

**PROGRAM STATUS: Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) at Kean, Jersey City** **DISCLAIMER !**

Pending approval by the Middle States Commission of Higher Education (MSCHE) the Council of Social Work Education (CSWE), and the execution of additional legal processes, Kean University intends to offer a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree granting program. It is the intention, pending all approvals, of the merger/integration of New Jersey City University with Kean University that the primary location of the BSW program will be at Kean, Jersey City campus and will officially admit students in the Fall of 2026.

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**The information outlined below serves as a preview of the anticipated BSW program**

**PROGRAM MISSION: Kean, Jersey City Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)** **SEE DISCLAIMER !**

The mission of the Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) program at Kean, Jersey City is grounded in academic excellence, built upon a liberal arts foundation, and development of knowledge, skills, and critical/reflective processes, consistent with the profession's purpose, values, and core competencies of generalist social work practice. The mission integrates the person-in-environment approach aligned with an anti-racist, anti-oppressive, global perspectives, and respect for human dignity. Essential are social, racial, economic, environmental justice, and enhancement of life that is rooted in evidenced based practices. As a Hispanic Serving Institution located in a vastly multicultural, urban setting, the BSW mission emphasizes a culture of care, recognizing unique needs and responsive solutions for individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities to elevate mobility, promote human and community well-being.

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**COURSE OFFERINGS: Kean, Jersey City Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)** **SEE DISCLAIMER !**

The BSW course development has been guided by the 2022 Council on Social Work Education (CSWE Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards (EPAS) for generalist level of practice. The CSWE utilizes a competency-based education framework to prepare social work students for professional practice through defined competencies and associated behaviors. The EPAS focuses on the integration and application of knowledge, values, skills, and cognitive and affective processes in social work practice. As an outcome-oriented approach to curriculum design, the BSW program has a formal assessment plan for explicit and implicit curricula. For more information about the specific competencies and behaviors, see the following link: [2022-EPAS.pdf](#)

BSW students will start their academic program focused on completing general education courses grounded in a liberal arts education, along with the BSW program pre-requisites. Students will begin integrating core BSW program courses during their sophomore year. Students will generally take three-thousand level social work courses during their junior year. The senior year culminates with four-thousand level coursework that includes a 450-hour field practicum experience and capstone assignment. The BSW

program core requirements and electives total 48 credits. The BSW coursework may be satisfied through a part-time or full-time course schedule. Students must satisfy all university and program requirements to be eligible for graduation. Students majoring in undergraduate social work at Kean, Jersey City will have a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree conferred. Information regarding general education can be found here: [General Education Program | Kean University](#)

### **Required Pre-requisite BSW Coursework**

**SOC 1000, Introduction to Sociology (3 credits)** – The study of social life, society, and the individual within a global and multicultural context. No pre-requisite.

**SOC 2000, Introduction to Social Justice (3 credits)** – A sociological examination of social justice focusing on selected studies at the local, national and global levels. The study of the meaning of social justice, the manifestations and sociological explanations of injustice, and strategies for achieving a more just social world. Pre-requisite – SOC 1000

**SOC 2100, Sociology of the Family (3 credits)** – Study of families in contemporary society. Examination of the impact of globalizing forces upon family life, family as a gendered experience, and variations in families by race, ethnicity, social class, and sexual orientation. Pre-requisite – SOC 1000

### **Required Core BSW Coursework**

**SW 3020, Diversity, Engagement, Inclusion, & Social Justice (3 credits)** – Study of anti-racist, diversity, equity, and inclusive social work practices to promote social, racial, economic, and environmental justice. Deeply engage in themes of cultural humility, intersectionality, culturally grounded practice, systematic oppression, and distributive justice. Prerequisites: SOC 1000, SOC 2000, and SOC 2100

**SW 3040, Policy & Advocacy: Local, National, Global, & Technological Context (3 credits)** – Focus on social work practice that promote social, racial, economic, and environmental justice within complex and interconnecting systems of policy, programs and communities that impact individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities. Examine social issues, policies, and advocacy strategies in local, state, and national settings as well as the relationship to the global and technological context that respond to injustices and inequities. Prerequisites: SOC 1000, SOC 2000, and SOC 2100

**SW 3060, Human Behavior in the Social Environment: Individuals & Families (3 credits)** – Study of human behavior and person-in-environment theories including interprofessional conceptual frameworks that are culturally grounded to respond to individuals and families throughout the generalist intervention model. Emphasis is on knowledge related to biological, psychological, social, spiritual (BPSS) across the lifespan in the context of macro and chronological influences. Prerequisites: SOC 1000, SOC 2000, and SOC 2100

**SW 3070, Human Behavior in the Social Environment II – Groups, Organizations, & Communities (3 credits)** Study of human behavior, person-in-environment, and critical theories as applied to the generalist intervention model with groups, organizations, community, society, global, and technological context. Prerequisites: SOC 1000, SOC 2000, SOC 2100, and SW 3060

**SW 3110, Social Work Foundation & Ethics Social Work Foundation & Ethics (3 credits)** – Study of the social work educational competencies and ethical values and standards of social work practice. Emphasis

on critical aspects of professional self and practice to include social work values, cultural humility, appropriate use of technology, and supervision. Prerequisites: SOC 1000, SOC 2000, SOC 2100

