

# SOCIAL WORK: FULL TIME MSW, MSW

## REQUIREMENTS

### MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum academic progress and degree requirements (<http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policiesandrequirements>), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

### NAMED OPTION REQUIREMENTS MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Face to Face	Evening/Weekend	Online	Hybrid	Accelerated
Yes	No	No	No	No

#### Mode of Instruction Definitions

**Accelerated:** Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students typically take enough credits aimed at completing the program in a year or two.

**Evening/Weekend:** Courses meet on the UW-Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.

**Face-to-Face:** Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW-Madison Campus.

**Hybrid:** These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.

**Online:** These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

### CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

Requirement Detail	
Minimum Credit Requirement	30 credits
Minimum Residence Requirement	16 credits
Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement	15 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Details can be found in the Graduate School's Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) policy ( <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244</a> ).
Overall Graduate GPA Requirement	3.00 GPA required. This program follows the Graduate School's GPA Requirement policy ( <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203</a> ).

**Other Grade Requirements:** Grades of C are accepted only if they are offset by an equal number of credits of A. Candidates who receive more than two grades of C (in courses that do not extend beyond one term) or a grade of D or F while in the program will be dropped from the MSW Program. Candidates who receive a grade of C in the Field and Integrative Seminar courses may continue only with permission of the faculty and may not offset the grade with a grade of A. (This policy does not apply to grades received for courses taken to meet the statistics prerequisite while in the program).

**Assessments and Examinations:** None.

**Language Requirements:** None.

### REQUIRED COURSES

#### Generalist Practice

First-year MSW students complete generalist practice courses unless granted an exemption:

Code	Title	Credits
SOC WORK 400	Field Practice and Integrative Seminar I	4
SOC WORK 401	Field Practice and Integrative Seminar II	4
SOC WORK 441	Generalist Practice with Individuals, Families and Groups	3
SOC WORK 442	Generalist Practice with Communities and Organizations	2
SOC WORK 605	The Field of Social Work	2
SOC WORK 606	Social Policy	2
SOC WORK 612	Psychopathology in Generalist Social Work Practice	2
SOC WORK 650	Methods of Social Work Research	3
SOC WORK 710	Diversity, Oppression and Social Justice in Social Work	2
SOC WORK 711	Human Behavior and the Environment	2

Generalist practice courses must be completed before beginning advanced practice courses.

#### Advanced Generalist Specialization

In a broad social justice framework, advanced practice or advanced standing MSW students complete an advanced generalist practice specialization. Students may choose one of four focus areas: (1) Aging; (2) Child, Youth, and Family Welfare; (3) Health; and (4) Mental Health. Students complete an **Advanced Practice** class in a focus area, a **Policies & Services** class in a focus area, a sequence of **Field Practice** in a focus area, **Advanced Macro Practice**, and three "free electives" chosen in consultation with an advisor. Students may also choose to complete their advanced generalist practice specialization with no focus area, and still complete **Advanced Practice**, **Policies & Services**, and **Field Practice** courses that are based within focus areas, in addition to **Advanced Macro Practice** and three "free electives" chosen in consultation with an advisor.

**Advanced Generalist Specialization Focus in Aging<sup>1</sup>**

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required Courses</b>		
SOC WORK 800	Field Practice and Integrative Seminar III	5
SOC WORK 801	Field Practice and Integrative Seminar IV	6
SOC WORK 821	Social Work Practice in Aging and Mental Health	2
SOC WORK 875	Health, Aging, and Disability Policy and Services	2
SOC WORK 840	Advanced Macro Practice	2

Three free electives from the list below chosen in consultation with advisor.

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These tracks are internal to the program and represent different pathways a student can follow to earn this degree. Track names do not appear in the Graduate School admissions application, and they will not appear on the transcript.

**Advanced Generalist Specialization Focus in Children, Youth and Families<sup>1</sup>**

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required Courses</b>		
SOC WORK 800	Field Practice and Integrative Seminar III	5
SOC WORK 801	Field Practice and Integrative Seminar IV	6
SOC WORK 741	Interventions with Children, Youth, and Families	2
SOC WORK 920	Child, Youth, and Family Policies and Services	2
	or SOC WORK 921 Child Welfare	
SOC WORK 840	Advanced Macro Practice	2

Three free electives from the list below chosen in consultation with advisor.

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**Advanced Generalist Specialization Focus in Health<sup>1</sup>**

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required Courses</b>		
SOC WORK 800	Field Practice and Integrative Seminar III	5
SOC WORK 801	Field Practice and Integrative Seminar IV	6
SOC WORK 873	Social Work Practice in Health Care	2
SOC WORK 875	Health, Aging, and Disability Policy and Services	2
SOC WORK 840	Advanced Macro Practice	2

Three free electives from the list below chosen in consultation with advisor.

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**Advanced Generalist Specialization Focus in Mental Health<sup>1</sup>**

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required Courses</b>		
SOC WORK 800	Field Practice and Integrative Seminar III	5
SOC WORK 801	Field Practice and Integrative Seminar IV	6
SOC WORK 835	Advanced Soc Work Practice in Mental Health	2
SOC WORK 836	Mental Health Policies and Services	2
SOC WORK 840	Advanced Macro Practice	2

Three free electives from the list below chosen in consultation with advisor.

