



HOUSTON CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY DEGREE PLAN  
**BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK (BSW)**  
CATALOG YEAR: 2025-2026

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ H#: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Candidates for a single major undergraduate baccalaureate degree must complete a total of at least 120 credit hours along with the following requirements:

- No fewer than 30 semester hours of upper-level (3000 or 4000) courses.
- No more than 6 credit hours in Kinesiology activity courses or other student activity hours will count towards the 120-credit hour requirement.
- Complete the Liberal Arts Core Requirements
- Complete a minimum of 30 hours or 25% of the required hours, whichever is greater, of residency at HCU including at least 12 upper-level hours in the major.
- Cumulative GPA of at least 2.00 with no grade below "C" in courses required for the major.
- If completing a MINOR, at least 9 upper-level hours of residency at HCU included in the minor with a grade of "C" or higher in all courses.

Once admitted and enrolled at HCU, each student MUST:

- Receive prior approval for any courses taken at another institution (up to 18 total credit hours only).
- File a degree plan with the Office of Academic Records before 60 credit hours have been completed.
- File an application to graduate at least one (1) semester before anticipated date of graduation.

LIBERAL ARTS CORE REQUIREMENTS: \*Course must be completed with a "C" or higher

COURSES	HOURS	COURSES	HOURS
*ENGL 1313 Composition and Literature I	3	*MATH 1305 Math for Critical Thinking or higher	3
*ENGL 1323 Composition and Literature II	3	*BIOL XXXX (any 4-hour Biology course with lab)	4
ENGL 2315 or 2325 Great Works of Literature I or II	3	GOVT 2313 American & Texas Government	3
PHIL 1313 Introduction to Philosophy	3	HIST 2311 Western Civilization I	3
CHRI 1301 Introduction to the Bible	3	Additional History (Choose 1): HIST 2312, HIST 2313, HIST 2323	3
CHRI 2373 Christian Theology & Tradition	3	ART 2343 Art Appreciation or MUSI 1331 Music Appreciation	3
PSYC 1313 General Psychology	3	COMM 1323 Rhetoric & Public Speaking	3
		<b>TOTAL HOURS IN LIBERAL ARTS CORE</b>	<b>43</b>

Students transferring to Houston Christian University with 45 or more hours of transferable college credit are only required to take CHRI 3300, Introduction to Bible and Theology, to meet their Liberal Arts Core Curriculum Christianity requirements.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS: All courses within major must be completed with a "C" or higher

COURSE #	COURSE NAME	HOURS
SOCW 2303	Introduction to Social Work	3
SOCI 2301	Introduction to Statistics	3
SOCW 2325	Social Challenges	3
SOCW 3304	Human Behavior & The Social Environment I	3
SOCW 3305	Human Behavior & The Social Environment II	3
SOCW 3306	Social Welfare History & Policy	3
SOCW 4311	Social Work Practice with Individuals & Families	3
SOCW 4312	Social Work Practice with Groups	3
SOCW 4313	Social Work Practice with Communities & Organizations	3
SOCI 3303	Research Methods	3
	<b>SOCIAL WORK CORE TOTAL</b>	<b>38</b>
	<b>Choose nine (9) hours from the courses below. At least six (6) hours must be upper level.</b>	
	CHRI 3325 The Christian Vocation	
	CHRI 3336 Christian Leadership	
	CHRI 4345 Christian Ethics	
	PSYC 2302 Introduction to Christian Counseling	
	PSYC 2323 Crisis Intervention	
	PSYC 2325 Dating & Intimate Relationships	
	PSYC 2330 Human Sexuality	
	PSYC 3317 Suicide	
	PSYC 3332 Life Transitions	
	PSYC 4316 Child Psychopathology	
	PSYC 4326 Death & Dying	
	PSYC 4329 Contemporary Issues in Christian Counseling	
	SOCI 3320 Social Change	
	SOCI 3327 Criminology	
	SOCI 3393 Childhood & Adolescence	
	SOCI 4373 The American Family	
	<b>TOTAL HOURS IN MAJOR</b>	<b>47</b>
	<b>ELECTIVE HOURS REQUIRED</b>	<b>30</b>
	<b>TOTAL HOURS IN DEGREE</b>	<b>120</b>

OTHER GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Community Life and Worship (CLW) credits: 80 credits required for graduation (at least 50 credits must be CLW-A earned through worship events, up to 30 credits may be CLW-B earned through community life events).
- FYS 1300 Freshman Year Seminar is required for all students enrolling at HCU with fewer than thirty (30) completed semester hours. College credit earned prior to high school graduation does not count toward the 30-hour requirement. Students enrolled in 100% online degree programs will take a three-hour course, ONLN 1300 Introduction to Online Learning, in place of FYS 1300.

BY SIGNING BELOW, YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THAT YOU HAVE READ AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL REQUIREMENTS ON THE DEGREE PLAN. THIS DEGREE PLAN IS NOT VALID UNTIL RECEIVED & PROCESSED BY THE OFFICE OF ACADEMIC RECORDS.

STUDENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

ACADEMIC ADVISOR \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Office of Academic Records Use Only Processed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_