SW 4060, Seminar and Skills Labs I (2 Credits) – Seminar designed to support the generalist level field practicum I through application of social work concepts to practice experiences. Includes skill building simulations across the social work educational competencies. Prerequisites: SOC 1000, SOC 2000, SOC 2100, SOC 2052, SW 3020, SW 3040, SW 3060, SW 3110 Co-requisites: SW 4100, SW 4160

SW 4070, Capstone Seminar & Skills Lab II (2 Credits) – Seminar designed to support the generalist level field practicum II through application of social work concepts to practice experiences. Includes skill building simulations across the social work educational competencies. Features a capstone assignment that integrates all social work competencies. Prerequisites: SOC 1000, SOC 2000, SOC 2100, SOC 2052, SW 3020, SW 3040, SW 3060, SW 3110 Co-requisites: SW 4110, SW 4170

SW 4100, Generalist Social Work Practice I: Engagement, Assessment, & Planning Across Levels of Practice (3 Credits) – First course of a two-course sequence focused on generalist social work practice intervention model and case management. Study will include strengths-based perspective, motivational interviewing, and knowledge, theories, and skills. Emphasis will be on engagement, assessment, and planning with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities integrating culturally grounded social work practices. Prerequisites: SOC 1000, SOC 2000, SOC 2100, SOC 2052, SW 3020, SW 3040, SW 3060, SW 3110 Co-requisites: SW 4060, SW 4160

SW 4110, Generalist Social Work Practice II: Intervention & Evaluation Across Levels of Practice (3 Credits)

Second course of a two-course sequence focused on generalist social work practice intervention modal and case management. Study on intervention and evaluation with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities. Focus will include use of evidence-based interventions that are culturally grounded, integrative, and interdisciplinary.

Prerequisites: SOC 1000, SOC 2000, SOC 2100, SOC 2052, SW 3020, SW 3040, SW 3060, SW 3110, SW 4060, SW 4100, SW 4160 Co-requisites: SW 4070, SW 4170

SW 4160, Social Work Field Practicum Part I (4 Credits) – Social work field practicum is the signature pedagogy of social work education. This is the first part of a mandatory two-semester internship that takes place in one setting. The internship is 225 hours per semester. The field practicum in total, across SW 4160 and SW 4170, is 450 hours. Students apply their knowledge, skills, values, and cognitive/affective processes gained through their coursework in their practicum setting under the supervision of a qualified social work supervisor. Students will be able to practice with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and/or communities. Prerequisites: SOC 1000, SOC 2000, SOC 2100, SOC 2052, SW 3020, SW 3040, SW 3060, SW 3110, SW 4060, SW 4100, SW 4160 Co-requisites: SW 4060, SW 4160

SW 4170, Social Work Field Practicum II (4 Credits) – Social work field practicum is the signature pedagogy of social work education. This is the second part of a mandatory two-semester internship that takes place in one setting. The internship is 225 hours per semester. The field practicum in total, across SW 4160 and SW 4170, is 450 hours. Students apply their knowledge, skills, values, and cognitive/affective processes gained through their coursework in their practicum setting under the supervision of a qualified social work

supervisor. Students will be able to practice with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and/or communities. Prerequisites: SOC 1000, SOC 2000, SOC 2100, SOC 2052, SW 3020, SW 3040, SW 3060, SW 3110, SW 4060, SW 4100, SW 4160 Co-requisites: SW 4070, SW 4110

SOC 2052, Methods of Social Research - Exposure to scientific paradigms, research designs, methods and analysis used in social sciences research. Development of critical thought and consideration of ethical and political issues in the practice of social research. Emphasis on writing skills through the development of a research proposal. Pre-requisite - SOC 1000

SOC 4401, Social Change – An investigation of various theoretical frameworks utilized by sociologists in viewing social change. An analysis of numerous case studies of change in modern societies. Pre-requisite – SOC 1000

**Required Electives BSW Coursework (select 9 credits total from the list below)**

SOC 3110, Sociology of Education (3 credits) – Examine sociology of education in United States and around the world, focusing on theoretical perspectives, educational stratification, inequitable distribution of educational resources, institutional constraints, alternative models globally, and possibilities for social change. Pre-requisite – SOC 1000

SOC 3150, Urban Sociology (3 credits) – The study of social life, society, and the individual within a global and multi-cultural context. Pre-requisite – SOC 1000

SOC 3151, Sociology of Community (3 credits) – The study of social life, society, and the individual within a global and multi-cultural context. Pre-requisite – SOC 1000

SOC 3410, Social Movements (3 credits) – A sociological analysis of the emergence, organization and mobilization of social movements and their impact on society. Pre-requisite – SOC 1000

SOC 4300, Sociology of Healthcare (3 credits) – An examination of the influence of social and cultural phenomena on sickness and health. Analysis of the organization of medical care and medical institutions. Pre-requisite – SOC 1000

SOC 4350, Sociology of Aging (3 credits) – Aging as a social process at the individual and the social level. The demography of age strata, strata boundaries and age-related experience in American society. Pre-requisite – SOC 1000

SOC 4072, Sociology Topics (3 credits) – Intensive study and exploration of Sociology content area(s) and/or research. Topics will vary, but may include areas such as: Child Welfare, Refugees and Forced Migration, Immigration, Urban Settings, and Culture. Pre-requisite – SOC 1000