



MSW Curriculum at a Glance

Three Year Online Plan (Fall Start)

YEAR 1		
FALL	SPRING	SUMMER
Generalist curriculum		
[502] Human Behavior and the Social Environment	[507] Clinical Assessment and Diagnosis	[500] Practice with Individuals, Families and Groups)
[506] Diversity and Oppression	[504] Social Welfare Policy and Services I	Practicum 1 (1 credit)* 11.25 hrs/wk *2 credits for students starting Fall 2023
		Practicum Skills Seminar (1 credit)* *For students starting Fall 2025

YEAR 2		
FALL	SPRING	SUMMER
Specialized Curriculum begins		
[501] Practice with Organizations and Communities	General Elective* (Generalist Level)	[595] Evaluation of Social Work Practice and Programs
[505] Methods of Social Work Research	General Elective* (Generalist Level)	Practicum 4 (1.5 credits) 13.5 hrs/wk
Practicum 2 (1 credit)* 11.25 hrs/wk *2 credits for students starting Fall 2023	Practicum 3 (2 credits) 11.25 hrs/wk	
Reflective Practice Seminar (1 credit)* *For students starting Fall 2025		

YEAR 3		
FALL	SPRING	SUMMER
[511] Clinical Social Work 1 or [535] Management Practice Theory	[512] Clinical Social Work II or [536] Strategic Planning	Advanced Contemporary Policy Requirement
Elective*	Advanced Practice* Distribution Requirement	Elective*
Practicum 5 (1.5 credits) 13.5 hrs/wk	Practicum 6 (1.5 credits) 13.5 hrs/wk	Practicum 7 (1.5 credits) 13.5 hrs/wk

*Course offerings may differ based on availability and demand.

All courses are three credits, with the exception of the practicums which differ by semester.



Practicum Learning Requirements

Students in the online MSW program complete 1,125 hours of practicum during the program, 450 in the first three semesters of placement (generalist practicum 1, 2 and 3) and 675 in the following four semesters of placement (specialized practicum 4, 5, 6 and 7.) 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	13.5	10	Summer	135
	13.5	15	Fall	202.5
	13.5	15	Spring	202.5
	13.5	10	Summer	135
	Total – Specialized			675

Courses must be taken in the above sequence and practicum hours must be completed in the above sequence. Only after successful completion of the generalist courses, generalist practicum hours and the statistics requirement, can students begin the specialized curriculum. **Placements cannot be provided for evening and weekends only. It is the responsibility of the student to have the hours available to do the 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.

The required generalist courses are:

- 19:910:500 Practice with Individuals, Families, and Groups (3)
- 19:910:501 Practice with Organizations and Communities (3)
- 19:910:502 Human Behavior and the Social Environment (3)
- 19:910:504 Social Welfare Policy and Services I (3)
- 19:910:505 Methods of Social Work Research (3)
- 19:910:506 Diversity and Oppression (3)
- 19:910:507 Clinical Assessment and Diagnosis (3)
- 19:910:___ Practicum I, II, III (2, 2, 2)
- 19:910:___ Elective (3) *Course offering may differ based on availability and demand.*
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Specialized Curriculum

The specialized curriculum consists of a specialization in a method of 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. Courses required for the specialization and which must be taken concurrently with a practicum are:

19:910:511 Clinical Social Work I (3) or [535] Management Practice Theory

19:910:512 Clinical Social Work II (3) or [536] Strategic Planning

Additional required advanced courses are:

19:910:___ Advanced Contemporary Policy Requirement (3)

19:910:595 Evaluation of Social Work Practice and Programs

(3)

19:910:___ Practicum IV, V, VI, VII (1.5, 1.5, 1.5, 1.5)

19:910:___ Advanced Practice Distribution Requirement (3) *Course offerings may be limited based on availability and demand.*

19:910:___ Elective (3). *Course offerings may be limited based on availability.*

19:910:___ Elective (3) *Course offering may be limited based on availability.*

In the specialized curriculum, students may choose a second Advanced Practice Distribution Requirement and/or Advanced Contemporary Policy Requirement to satisfy the elective requirement in the third year specialized curriculum.

For full course descriptions, please visit our website at <https://socialwork.rutgers.edu/academics/master-social-work-msw/msw-curriculum-syllabi>

State social work boards determine the requirements for social work licensure. Prospective students should contact their state licensing board to determine if this online program meets licensure requirements.