

MSW COURSES

(rev. SP2022)

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SOCIAL WORK FOUNDATION COURSES (30 credits)

Course #	Course Title	Credit Hours	Semester(s) Offered
SW5100	Generalist Social Work Practice	3	Fall & Spring
SW5200	Social Policy & Social Services	3	Fall & Spring
SW5300	Community Practice and Social Change	3	Fall & Spring
SW5350	Social Work & Human Service Organizations	3	Fall & Summer
SW5410	Critical Thinking & Analysis	3	Fall & Spring
SW5450	Social Work Research Methods and Analysis	3	Fall & Spring
SW5500	Human Behavior in Social Environment	3	Fall & Spring
SW5700	Diversity and Social Justice for Social Work	3	Fall & Spring
SW5800	Graduate Field Practicum I (300 hours)	4	Spring & Summer
SW5801	Foundation Field Practicum Seminar (concurrent w/pract)	2	Spring & Summer

SOCIAL WORK CONCENTRATION COURSES (30 credits)

FAMILY PRACTICE REQUIRED COURSES (18 core course credits + 12 elective credits)

Course #	Course Title	Credit Hours	Semester(s) Offered
SW6150	Theory & Practice with Families	3	Fall & Spring
SW6160	Advanced Intervention Strategies Across the Life Span	3	Fall & Spring
SW6400	Practice and Program Evaluation (concurrent w/practicum)	3	Fall & Spring
SW6800	Graduate Field Practicum II (300 hours)	3	Fall, Spring, & Summer
SW6850	Graduate Field Practicum III (300 hours)	3	Fall, Spring, & Summer
<i>Policy Options</i> (Choose one of following):			
SW6200	Family Policy	3	Spring
SW6443	Health Care Policy	3	Fall

LEADERSHIP AND SOCIAL CHANGE REQUIRED COURSES (18 core course credits + 12 elective credits)

Course #	Course Title	Credit Hours	Semester(s) Offered
SW6250	Social & Economic Development Policy	3	Fall
SW6300	Leadership & Mgmt. in Non-Profit Organizations	3	Spring
SW6380	Advanced Community Development Theory & Practice	3	Spring
SW6400	Practice & Program Evaluation (concurrent w/practicum)	3	Fall & Spring
SW6800	Graduate Field Practicum II (300 hours)	3	Fall, Spring, & Summer
SW6850	Graduate Field Practicum III (300 hours)	3	Fall, Spring, & Summer

- Students must have taken or be concurrently enrolled in all foundation courses to begin foundation practicum and seminar.
- Foundation seminar is taken concurrently with foundation practicum.
- Students must have completed all the foundation curriculum and have taken or be concurrently enrolled in at least one concentration advanced practice course to begin concentration practicum.
- Practice & Program Evaluation (6400) must be taken concurrently with concentration practicum (either 6800 or 6850).
- Students with a GPA below 3.0 are put on academic probation and can take no more than 6 credits/semester until they get their GPA above 3.0.
- Students with a GPA below 3.0 cannot start practicum.
- Students with a GPA below 3.0 cannot graduate.

ELECTIVE CREDITS (12)

There are three ways a student can package their 12 credits of electives:

- 1) Individualize
- 2) Focus Area
- 3) Certificate (may require additional credit hours)

OPTION #1: CHOOSE TO INDIVIDUALIZE

Students interested in working with a specific population (children, older adults, LGBT population, etc.) or issue (e.g., addiction, homelessness, juvenile justice, etc.) have the option to individualize their 12 credits of electives. To individualize, students meet with their advisor to develop a plan and then choose 12 elective credits that best meet their academic or career interests from the social work electives listed below or from other units on campus (as long as courses are 4000-level or higher). (Students should discuss rationale for taking electives outside of the School of Social Work with their advisors to ensure the choice fits with career goals.)

