

# SOCIAL WORK: PART TIME MSW MADISON, 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	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>).

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 <sup>1</sup>**

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required Courses</b>		
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
<b>Students must also complete for 11 total credits:</b>		
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 <sup>1</sup>**

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required Courses</b>		
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
<b>Students must also complete for 11 total credits:</b>		
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 <sup>1</sup>**

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required Courses</b>		
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
<b>Students must also complete for 11 total credits:</b>		
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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**Health Pathway <sup>1</sup>**

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required Courses</b>		
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
<b>Students must also complete for 11 total credits:</b>		
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 <sup>1</sup>**

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required Courses</b>		
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
<b>Students must also complete for 11 total credits:</b>		
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
<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	
<i>Advanced Macro Practice</i>		
SOC WORK 840	Advanced Macro Practice	2
<i>Advanced Practice Field (11 total credits) <sup>1</sup></i>		
SOC WORK 800	Field Practice and Integrative Seminar III	5-6
SOC WORK 801	Field Practice and Integrative Seminar IV	5-6
<i>Three free electives from the list below chosen in consultation with advisor.</i>		

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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
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### 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.