

SOCIAL WORK: PART TIME MSW MADISON, MSW

This is a named option in the Social Work MSW (<http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/social-work/social-work-msw/#text>).

The Part-Time MSW program is designed to allow students who are not able to pursue full-time study to work toward a MSW degree on a structured, time-extended basis with classes delivered in a hybrid manner (using in-person session and online technology).

- In-person sessions offered every other Saturday. Students should plan to be on campus each semester.
- Fieldwork options may be offered in your home community.
- Traditional and advanced-standing options are offered.
- Focus Areas in: aging, health or health and aging; child, youth and family welfare; or mental health are offered.

Applicants must meet the School of Social Work admission requirements to be accepted into the program.

ADMISSIONS

Please consult the table below for key information about this degree program's admissions requirements. The program may have more detailed admissions requirements, which can be found below the table or on the program's website.

Graduate admissions is a two-step process between academic programs and the Graduate School. **Applicants must meet** the minimum requirements (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/>) **of the Graduate School as well as the program(s)**. Once you have researched the graduate program(s) you are interested in, apply online (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/>).

Requirements	Detail
Fall Deadline	May 1*
Spring Deadline	The program does not admit in the spring.
Summer Deadline	April 1**
GRE (Graduate Record Examinations)	Not required.
English Proficiency Test	Every applicant whose native language is not English or whose undergraduate instruction was not in English must provide an English proficiency test score and meet the Graduate School minimum requirements (https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/#english-proficiency) and Social Work's higher requirements: TOEFL (iBT): 100 TOEFL (PBT): 600
Other Test(s) (e.g., GMAT, MCAT)	n/a
Letters of Recommendation Required	3

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The Fall semester is open to applicants to the Generalist (4 Year) program only.

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The Summer semester is open to applicants to the Advanced Standing (2 Year) program only.

Online applications are available through the School of Social Work website (<http://socwork.wisc.edu/>).

Admission into the master's degree program includes the Graduate School requirement that applicants hold a minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) on the equivalent of the last 60 semester hours (approximately two years of work) from an accredited university or college.

Applicants apply online through the Graduate School's application site (link found in the instructions on the School of Social Work website). A complete application includes both the Graduate School application and the School of Social Work's supplemental application forms.

Applicants must review the instructions on the School of Social Work (<https://socwork.wisc.edu/admissions/mswapp/>) website for specific application details and prerequisites.

FUNDING

GRADUATE SCHOOL RESOURCES

Resources to help you afford graduate study might include assistantships, fellowships, traineeships, and financial aid. Further funding information (<https://grad.wisc.edu/funding/>) is available from the Graduate School. Be sure to check with your program for individual policies and restrictions related to funding.

MSW PROGRAM RESOURCES

Thanks to the generosity of friends and alumni, the Sandra Rosenbaum School of Social Work also has a number of Awards and Scholarships (<https://socwork.wisc.edu/students/awards-and-scholarships/>) available to MSW applicants and current MSW students, ranging from several hundred dollars to covering the full cost of tuition and fees, as well as training grants and other opportunities (<https://socwork.wisc.edu/students/awards-and-scholarships/#other-opportunities>) that can provide funding for students with specific career interests.

Students also have access to federal loans and work study.

PART-TIME MSW PROGRAM STUDENTS NOTE

Students enrolled in this program are not eligible to receive tuition remission from graduate assistantship appointments at this institution.

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum academic progress and degree requirements (<http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/>)

#policiesandrequirements text), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

NAMED OPTION REQUIREMENTS

MODE OF INSTRUCTION

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

Mode of Instruction Definitions

Accelerated: Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students are able to complete a program with minimal disruptions to careers and other commitments.

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

Requirements Detail	
Minimum Credit Requirement	30 credits
Minimum Residence Credit 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 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/)).
Overall Graduate GPA Requirement	3.00 GPA required. This program follows the Graduate School's policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203/).
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

MSW students complete generalist practice courses unless granted an exemption (<https://socwork.wisc.edu/students/exemptions/>):

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 (students continuing from the Generalist years) or advanced standing (students entering the Program with a recent BSW) MSW students complete an advanced generalist practice specialization. Students may choose one of five focus areas: (1) Aging; (2) Child, Youth, and Family Welfare; (3) Health; (4) Mental Health; and (5) Joint Aging & 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" (except in the Joint Aging & Health focus area, where only two "free electives" are taken) 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.

Aging Pathway ¹

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
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.