SOCIAL WORK AND OTHER RELATED ELECTIVES

Course #	Course Title	Credit Hrs	Semester(s) Offered*
4610	Intimate Partner Violence	3	Summer
4620	Substance Related & Addictive Disorders	3	Spring
5641	Advanced Crisis Intervention	1	Fall
5635	Social Work Practice with LGBT Populations	3	Every other Spring
6150	Theory & Practice with Families	3	Fall & Spring
6160	Advanced Intervention Strategies Across the Life Span	3	Fall & Spring
6200	Family Policy	3	Spring
6250	Social and Economic Development Policy	3	Fall
6300	Leadership & Mgmt. in Non-Profit Organizations	3	Spring
6310	American Phil. & NP Resources	3	Spring
6311	Mgmt. Issues in NP Org: Staff Mgmt. Issues	1	Fall & Spring
6312	Mgmt. Issues in NP Org: Legal Issues in Govt.	1	Fall & Spring
6313	Mgmt. Issues in NP Org: Financial Issues	1	Fall & Spring
6380	Advanced Community Development Theory & Practice	3	Spring
6443	Health Care Policy	3	Fall
6444	Integrated Health Care	3	Fall
6449 (PPA 6490)	Human Resources in the Public Sector	3	Fall & Spring
6601	Evidence Based Approaches in Direct SW Practice: Cognitive & Rational Emotional Behavior Therapy Models	1	Fall
6603	Evidence Based Approaches in Direct SW Practice: Play & Interactive Models	1	Spring
4604	Introduction to Motivational Interviewing	1	Fall
6606	Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT)	1	Fall
6610	Telehealth	1	Winter Intercession
6611	Trauma Informed Social Work Practice	1	Winter Intercession
6630	Diagnosis & Related Pharmacology for SW Practice	3	Spring & Summer
6640	School Social Work	3	Spring
6645	Social Work in Healthcare Settings	3	Every other Spring
6900	Directed Study in Professional Social Work	1-10	Fall, Spring, & Summer
CNS-ED6600	Theories & Techniques of Counseling Children & Adolescents	3	Fall
ED-PSY6310	Psychology of Learning Processes	3	Spring
ED-PSY6532	Psycho-Educational Differences in Childhood	3	Fall & Summer
GERON4620	Dying, Grief & Death in Older Adulthood	3	Fall
SPC-ED6325	Advanced Studies in Classroom & Behavior Management	3	Fall, Spring, & Summer
SPC-ED6412	Foundations of Inclusive Education	3	Fall and Spring

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OPTION #2: CHOOSE A FOCUS AREA

Students who know they want to work in a health and behavioral health or school setting often “package” electives to underscore their commitment to these areas or (as in the case with school social work) to meet some of the standard state certification requirements. Students who choose the Health and Behavioral Health Focus Area must complete at least one graduate concentration practicum (300 clock hours) in a health and behavioral health setting. Students who choose the School Social Work Focus Area must complete their two semesters (or 600 hours) of concentration practicum in a public school setting over a fall/spring academic year.

Health and Behavioral Health (12 credit hours)

(Requires SW6443 Healthcare Policy in Family Practice Concentration or SW6443 as an elective in the Leadership & Social Change Concentration.)

Course #	Course Name	Credits	FL	SP	SU
SW6444	Integrated Health Care	3	✓		
SW6630	Diagnosis & Related Pharmacology for SW Practice	3		✓	
Choose 6 additional elective credits					
SW4610	Intimate Partner Violence	3			✓
SW4620	Substance Related & Addictive Disorders	3		✓	
SW4641	Crisis Intervention	1	✓		
SW5635	Social Work Practice with LGBT Populations*	3		✓	
SW6601	Cognitive Behavior Therapy	1	✓		
SW6603	Play & Interactive Models	1		✓	
SW4604	Motivational Interviewing	1	✓		
SW6606	Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT)	1	✓		
SW6610	Telehealth	1		✓	
SW6611	Trauma Informed Social Work Practice	1		✓	
SW6645	Social Work in Healthcare Settings*	3		✓	
SW6900	BHWET Training Seminar (for BHWET trainees only)	1	✓	✓	✓

*Offered every other spring.

