



Social Work, B.A.

At Cal Poly Humboldt, you'll take what you learn in the classroom and put it to work in the real world—applying your new skills in diverse settings, ranging from small nonprofit agencies, tribal social services, large public organizations, and international programs. Our students form lasting partnerships with faculty and our professors are committed to student development. Our faculty is dedicated to the well being of students based on caring and compassion.

Experience Your Learning

Social work students have opportunities to work with local agencies through a highly individualized field experience program. Students find this helpful in building skills and obtaining jobs following graduation. Many students state that their field experience and their relationship with their internship supervisor was a critical factor in their professional development.

We offer students and community members opportunities to develop skills, leadership capacity, knowledge, practices, and methodologies for fostering change; bringing about social justice, environmental justice, and economic justice; and addressing and healing the ongoing effects of colonization.

Engage with tribal, academic, and professional communities to improve the wellbeing of individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities, and enhance the physical and natural environments within which people live, with particular emphasis on rural Northwestern California.

Our rigorous programs are fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education and have options to meet your needs in advancing your current career, making a transition, or adding a degree to amplify your voice to better serve the community you call home.

Did you know?

- It doesn't matter where you live or work in California, you can earn your Social Work degree from Humboldt. Courses in the online program are designed to support people who are rooted in their communities.
- Our department supports progressive practice that is based on peace, justice, experimentation, risk-taking, inclusiveness, partnership, non-expert paradigms of relationships, and a belief in the uniqueness of each student's own professional goals and vision of becoming the social worker they want to be.



Academics & Options

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The Bachelors of Arts in Social Work program prepares students for beginning generalist social work practice responsive to the challenges and resources present in rural areas in particular, and in more populated areas in general. Our program emphasizes working with Indigenous and rural communities and coursework designed to decolonize mainstream social work practice.



Careers

Whether you want to advance in your current career, make a transition, or add a degree to amplify your voice and better serve the community you call home, our accessible program has an option to meet your needs.

- Addictions
- Child Welfare
- Clinical Settings
- Domestic Violence
- Family Planning
- Foster Care
- Mental Health
- Public Health
- Public Policy
- Rehabilitation



I chose social work after reflecting upon my values. I wanted to provide support to folks in all walks of life, and this pathway is all for that. I enjoyed the compassion and empathy the professors provided. I went through so much, being able to have them hear me and guide me through situations was impactful."

Daniel García Rivera ('22, Social Work), Extended Day Aide, Fuente Nueva Charter School