

MSW Curriculum at a Glance

Three Year Blended MSW Program

YEAR 1		
FALL	SPRING	SUMMER
<i>Generalist curriculum</i>		
[502] Human Behavior and the Social Environment	[507] Clinical Assessment and Diagnosis	[500] Social Work Practice I (with Individuals, Families and Groups)
[506] Diversity and Oppression	[505] Methods of Social Work Research I	Field Education Practicum 1 (2 credits) 11.25 hrs/wk
		Field Orientation/Seminar (required, no credit)

YEAR 2		
FALL	SPRING	SUMMER
<i>Specialized Curriculum begins</i>		
[501] Social Work Practice II (with Organizations and Communities)	General Elective* (Generalist Level)	[585] Advanced Contemporary Policy Requirement (formerly Social Welfare Policy and Services II)
[504] Social Welfare Policy and Services I	General Elective* (Generalist Level)	[595] Methods of Social Work Research II
Field Education Practicum 2 (2 credits) 11.25 hrs/wk	Field Education Practicum 3 (2 credits) 11.25 hrs/wk	

*Electives offerings may differ based on availability and demand

YEAR 3		
FALL	SPRING	SUMMER
[511] Clinical Social Work 1 or [535] Management Practice and Theory (On Campus)	[512] Clinical Social Work II (On Campus) or [536] Strategic Planning (On Campus)	Elective*
Advanced Practice Distribution Requirement (On Campus)	Elective*	Field Education Practicum 6 (2 credits) 16.75 hrs/wk
Field Education Practicum 4 (2 credits) 16.75 hrs/wk	Field Education Practicum 5 (2 credits) 16.75 hrs/wk	

*Course offerings may differ based on availability and demand. Students may choose additional Advanced Practice Distribution Requirements and/or Advanced Contemporary Policy Requirements to satisfy the elective requirements in the third year specialized curriculum.

Field Education Curricular Requirements

Students in the blended MSW program complete 1,125 hours of field work during the program, 450 in the first three semesters of placement (generalist field education practicum 1, 2 and 3) and 675 in the following four semesters of placement (specialized field education practicum 4, 5, 6) The schedules are as follows:

	Hours per Week	# of Weeks	Term	Total Hours
Generalist	11.25	10	Summer	112.5
	11.25	15	Fall	168.75
	11.25	15	Spring	168.75
	Total – Generalist			450
Specialized	16.75	15	Fall	251.25
	16.75	15	Spring	251.25
	16.75	10	Summer	167.5
	Total – Specialized			675

*Courses must be taken in the above sequence and field hours must be completed in the above sequence. Only after successful completion of the generalist courses, generalist field hours and the statistics requirement, can students begin the specialized curriculum. **Field placements cannot be provided for evening and weekends only. It is the responsibility of the student to have the hours available to do the field practicum, Monday –Friday during the business day (9-5).*** There may be placements that offer some weekend and evening hours, but this cannot be guaranteed.

Generalist Curriculum

All students, except those with baccalaureate degrees from programs accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, are required to take all of the generalist courses. These courses contain a body of knowledge, values, and skills essential for social work practice. This common base is transferable among settings, population groups, and problem areas. The generalist curriculum consists of courses in generalist social work practice with corresponding field instruction, human behavior and the social environment, clinical assessment & diagnosis, introductory social work research methods, social welfare policy and services, and a course focused on diversity and oppression.

Successful completion of the generalist program is required before beginning the specialized curriculum.

Specialized Curriculum

The specialized curriculum consists of a specialization in a method of either advanced clinical practice or management and policy, an advanced research course, advanced field instruction, and electives. Only after successful completion of the generalist courses and the statistics requirement can students begin the specialized curriculum.