

MSW Curriculum at a Glance

Three 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	[504] Social Welfare Policy and Services	[500] Practice with Individuals, Families and Groups*	
[506] Diversity and Oppression	[507] Clinical Assessment and Diagnosis	[650] Practicum 1* (1 credit) 10 hrs/wk 10 weeks = 100 hours	
		[553] Practicum Lab Seminar* (1 credit)	

YEAR 2			
FALL	SPRING	SUMMER Specialized Curriculum begins	
[501] Practice with Organizations and Communities*	Elective**	[595] Evaluation of Social Work Practice and Programs	
[505] Methods of Social Work Research	Elective**	[618] Practicum 4 (2 credits) 12.5 hrs/wk 10 weeks = 125 hours	
[586] Practicum 2* (1 credit) 10 hrs/wk 15 weeks = 150 hours	[558] Practicum 3 (2 credits) 10 hrs/wk 15 weeks = 150 hours		
[557] Reflective Practice Seminar* (1 credit)			

YEAR 3			
FALL	SPRING	SUMMER	
[511] Clinical Social Work I* or	[512] Clinical Social Work II* or	Advanced Contemporary Policy**	
[535] Management Practice Theory	[536] Strategic Planning	Requirement	
Elective**	Advanced Practice**	Elective**	
	Distribution Requirement		
[621] Practicum 5*	[642] Practicum 6*		
(2 credits) 12.5 hrs/wk	(2 credits) 12.5 hrs/wk		
15 weeks = 187.5 hours	15 weeks = 187.5 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.

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

^{**}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



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 at the same placement) and 500 advanced hours (Practicums 4-6 at 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*

[501] Practice with Organizations and Communities*

Must be taken in the same semester as

[586] **Practicum 2***

[557] Reflective Practice Seminar*

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

[621] Practicum 5

[512] Clinical Social Work II*

Must be taken in the same semester as

[642] Practicum 6

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

[621] Practicum 5

[536] Program & Strategic Planning*

Must be taken in the same semester as

[642] Practicum 6

Advanced Practice Distribution Requirement Management and Policy Specialization ***

One is required.

Additional courses will count as electives:

[537] Financial Management

[540] Supervision and Consultation

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