

BSW ADMISSIONS ELIGIBILITY

PART 1 – [University of Victoria undergraduate admission](#)

Academic Coursework & Grade Point Average

Completion of 30 units at UVic or the equivalent in [transfer credits](#) from another institution (UVic year 3 standing/the first two years of an undergraduate degree/competed undergrad degree).

Notes: 1.5-units is a single term course at UVic so 30 units is the equivalent of 20 single term courses. 27 units are technically year 3 standing at UVic, but if you are chosen for the program with this number of units or transfer credits you would be required to complete additional courses. If you took your courses in BC, use the [BC Transfer Guide](#) to see if your courses transfer to UVic.

SOCW 200A and SOCW 200B, or equivalents must be completed or in progress at the time of application. These courses can be in addition to, or part of, the 30 units. More information below.

A minimum of a 3.5 on the UVic 9-point scale (approxcc 0.003. ~~approx 0.003~~)

Notes: See the [UVic GPA conversion guide and grade scale conversion table](#) if your school uses a different grading scale. In certain cases, a human service diploma average may be used in the calculation instead.

Note: Other UVic Requirements

UVic has [minimum technical requirements](#) for student to participate in online learning environments and an [English language requirement](#).

PART 2 – [School of Social Work admission](#)

In addition to being academically evaluated by UVic

[Equity Admissions](#) In our admissions decisions, we will apply a decolonial equity framework which includes an intersectional lens and will prioritize applicants who are Indigenous, Black, and other racialized people.



MORE ON THE PRE-REQUISITE COURSES

As mentioned above, there are two specific pre-requisite courses required for entry into the program. These courses must be in progress or completed at the time of your application:

SOCW 200A: An Introduction to Social Work Practice and

SOCW 200B: Introduction to the Critical Analysis of Social Welfare in Canada.

Here are a few options for taking SOCW 200A and SOCW 200B:

1. UVIC offers both SOCW 200A and SOCW 200B every semester by distance education and on campus as well. If you are not a UVic student, you must
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- A three-year Bachelor's degree from an accredited educational institution will be evaluated on a course-by-course basis although these will usually equate to 30 units as well, which would make you eligible to apply to the BSW program.
- Associate degrees from a BC College are generally awarded 30 units of transfer credit, which would make you eligible to apply to the BSW program.

Completed Diplomas – also see discretionary credit

In general, if you have completed a social service worker diploma (such as those done at a Canadian

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granted 15 of the 30 transfer credits. This is the maximum amount allowed for this type of diploma transfer.

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