The School of Social Work offers the following degrees: Bachelor of Social Work and Master of Social Work.

The primary focus of the bachelor's program is to prepare the graduate for generalist social work practice. Its theoretical basis is founded upon the principles of human behavior; the social, physical, and cultural environment; social welfare policy; and social research. A strong theoretical grounding in these principles will enable the graduate to practice using evidence-based interventions with individuals, families, small groups, organizations, and communities ethically and with multicultural competence.

The focus of the master's program is on community partnerships/community building in an urban environment based on the theory, research and practice of social work professionals and its various communities. MSW-level education incorporates several components with the curriculum, including:

1)  Values and ethics
2)  Cultural diversity, including consciousness-raising and training in multiculturalism
3)  Economic and social justice
4)  Empowerment of vulnerable populations, including the homeless, the poor, the aged and infirm, and those who suffer from substance abuse.
5)  Skill sets that include community organizing, leadership and management, program evaluation and technology, social marketing, grant writing, and collaboration.

Community building can be affected by training social work professionals in administrative policy and the methods of empowering the vulnerable populations to become partners in their own welfare. The first year of the master's degree is the foundation for generalist practice; the second, specialist year, focuses on community partnership.

Purpose:

To support present and anticipated curricular and research needs of students and faculty in the School of Social Work.

General Collection Guidelines:

a. **Language:** Primarily English-language materials.

b. **Chronological:** Current materials will be emphasized.

c. **Geographical:** Focus will be on the U.S. and Great Britain, with minor emphases on Eastern Europe and Asia.
d. **Treatment:** Primarily current scholarly, research-level materials; some historical studies, popular works, and a few textbooks may be included.

e. **Types:** Primarily monographs and periodicals; handbooks, dictionaries, encyclopedias, statistical works, and other reference sources will also be acquired. Media materials are of interest to the department and will be acquired in consultation with faculty.

f. **Date of Publication:** Current material (past 5 years) will be emphasized; some retrospective collecting will also be made based on faculty requests.

g. **Preservation/Weeding:** Little effort will be made to preserve old materials. Weeding will be done at the discretion of the bibliographer.

h. **Other considerations:** The interdisciplinary nature of social work would indicate that there is considerable overlap of interest with other departments within the University. Those of special interest would include: sociology, counseling, gerontology, public administration, and psychology.

h. **Collection Levels:** A goal of collection level 3c for all areas of study.

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