UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC CATALOG 2026-2027

Complete 120-Credit B.S.W. & B.S. Programs, 102 Syllabi & CSWE Competencies

Institutional Mission & CSWE EPAS Accreditation

Founded in 1978 in historic Sweet Auburn, Brightway College prepares compassionate social workers dedicated to human rights, clinical excellence, a

Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.) Degree Requirements

Students complete 120 semester credit hours, including 42 general education core credits, 48 major social work credits, 15 clinical elective credits, and

Degree Concentrations & Fellowship Programs

1. Child Welfare & Family Systems (Title IV-E Full Tuition Fellowship)
2. Clinical Behavioral Health & Addictions (CAC-II Licensure Readiness)
3. Gerontology & Palliative Care Management
4. Restorative Justice & Community Reentry
5. Non-Profit Leadership & Social Advocacy
6. Evening & Hybrid Degree Completion for Working Adults

Curricular Course Directory (102 Courses Overview)

Comprehensive offerings across SWK (Social Work Practice), HUS (Human Services), CJR (Restorative Justice), GNT (Gerontology), HLT (Behaviora

Graduation Standards & ASWB Licensing Success

Brightway graduates achieve a 93.6% first-time pass rate on the national ASWB examination, exceeding Georgia and national averages by over 16 pe

ACADEMIC CATALOG: COURSE MATRIX & POLICIES

Curricular Sequencing, Field Practicum Regulations & Code of Ethics

Selected Core Course Matrix (Sample of 102 Offerings):

SWK-101: Introduction to Social Work & Social Welfare (3.0 Credits)
Historical roots, NASW Code of Ethics, and societal safety nets.

SWK-220: Child Welfare & Family Systems (3.0 Credits)
Statutory child protection, foster care, and kinship family systems.

SWK-340: Clinical Practice with Individuals & Families (3.0 Credits)
Biopsychosocial clinical assessment, crisis intervention, and treatment planning.

SWK-385: Trauma-Informed Care across Lifespan (3.0 Credits)
Neurobiology of complex trauma, Adverse Childhood Experiences, and somatic care.

SWK-481: Field Practicum I & Integrative Seminar (5.0 Credits)
250 clock hours of direct clinical client services under LCSW supervision.

SWK-482: Field Practicum II & Licensure Defense (5.0 Credits)
250 clock hours advanced clinical practice, ASWB prep, and capstone presentation.

CJR-201: Principles of Restorative Justice (3.0 Credits)
Peacemaking circles, victim-offender reconciliation, and court diversion.

HLT-230: Substance Use Disorders & Harm Reduction (3.0 Credits)
Pharmacology of addiction, syringe exchange policies, and naloxone rescue.

GNT-375: Alzheimer's Disease & Dementia Ecosystems (3.0 Credits)
Person-centered dementia care, sensory interventions, and family respite models.

NPO-350: Philanthropic Grant Writing & Proposal Design (3.0 Credits)
Foundation research, logic models, line-item budgets, and programmatic evaluation.