

Master of Social Work Foundation Courses

SWK 310/510 — Human Behavior and the Social Environment, 4 credits.

A study of human behavior in the context of various social systems (bio-psycho-social and spiritual) and of life tasks, focusing on the influences individuals and the environment have on each other. There is a special emphasis on the systems perspective and human growth and development. Open to students intending to declare social work as a major.

Prerequisites: SOC 111 and PSYC 111 and BIOL 101

SWK 320/520 — Social Policy and Systems Perspective, 4 credits.

A study of current social policies, human services programs, and a review of related social problems. Special emphasis on systems perspective, critical analysis, and human rights policy formulation. Open to students intending to declare social work as their major.

Prerequisites: SOC 111 and SWK 150

SWK 326/526 — Social Work Practice I: Individuals and Interviewing, 4 credits.

Students will learn the values, knowledge, and skills needed by social workers for effective generalist social work practice with diverse clients and constituencies. The helping relationship, its formation, and use are studied along with developing knowledge and skills in interviewing for social work practice with individuals. Taken concurrently with SWK 336.

Prerequisites: SWK 150 and SWK 310

Corequisites: SWK 336

SWK 336/536 — Social Work Practice II: Families, 2 credits.

Students will learn the values, knowledge, and skills needed by social workers for effective generalist practice with diverse families. The focus is on the family system and its environment as well as on social work engagement, assessment, intervention, and evaluation for working with current family structures and issues. Taken concurrently with SWK 326.

Prerequisites: SWK 310

Corequisites: SWK 326

SWK 346/546 — Social Work Practice III: Groups, Organizations, and Communities, 4 credits.

Students will learn the values, knowledge, and skills needed by social workers for effective generalist social work practice with diverse groups, organizations, and communities. Study includes group dynamics and processes, organizational and community processes, community action work, and evaluation.

Prerequisites: SWK 326

Corequisites: PEAK 400

This course is PEAK Required.

SWK 490/590 — Social Work Internship, 4 credits.

A minimum of 400-hour professionally supervised social work internship in an approved agency. Students will integrate their previous learning and experience into a field education setting in

order to demonstrate beginning competency in the application of social work values, knowledge, skills, and processes. To be taken concurrently with SWK 494 and after all other courses in the major have been completed.

Prerequisites: (SOC 228 or PSYC 301)

and SWK 320 and SWK 350 and SWK 310 and SWK 150 and SWK 346 and SWK 326 and SWK 336

Corequisites: PEAK 400, SWK 494

This course is PEAK Required.

SWK 494/594 — Social Work Senior Seminar, 2 credits.

Along with SWK 490, this is the capstone course in the social work major. The purpose of this course is to integrate all parts of the students' previous learning and experience in further preparing them for direct entry into generalist social work practice with beginning competency in social work methods and processes. The seminar includes content on perspectives for job interviews and procedures for taking state licensing and merit examinations. It is to be taken concurrently with S WK 490 - Social Work Internship. Open only to those accepted into the social work major.

Corequisites: SWK 490

MSW Foundation Year

Spring 2026		Fall 2026		Spring 2027	
Courses	Credits	Courses	Credits	Courses	Credits
SWK 310/510 Human Behavior	4	SWK 326/526 Practice 1: Individuals	4	SWK 490/590 Field Practicum	4
SWK 320/520 Social Policy	4	SWK 336/536 Practice 2: Families	2	SWK 494/594 Senior Seminar	2
SOC 228 Research and Statistics	4	SWK 346/546 Practice 3: Groups, Organizations, and Communities 4	4		
	12		10		6
					Total Credits: 28

Master of Social Work Advanced Standing Courses

SWK 600 — Advanced Clinical Theory and Anti-Oppressive Practice Credits and catalog information: 3 credits. Prerequisite: Admission to the Advanced Standing Program. This course explores the many clinical theories that make up clinical social work. This course has an important emphasis on anti-oppressive practice and how this informs our work with clients.

SWK 610 — Advanced Clinical Practice 1. Credits and catalog information: 3 credits. Prerequisite: Admission to the Advanced Standing Program. This course teaches the clinical skills needed at various stages of the helping process (i.e., engagement, assessment, goal setting and treatment planning, intervention, and termination). The helping relationship is seen as requiring collaboration between clinician and client and the strategic use of clinical skills (e.g., strengthening rapport, assessing needs and strengths, reaching for feelings, identifying goals and expectations, setting limits) throughout the process. The helping relationship is also based on sound social work values and ethics, positive regard for the full range of human diversity, and dedication to social and economic justice.

SWK 620 — Advanced Clinical Practice 2: Children and Families. Credits and catalog information: 3 credits. Prerequisite: Admission to the Advanced Standing Program. The origins of family intervention are deeply rooted in the profession of social work and the multi-theoretical approach is congruent with the tradition of viewing the family and the presenting problem in a contextual framework. This course will explore evidence-based children and family therapy assessments and interventions as well as different ethical concerns that arise with clinical practice with children and families.

SWK 622 — Advanced Evidence-Based Treatment. Credits and catalog information: 3 credits. Prerequisite: Admission to the Advanced Standing Program. The social work profession has long advocated for evidence-based practice. This course will link the diagnostic/biopsychosocial assessment to evidence-based practice for children, adolescents, adults, and older adults.