School Social Work (12 credit hours)

(Requires SW6200 Family Policy in the Family Practice Concentration or SW6200 as an elective in the Leadership & Social Change Concentration)

Course #	Course Name	Credits	FL	SP	SU
SW6640*	School Social Work Practice in Public Schools	3		✓	
SPC-ED6412*	Foundations of Inclusive Education	3	✓	✓	✓
Choose 6 additional elective credits					
SW4601	Abused & Neglected Children	3		✓	
SW4610	Intimate Partner Violence	3			✓
SW4620	Substance Related & Addictive Disorders	3		✓	
SW4641	Crisis Intervention	1	✓		
SW5635**	Social Work Practice with LGBT Populations	3		✓	
SW6601	Cognitive Behavior Therapy	1	✓		
SW6603	Play & Interactive Models	1		✓	
SW4604	Motivational Interviewing	1	✓		
SW6606	Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT)	1	✓		
SW6610	Telehealth (Winter Intercession)	1		✓	
SW6611	Trauma Informed Social Work Practice (Winter Intercession)	1		✓	
SW6630	Diagnosis & Related Pharm. For SW Practice	3		✓	
EdPsy6532***	Psycho-Educational Differences in Childhood	3	✓		✓
EdPsy6310***	Psychology of Learning Processes	3		✓	
CnsED6600***	Theories & Techniques of Counseling Children & Adolescents	3	✓		
SPC-ED6325***	Advanced Studies in Classroom & Behavior Management	3	✓	✓	✓

*State certification as a school social worker usually **requires these two courses and 1,000 hours of practicum**, including two semesters of practicum in a public school.

**Offered every other spring.

*** Permission required

OPTION #3: CHOOSE A CERTIFICATE

In addition to selecting one of the two concentrations, students may also choose to complete a certificate in a related area such as Gender Studies, Non-Profit Management and Leadership, or Violence and Injury Prevention to supplement their MSW. By partnering with other academic units, MSW students are able to complete certificate requirements within the structure of the MSW curriculum requirements. (No additional courses are necessary.) A complete listing of certificate programs and requirements can be found at http://www.umsl.edu/bulletin/degree_programs.html.

Gender Studies

Gender Studies is a field of interdisciplinary study devoted to gender identity and gendered representation as central categories of analysis. Course work is interdisciplinary, developed in cooperation with departments from across the curriculum. MSW students interested in obtaining a Gender Studies Certificate will be able to count some of their core concentration courses toward the certificate and must take specific electives identified by the Gender Studies program. MSW practicum can be used for the Gender Studies capstone. For more information call (314) 516-5265 or go to www.umsl.edu/~genderstudies.

Nonprofit Management & Leadership (NPML)

The NPML certificate is well-suited for MSW students considering a career in the nonprofit sector or who are currently employed as nonprofit staff but looking to advance in the field. Coursework prepares students for the increasingly complex nonprofit sector. UMSL's NPML program is the only one in the region that has full membership in the Nonprofit Academic Centers Council, which has developed industry-recognized guidelines for education in the field. MSW students interested in obtaining the NPML certificate will be able to count some of their core concentration courses toward the certificate and must take 9 additional electives. For more information call (314) 516-5145 or go to www.umsl.edu/npml.

Center for Violence and Injury Prevention at Washington University (CVIP)

As a trans-disciplinary program, the CVIP Certificate Program through Washington University offers students the opportunity to broaden their perspective on violence and injury prevention. In addition to the curriculum requirements, CVIP MSW students have access to bibliographies in topical areas and the social system design lab. Students will also have the opportunity to participate in the Center events, lectures, and trainings. Most of the required CVIP courses are common to degrees and practicum opportunities at both UMSL and Washington University so UMSL students must take these courses at UMSL (when available). For more information call (314) 935-8129 or email bcvip@wustl.edu.

Students who plan to earn a Graduate Certificate in Non-Profit Management and Leadership, Gender Studies or Violence and Injury Prevention, must make an appointment with the Coordinator of the certificate program as soon as possible to enroll and receive applicable advising.