About The Major
If you want to make a difference in other people’s lives, then you may want to consider a degree in social work. A degree in social work focuses on understanding and helping people of all populations. This program’s goal is to increase students’ understanding of oppression and learn how to promote social and economic justice through advocacy and social reform. Professionals in this field gain the skills needed to successfully assist individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.

Sample Course Work
- Addictions Treatment
- Human Behavior & the Social Environment
- Social Work Research
- Practice with Individuals
- Diversity & Difference
- Social Policies & Issues

Possible Career Settings
- Children & Family Services
- Medical/Health Care
- Criminal Justice
- Violence Prevention Programs
- Educational Settings
- Substance Abuse Prevention
- Adolescent Services
- Aging/Gerontology
- Shelters/Housing
- Mental Health Services
- Treatment/Rehabilitation
- People with Disabilities
- Elderly Services

UNI Graduates: Where Are They Now?
- Lutheran Services in Iowa, Inc.
- North Star Community Services
- Abbe Center for Community Mental Health
- Iowa Department of Corrections
- Amani Community Services
- UnityPoint Health
- Waterloo Community Schools
- St. Luke’s Hospital
- Exceptional Persons, Inc.
- Orchard Place
- Waverly Health Center
- Four Oaks
- Iowa Department of Human Services
- Pathways Behavior Services
- YWCA
- Black Hawk Grundy Mental Health
- Cedar Valley Hospice
- Mississippi Valley Child Protection Center

Skills Needed
- Active Learning
- Emotional Intelligence
- Organization
- Critical Thinking
- Empathy
- Communication skills
- Patience
- Self-Awareness
- Perceptiveness
- Dependability
- Oral & Written Communication
- Boundary-Setting
- Problem-solving