Code	Title	Credits
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Students must also complete for 11 total credits:

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

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

Aging & Health Pathway ¹

Code	Title	Credits
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Required Courses

SOC WORK 821 & SOC WORK 873	Social Work Practice in Aging and Mental Health and Social Work Practice in Health Care	4
SOC WORK 875	Health, Aging, and Disability Policy and Services	2
SOC WORK 840	Advanced Macro Practice	2

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

Code	Title	Credits
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Students must also complete for 11 total credits:

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

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Child, Youth, and Family Welfare Pathway ¹

Code	Title	Credits
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Required Courses

SOC WORK 741	Interventions with Children, Youth, and Families	2
SOC WORK 920	Child, Youth, and Family Policies and Services	2
SOC WORK 840	Advanced Macro Practice	2

Three free electives from the list below chosen in consultation with advisor. Students in the School Social Work or Child Welfare sub-focus areas must consult the Specialization Handbook for elective selections and work closely with the advisors.

Code	Title	Credits
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Students must also complete for 11 total credits:

SOC WORK 800	Field Practice and Integrative Seminar III	5-6
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SOC WORK 801	Field Practice and Integrative Seminar IV	5-6
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Health Pathway ¹

Code	Title	Credits
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Required Courses

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.

Code	Title	Credits
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Students must also complete for 11 total credits:

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

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Mental Health Pathway ¹

Code	Title	Credits
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Required Courses

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.

Code	Title	Credits
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Students must also complete for 11 total credits:

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

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No Pathway

Code	Title	Credits
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Advanced Practice (choose one)

SOC WORK 741	Interventions with Children, Youth, and Families	2
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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

Policies & Services (choose one)

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	

Advanced Macro Practice

SOC WORK 840	Advanced Macro Practice	2
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Advanced Practice Field (11 total credits)¹

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

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

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Students may express a preference for an area of practice; however, students opting for no pathway will be placed in a field unit by the Assoc Director of Field Education.

Free Electives

The Specialization Handbook (<https://socwork.wisc.edu/students/resources/#part-time-msw-students>) has suggested electives for pathways and select sub-focuses. Not all electives are available in a given year or semester.

Code	Title	Credits
SOC WORK 644	Issues in Developmental Disabilities	2
SOC WORK 646	Child Abuse and Neglect	2
SOC WORK 656	Family Practice in Foster and Kinship Care	2
SOC WORK 712	Psychopathology for Social Work Practice in Mental Health	3
SOC WORK 742	Assessing and Treating Children and Adolescents	2
SOC WORK 815	Social Work Practice in Schools I	2
SOC WORK 817	Social Work Practice in Schools II	2
SOC WORK 825	Grief, Death, Loss and Life	2
SOC WORK 842	Consultation and Supervision in Social Work	2
SOC WORK 870	Cognitive and Behavioral Mental Health Treatments for Adults	2
SOC WORK 929	Social Work and Substance Use Disorders	2

Other Policy

Students in this program may not take courses outside the prescribed curriculum without faculty advisor and program director approval. Students in this program cannot enroll concurrently in other undergraduate, graduate or certificate programs.

POLICIES

GRADUATE SCHOOL POLICIES

The Graduate School's Academic Policies and Procedures (<https://grad.wisc.edu/acadpolicy/>) provide essential information regarding general university policies. Program authority to set degree policies beyond the minimum required by the Graduate School lies with the degree program faculty. Policies set by the academic degree program can be found below.

PART-TIME MSW POLICIES

PRIOR COURSEWORK

Graduate Work from Other Institutions

Graduate credits in equivalent generalist courses completed with a grade of B or better taken at CSWE-accredited MSW programs may be used to fulfill the Minimum Degree Credit Requirement. In general, coursework earned five or more years prior to admission to the MSW Program may not be used to satisfy degree credit minimums. Graduate credits from other MSW programs/institutions may not be used to fulfill the Minimum Residence Credit Requirement.

UW–Madison Undergraduate

MSW students who have received BSWs from CSWE accredited programs may count 7 credits of their undergraduate coursework in the BSW program. UW–Madison BSWs may count only those courses numbered 300 or above toward their minimum graduate degree credit requirement. Coursework earned five or more years prior to admission to the MSW program may not be used to satisfy credit requirements.

UW–Madison University Special

On a case-by-case basis Generalist Social Work courses numbered 300 or above taken as a UW–Madison Special student may be used to fulfill degree requirements. No more than 15 credits of generalist course may be used for this purpose.

PROBATION

This program follows the Graduate School's Probation policy. (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1217/>)

Satisfactory Progress Criteria:

Graduate students are required to maintain and graduate with a cumulative GPA of 3.00.

