As an accredited professional program, social work majors have two required internships. These total 450 hours through their junior and senior years, providing students with real world experience in human services, and integrates classroom learning with actual professional helping.

**SWRK301: Internship in Social Work**  (1 credit)

This is a required 50 hour community agency assignment for junior Social Work majors. It provides students with a one semester internship experience, through which they gain exposure to the field of human services. It also provides the Department with indications of a student’s preparedness for upper level courses in the program.

**SWRK 410 / 420: Field Education 1 & 2**  (9 credits)

This two course sequence is the capstone 400 hour experience for senior social work majors, requiring two 8-hour days (T/ Th) each week of the whole senior year. Students are required to work with individuals, families, groups, and community issues.

All the professional community settings used are vetted by and arranged through the social work department, as we require certain expectations in supervision. However, we work in partnership with each student to ensure that assigned settings meet the student’s interests.

Whether working directly with children or the elderly, working in a shelter or a hospital, meeting the needs of the homeless, or others, students learn about social issues, themselves, how our society attempts to address the needs of people, and the skills it takes to do so effectively. These experiences also provide input into class discussions and written assignments in other social work courses.

A car is not required, as a number of settings can be reached by bus, although private transportation does make a wider range of settings available.