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**No Focus Area<sup>1</sup>**

Code	Title	Credits
<i>Advanced Practice (choose one)</i>		
SOC WORK 741	Interventions with Children, Youth, and Families	2
	or SOC WORK 821 Social Work Practice in Aging and Mental Health	
	or SOC WORK 835 Advanced Soc Work Practice in Mental Health	
	or SOC WORK 873 Social Work Practice in Health Care	
<i>Policies &amp; Services (choose one)</i>		
SOC WORK 836	Mental Health Policies and Services	2
	or SOC WORK 875 Health, Aging, and Disability Policy and Services	
	or SOC WORK 920 Child, Youth, and Family Policies and Services	
	or SOC WORK 921 Child Welfare	

*Advanced Macro Practice*

SOC WORK 840	Advanced Macro Practice	2
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*Advanced Practice Field<sup>2</sup>*

SOC WORK 800	Field Practice and Integrative Seminar III	5
SOC WORK 801	Field Practice and Integrative Seminar IV	6

*Three free electives from the list below chosen in consultation with advisor.*

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Students opting for no focus area will be placed in a field unit by the Director of Field Education.

### Free Electives

Electives may be chosen from this list in consultation with an advisor. The Specialization Handbook (<https://socwork.wisc.edu/students/resources/#full-time-msw-students>) has suggested electives for focus areas and select sub-focuses. Not all electives are offered in a given year or semester. **Courses outside of the department may substitute for a course on this Free Electives list in consultation with an advisor.**

Code	Title	Credits
SOC WORK 624	Social Work with the Small Group	2
SOC WORK 626	Social Work with the Community	2
SOC WORK 627	Sex Trafficking and Sex Trading	2
SOC WORK/ AMER IND 636	Social Work in American Indian Communities: The Indian Child Welfare Act	3
SOC WORK 639	Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender (GLBT) Individuals and Social Welfare	2
SOC WORK 642	Social Work and Adolescents	2
SOC WORK 643	Social Work and Delinquency	2
SOC WORK 644	Issues in Developmental Disabilities	3
SOC WORK 646	Child Abuse and Neglect	2
SOC WORK 648	Palliative and End-of-Life Care Social Work Practice	2
SOC WORK 656	Family Practice in Foster and Kinship Care	2
SOC WORK 659	International Aspects of Social Work	2
SOC WORK 661	Topics in Contemporary Social Welfare	2-3
SOC WORK 662	Topics in Contemporary Social Welfare	2-3
SOC WORK 663	Topics in Contemporary Social Welfare	2-3
SOC WORK 664	Topics in Contemporary Social Welfare	2-3
SOC WORK 665	Topics in Contemporary Social Welfare	2-3
SOC WORK 672	Topics in Contemporary Social Welfare	2-3
SOC WORK 673	Topics in Contemporary Social Welfare	2-3
SOC WORK 674	Topics in Contemporary Social Welfare	2-3
SOC WORK 675	Topics in Contemporary Social Welfare	2-3
SOC WORK 676	Topics in Contemporary Social Welfare	2-3
SOC WORK 679	Topics in Contemporary Social Welfare	2-3
SOC WORK 712	Psychopathology for Social Work Practice in Mental Health	3
SOC WORK/ URB R PL 721	Methods of Planning Analysis	3

SOC WORK 741	Interventions with Children, Youth, and Families <sup>1</sup>	2
SOC WORK 742	Assessing and Treating Children and Adolescents	2
SOC WORK/ NURSING/ PHM PRAC 746	Interdisciplinary Care of Children with Special Health Care Needs	3
SOC WORK 817	Social Work Practice in Schools II (only for School Social Work students)	2
SOC WORK 821	Social Work Practice in Aging and Mental Health <sup>1</sup>	2
SOC WORK/ LAW 822	Family Law: Marriage and Divorce	2-4
SOC WORK/ LAW 823	Family Law: Parent and Child	3-4
SOC WORK 825	Grief, Death, Loss and Life	2
SOC WORK 835	Advanced Soc Work Practice in Mental Health <sup>1</sup>	2
SOC WORK 836	Mental Health Policies and Services <sup>1</sup>	2
SOC WORK 842	Consultation and Supervision in Social Work	2
SOC WORK 852	Influencing Political Systems for Social Change	2
SOC WORK 854	Crises Intervention in Social Work	2
SOC WORK 860	Recent Developments in Social Work	2-3
SOC WORK 861	Recent Developments in Social Work	2-3
SOC WORK 862	Recent Developments in Social Work	2-3
SOC WORK 863	Recent Developments in Social Work	2-3
SOC WORK 869	Recent Developments in Social Work	2-3
SOC WORK 870	Cognitive and Behavioral Mental Health Treatments for Adults	2
SOC WORK 873	Social Work Practice in Health Care <sup>1</sup>	2
SOC WORK 875	Health, Aging, and Disability Policy and Services <sup>1</sup>	2
SOC WORK/ ED PSYCH/HDFS/ NURSING 880	Prevention Science	3
SOC WORK/ PUB AFFR 887	Nonprofit Leadership	3
SOC WORK 920	Child, Youth, and Family Policies and Services <sup>1</sup>	2
SOC WORK 921	Child Welfare <sup>1</sup>	2
SOC WORK 923	Family Violence	2
SOC WORK 924	Family Problems and Social Work	2
SOC WORK 929	Social Work and Substance Use Disorders	2

**1**

These courses can count as either an Advanced Practice/Policies & Services course, or a free elective. Taking additional Advanced Practice/Policies & Services courses as electives should only be done in careful consultation with an advisor, and can only be taken in the advanced practice year.