

MSW Curriculum at a Glance

Full Time - Two Year Online Plan (Fall Start)

Updated March 2025

For students starting Fall 2025 and beyond

YEAR 1			
FALL Generalist curriculum	SPRING	SUMMER	
[502] Human Behavior and the Social Environment	[500] Practice with Individuals, Families and Groups*	[505] Methods of Social Work Research	
[504] Social Welfare Policy and Services	Elective**	Elective**	
[506] Diversity and Oppression	[507] Clinical Assessment and Diagnosis	[586] Practicum 2* (1 credit) 10 hrs/wk 10 weeks = 100 hours	
	[650] Practicum 1* (1 credit) 10 hrs/wk 15 weeks = 150 hours	[557] Reflective Practice Seminar* (1 credit)	
	[553] Practicum Lab Seminar* (1 credit)		

YEAR 2		
FALL	SPRING Specialized Curriculum begins	SUMMER
[501] Practice with Organizations and Communities*	[511] Clinical Social Work I* or [535] Management Practice Theory	[512] Clinical Social Work II* or [536] Strategic Planning
Elective**	Advanced Practice** Distribution Requirement	Advanced Contemporary Policy** Requirement
[558] Practicum 3* (2 credits) 10 hrs/wk 15 weeks = 150 hours	[595] Evaluation of Social Work Practice and Programs	Elective**
	[657] Practicum 4* (3 credits) 16.75 hrs/wk 15 weeks = 250 hours	[645] Practicum 5* (3 credits) 16.75 hrs/wk 15 weeks = 250 hours

^{*}Courses must be taken in the above sequence.

All courses are three (3) credits unless otherwise noted. 60 credits are required to graduate. You must complete the Statistics Requirement before taking Methods of Social Work Research. The Generalist Curriculum must be completed before beginning the Advanced Curriculum.

**Course offerings may differ based on availability and demand. 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.

Practicum Learning Curricular Requirements

Practicum hours **must** be completed in the above sequence.

All 100% Online MSW students are required to complete 400 generalist hours (Practicums 1- 3 in the same setting) and 500 advanced hours (Practicums 4-5 in a single advanced placement) for a total of 900 hours. Placements cannot be provided for evenings 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 am-5 pm).



Generalist Curriculum

*Appropriate Practice and Practicum courses must be taken during the same semester:

[500] Practice with Individuals, Families, and Groups*

Must be taken in the same semester as

[650] Practicum 1* AND

[553] Practicum Lab Seminar*

[586] **Practicum 2***

Must be taken in the same semester as

[557] Reflective Practice Seminar*

[501] Practice with Organizations and Communities*

Must be taken in the same semester as

[558] **Practicum 3***

Specialized Curriculum

*Appropriate Practice and Practicum courses must be taken during the same semester:

CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK (CSW)

[511] Clinical Social Work I*

Must be taken in the same semester as

[657] **Practicum 4**

[512] Clinical Social Work II*

Must be taken in the same semester as

[645] Practicum 5

Advanced Practice Distribution Requirement Clinical Social Work Specialization ***

One is required.

Additional courses will count as electives:

[517] CSW: Mental Health

[518] CSW: Children

[520] CSW: School

[523] CSW: Survivors of Abuse &Trauma

[568] CSW: Behavioral Health with Latinos

MAP courses available to CSW as electives:

[537] Financial Management

[540] Supervision and Consultation

[541] Fundraising and Marketing

Advanced Contemporary Policy Requirement***

One is required.

Additional courses will count as electives.

[542] ACP: Health

[584] ACP: Interpersonal Violence

[591] ACP: Children & Youth

MANAGEMENT and POLICY (MAP)

[535] Management Practice & Theory*

Must be taken in the same semester as

[657] **Practicum 4**

[536] Program & Strategic Planning*

Must be taken in the same semester as

[645] Practicum 5

Advanced Practice Distribution Requirement Management and Policy Specialization ***

One is required.

Additional courses will count as electives:

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