

NEW, REVISED, OR DELETED PROGRAM COVER SHEET
 2002-2003
 University Curriculum Committee
 Undergraduate Programs (Majors, Minors, Sequences)

DEPARTMENT School of Social Work DATE October 04, 2002

A. Proposed Action: (more than one item may be checked if a revision).

- New Major CIPS CODE _____ (obtain from Planning, Policy Studies and Info Systems)
- New Minor CIPS CODE _____ (obtain from Planning, Policy Studies and Info Systems)
- New Sequence
- Change in requirements for major
- Change in requirements for minor
- Change in requirements for sequence
- Other program revisions **Establishment of the B.S.W. Degree**
- More than 50% of courses in this program are distance education.
- Program deletion **Deletion of the B.A. and B.S. in Social Work, pending approval of the B.S.W.**

B. Summary of proposed action (see Part A), including title and exact *Undergraduate Catalog* copy for a new or altered program. (See *Catalog* and Program Checklist for format and examples.) Provide a summary of the revisions in addition to the exact current *Catalog* copy.

Replacement of BA and BS degree options in Social Work by the Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree in accordance with professional standards. Exact catalog copy attached.

C. Routing and action summary:

1. <u>[Signature]</u> Department Curriculum Committee Chair	<u>Oct 4, 2002</u> Date Approved	4. _____ College Dean	_____ Date Approved
2. <u>[Signature]</u> Department Chair	_____ Date Approved	5. _____ Teacher Education Council Chair if appropriate (10 copies to the Dean of the College of Education)	_____ Date Approved
3. _____ College Committee Chair	_____ Date Approved	6. _____ University Curriculum Committee Chair (8 copies to the Undergraduate Studies)	_____ Date Approved

Submit 20 copies of **NEW** Undergraduate proposals to University Curriculum Committee
 Submit 8 copies of **REVISED** Undergraduate proposals to University Curriculum Committee
 All new and deleted programs (majors, minors, sequences) are routed by the U.C.C. to the Academic Senate. **The Senate rules mandate electronic submission (in MS Word or HTML format) of all materials for website posting.**

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More importantly, the BSW degree is more readily recognizable than the BA or BS to post graduation accrediting and licensing bodies, such as the Illinois Department of Professional Regulation. Students and

Illinois State University
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Replacement of the B.A. and B.S. Degrees in Social Work by the Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.)

Implementation Date: 2003-2004 Undergraduate Catalog

The faculty of the School of Social Work request that the current B.A. and B.S. degree options in Social Work be replaced by the Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.) degree which is the professionally recognized beginning degree in the field.

The Social Work major, admission and retention requirements remain unchanged. Catalog changes are thus limited to the degree change only.

Exact catalog copy:

1. Current (p. 231 in 02-03):	Proposed:
Social Work Program Degrees Offered: B.A., B.S.	Social Work Program Degree Offered: B.S.W.

The following changes are requested to the "front" section of the catalog:

2. Current (p. 66 in 02-03)	Proposed:
Academic Program Information ... Social Work: B.A., B.S., M.S.W.	Academic Program Information ... Social Work: B.S.W., M.S.W.

3. To the current "Degree Requirements" (p. 70-71), add:

Statement of Purpose for the Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.) Degree: The B.S.W. encourages acquisition of communication skills, development of analytical skills for examining and solving problems, and the understanding of social, cultural and legal structures with special emphasis on application to the profession of social work. The degree is pursued by all undergraduates in the School of Social Work and is recognized as the first professional degree in the field that prepares undergraduate students for beginning generalist social work practice.

Statement of Requirements for the Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.) Degree: General Education requirements; general requirements for graduation; and Social Work major requirements.

Rationale:

The change of degree is intended to emphasize the professional nature of our undergraduate program (within a School of Social Work) and to align the program more closely with the current accepted standards in social work education and the profession in general. For example, there are 13 accredited undergraduate social work programs in Illinois. Eight of them offer the BSW degree.

More importantly, the BSW degree is more readily recognizable than the BA or BS to post graduation accrediting and licensing bodies, such as the Illinois Department of Professional Regulation. Students and

social work employers alike are also more familiar with the BSW degree designation; thus its use will improve the marketability of our undergraduate program,

For these reasons, the Social Work faculty has unanimously endorsed the name change.

Expected impact of proposal on existing campus programs:

The degree will only be available to Social Work majors, whose major requirements remain otherwise unchanged. As students will no longer have B.A. or B.S. requirements (Foreign Languages or Science, Math and Technology courses), it is likely that there will be a small reduction in enrollment in these areas.

Expected curricular changes including new courses:

None.

Anticipated staffing and funding needs:

None.