our undergraduate organization, the **Social Welfare Association for the Greater Good**.
- Enroll in a Social Welfare DeCal or facilitate one!
- Explore a social problem, intervention, or theory in-depth through the **Honors Program in Social Welfare**.
- Join Social Welfare students across the state for **Lobby Days**.

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