

Department of Social Work

UNI / University of
Northern Iowa.



ABOUT

Department of Social Work

The Department of Social Work at the University of Northern Iowa is a dynamic department looking to grow by adding innovative and passionate professors interested in shaping the vision and mission of social work at our university. We have an open and friendly culture dedicated to serving students from diverse backgrounds.

Our CSWE accredited programs serve approximately 230 BSW and around 60 MSW students. The MSW program consists of both a foundation (online only) and advanced standing (online and in-person) track. Courses are delivered by six tenured or tenure track faculty, a full-time instructor, a full-time field director, and several long-standing adjunct faculty.

The department is housed in Sabin Hall, a renovated building, originally constructed in 1912 in the center of campus near the student union and library. Faculty have modern offices with access to lab and conference space. The department has a kitchenette with an informal gathering room, and there is also a gathering space for students. Social work courses are taught in the building or in neighboring buildings.

The department has active community partnerships in various capacities around the state. This includes field placements, cooperative education, and volunteer opportunities for our students. These partnerships also provide opportunities for faculty that include research, advisory board membership, guest speaking, conference keynotes, and consultation services.



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University of Northern Iowa

The [University of Northern Iowa](#) is one of three public universities in the state and the only regional, comprehensive university. Originally founded as a teacher's college, UNI now offers more than 90 degree programs to over 9,000 undergraduate and graduate students. The university is ranked second in the "Top Public Schools Regional University (Midwest)" category by U.S. News and World Report.

The university includes the [Gallagher Bluedorn Performing Arts Center](#),

which features performances by the School of Music, the Waterloo-Cedar Falls Symphony Orchestra, and national touring acts. The university is also home to the annual [College Hill Arts Festival](#).

Panther athletes compete at the NCAA Division I level in 15 different sports. A Wellness and Recreation Center, featuring multiple courts, exercise rooms, two swimming pools, and a climbing wall is available to students, staff, and community members.

The University of Northern Iowa honors the ancestral stewards of the land on which their university rests. Among these stewards are the Iowa, Sauk, Fox, Sioux, Omaha, and Ho-Chunk, as well as those tribal nations who are contemporary caretakers of land in Iowa, including Meskwaki: Sac and Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa. We acknowledge the sovereignty of their tribal nations.



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Cedar Valley Community

The University of Northern Iowa is located in the city of [Cedar Falls](#) (pop. 40,700) in the state of Iowa. Originally named “Sturgis Falls” after its first settler, William Sturgis, it was later renamed after the river that flows through the city. Next to Cedar Falls is [Waterloo](#) (pop. 67,300), the major metro of the Cedar Valley Region of Northeast Iowa. As the Black Hawk County Seat, Waterloo is

the hub for government, advanced manufacturing, healthcare, and retail for the region with a labor force draw of over 300,000. Diversity is Waterloo’s key strength. The population is made up of 17% African Americans with growing Latino, Congolese, and Burmese populations among others. There are 45 different languages spoken in the Waterloo schools.

The Cedar Valley area is known for its livability, with affordable housing, high quality schools, and ample performing arts and recreation opportunities, including over 125 miles of paved recreation trails. There are annual community festivals featuring food, drink, and live music such as the Sturgis Falls celebration, Iowa’s Irish Fest, and Cedar Valley Pride Fest.

