

## **DIVISION OF SOCIAL WORK**

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The Division of Social Work provides an undergraduate major in social welfare leading to the bachelor of arts degree, designed to provide preparation for graduate work, to prepare for beginning positions in social work, and to provide a broad education in liberal arts. The department offers a two-year graduate program of preparation leading to the professional master of social work degree.

Social welfare courses at the undergraduate level include integration of theoretical and applied materials with contributions from sociology, political science, cultural anthropology, economics, and psychology. Graduate social work courses are similarly integrated and include materials from medicine, psychiatry, and law, as well. Additionally, graduate social work courses include content unique to social work, especially in methods, field instruction, and social welfare policy and services.

### **COOPERATING AGENCIES**

Several social agencies in the central San Joaquin Valley participate in the social welfare and social work training program by providing field experience and instruction at the undergraduate and graduate level. These include the North Avenue Community Center, Valley Children's Hospital Child Guidance Clinic, State Department of Corrections, Youth Authority, International Institute, American Red Cross, Veterans Administration Regional Office, Mental Health Association of Fresno, Fresno County Department of Public Welfare, Social Service Divisions of Agnews State Hospital, Atascadero State Hospital, and Porterville State Hospital, Kings County Schools, Bureau of Social Work of the State Department of Mental Hygiene, Fresno County Department of Mental Health Services, Paso Robles School for Boys, and Social Service Division of the United States Veterans' Administration Hospital. In addition, other agencies cooperate in the program.