Grades of "C" are accepted only if offset by an equal number of credits of grades of A. Students who receive more than two grades of C or a grade of D or F will be dropped from the MSW Program. (This policy does not apply to grades received for courses taken to meet the Statistic prerequisite while in the program but will affect the GPA).

Students 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. Refer to the Field Education Handbook (found on the Social Work Student Resources site) for more details about grades in Field.

ADVISOR / COMMITTEE

All master's candidates are assigned to the social work academic advisors.

CREDITS PER TERM ALLOWED

15 credits

TIME LIMITS

Students who withdraw from the Part-Time MSW Program without having completed at least 6 credits must reapply for admission to the Part-Time Program.

This program follows the Graduate School's Time Limits policy. (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1221/>)

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

These resources may be helpful in addressing your concerns:

- Bias or Hate Reporting (<https://doso.students.wisc.edu/bias-or-hate-reporting/>)
- Graduate Assistantship Policies and Procedures (<https://hr.wisc.edu/policies/gapp/#grievance-procedure>)
- Hostile and Intimidating Behavior Policies and Procedures (<https://hr.wisc.edu/hib/>)
 - Office of the Provost for Faculty and Staff Affairs (<https://facstaff.provost.wisc.edu/>)
- Dean of Students Office (<https://doso.students.wisc.edu/>) (for all students to seek grievance assistance and support)
- Employee Assistance (<http://www.eao.wisc.edu/>) (for personal counseling and workplace consultation around communication and conflict involving graduate assistants and other employees, post-doctoral students, faculty and staff)
- Employee Disability Resource Office (<https://employeedisabilities.wisc.edu/>) (for qualified employees or applicants with disabilities to have equal employment opportunities)
- Graduate School (<https://grad.wisc.edu/>) (for informal advice at any level of review and for official appeals of program/departmental or school/college grievance decisions)
- Office of Compliance (<https://compliance.wisc.edu/>) (for class harassment and discrimination, including sexual harassment and sexual violence)
- Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards (<https://conduct.students.wisc.edu/>) (for conflicts involving students)
- Ombuds Office for Faculty and Staff (<http://www.ombuds.wisc.edu/>) (for employed graduate students and post-docs, as well as faculty and staff)
- Title IX (<https://compliance.wisc.edu/titleix/>) (for concerns about discrimination)

Students should contact the department chair or program director with questions about grievances. They may also contact the L&S Academic Divisional Associate Deans, the L&S Associate Dean for Teaching and Learning Administration, or the L&S Director of Human Resources.

OTHER

Students in this program are required to take their three "free electives" within the Part-Time MSW Program. Students are permitted to take additional elective courses in the School and throughout the UW with advisor consultation. Those courses will not count towards graduation requirements, but **do** count towards Satisfactory Progress criteria and GPA calculations.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

GRADUATE SCHOOL RESOURCES

Take advantage of the Graduate School's professional development resources (<https://grad.wisc.edu/pd/>) to build skills, thrive academically, and launch your career.

MSW students can also take advantage of the College of Letters & Sciences SuccessWorks (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/>) services, including their Canvas modules (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/canvas/>) on jobs and internships.

PEOPLE

Professors: Lawrence M. Berger, MSW, Ph.D.; Marah H. Curtis, MSW, Ph.D.; Katherine Magnuson, Ph.D.; Stephanie A. Robert, MSW, Ph.D. (School director); Tracy Schroeffer, MSW, Ph.D., Kristen Slack, A.M., Ph.D.

Associate Professors: Tally Moses, MSW, Ph.D.; Marci Ybarra, MSW, Ph.D.

Assistant Professors: Lauren Bishop, Ph.D.; Pajarita Charles, MPA, MSW, Ph.D.; Lara Gerassi, MSW, Ph.D.; LB Klein, MSW, Ph.D.; Jooyoung Kong, MSW, Ph.D.; Jessica Pac, Ph.D.; Alejandra Ros Pilarz, Ph.D.; Tawandra Rowell-Cunsolo, Ph.D.; Tova Walsh, MSW, Ph.D.; Yang Sao Xiong, Ph.D.

Clinical Professor: Ellen Smith, MSSW

Clinical Associate Professors: Audrey Conn, MSSW, APSW; Alice Egan, MSSW, APSW; Amanda Ngola, MSW, LCSW; Angela Willits, MSW, LCSW

Clinical Assistant Professors: Laura Dresser, MSW, Ph.D.; Lynette Studer, MSSW, Ph.D.

A complete list of all faculty and staff in the school is available on the School of Social Work Directory (<https://socwork.wisc.edu/directory/>).