SWK 624 — Advanced Topics in Social Work: Children's Mental Health Credits and catalog information: 3 credits. Prerequisite: Admission to the Advanced Standing Program. This course provides foundational knowledge, values, and skill development for generalist social work practice with children and adolescents using a strengths-based perspective. Students develop skills in relationship-building, collaborative problem-solving, describing problems and diagnoses, accessing resources, developing intervention plans, recognizing the role of stressors and child well-being in settings such as schools, families, and other systems, and evaluating progress with children and adolescents.

SWK 626 — Advanced Research for Health Professions. Credits and catalog information: 3 credits. Prerequisite: Admission to the Advanced Standing Program or Graduate Health Professions Program. This course commences with a review of the primary concepts and principles of social science research methodology, followed by the application of these concepts and practices. Emphasis will be placed on developing skills necessary for successful practice as clinicians and health professionals. Respect for the unique characteristics of diverse populations

will be stressed as the course covers social work research due to diversity, multicultural biases, and social and economic justice.

SWK 630 — Advanced Clinical Practice in Groups and Interprofessional Practice. Credits and catalog information: 3 credits. Prerequisite: Admission to the Advanced Standing Program or other Graduate Professional Program. This course focuses on advanced theories and techniques for clinical social work practice with groups. Students will develop an in-depth understanding of group dynamics, leadership styles, and the application of evidence-based interventions within a group setting. Through a combination of theoretical discussions, case studies, experiential exercises, and group facilitation practice, students will enhance their skills in assessing, planning, implementing, and evaluating group interventions to promote positive change and growth among diverse populations. Interprofessional work is an important component of Social Work and this will be explored and practiced in this course.

SWK 632 — Advanced Policy, Communities and Organizations. Credits and catalog information: 3 credits. Prerequisite: Admission to the Advanced Standing Program. This course provides an in-depth exploration of the intersection between social policy and social work practice. Students will examine the impact of social policies on individuals, families, and communities, and develop skills in analyzing, advocating for, and implementing policies that promote social justice and improve the well-being of vulnerable populations. Through case studies, discussions, and real-world projects, students will develop practical strategies for applying policy knowledge to their social work practice and organizations.

SWK 675/767 — Advanced Field Seminar I/II. Credits and catalog information: 1 credit. Prerequisite: Admission to the Advanced Standing Program. This course is an integrated seminar for advanced field practicum I. Students integrate and apply the material learned in the classroom and from previous field experiences. Students are afforded the opportunity to demonstrate all nine practice competencies and behaviors in the advanced clinical field internship. The field seminar offers students the opportunity to address questions and challenges experienced in the social work agency field placement and integrate practice, policy, and research. Students will develop their capacity as leaders in the field and integrate social work ethics and values into the field practicum.

SWK 677/678 — Advanced Field Practicum I/II. Credits and catalog information: 3 credits. Prerequisite: Admission to the Advanced Standing Program. In conjunction with SW 675 Senior Seminar, this course culminates the field experience of the master's clinical social work program. The goal of the field education program is to provide an integrative experience that brings classroom theory to the field of practice. The field education program will challenge the student to integrate professional values and personal perspectives to enhance his or her understanding of the true meaning of social work. At the advanced level, students select a specialization in a clinical setting. In this course, students engage in experiential learning through a supervised **part-time (16-20 hours per week)** practice. This combines for a minimum of **500 hours** over the two semesters to prepare for direct entry into a master's-level social work position. Participating in field placement provides the opportunity for students to demonstrate their ability to apply theoretical knowledge, skills, and values learned during their course of study in the field setting. The combination of SW 677/678 and SW 675/676 addresses all nine

core competencies and related practice behaviors for social work education. The achievement of these competencies is measured through various social work field activities, assignments and evaluations.

SWK 685/686 — Advanced Capstone I/II. Credits and catalog information: 1 credit.

Prerequisite: Admission to the Advanced Standing Program. This course is part of the MSW capstone experience. In this integrative course, students demonstrate social work competencies through the development of a capstone special project that contributes to professional knowledge and/or meets a community or organizational need.

MSW Advanced Standing Curriculum

Summer 2025			Fall 2025			Spring 2026		
Course	Credits	POT	Course	Credits	POT	Course	Credits	POT
SWK 600 Clinical Theory and Anti-Oppressive Practice	3	2	SWK620 Advanced Clinical Practice 2: Children and Families	3	2	SWK 630 Advanced Clinical Practice 3: Groups and Interprofessional Practice	3	2
SWK 610 Advanced Clinical Practice 1: Individuals	3	3	SWK 622 Advanced Evidence-Based Treatment	3	2	SWK 632 Advanced Policy: Communities and Organizations	3	2
			SWK 626 Advanced Research for Health Professions	3	3	SWK 624 Advanced Topics in Social Work	3	3
			SWK 675 Advanced Field Seminar I	1	1	SWK 676 Advanced Field Seminar II	1	1
			SWK 685 Advanced Capstone I	1	1	SWK 686 Advanced Capstone II	1	1
			SWK 677 Advanced Field Practicum I	3	1	SWK 678 Advanced Field Practicum II	3	1
Credits	6			14			14	

Total Credits: 34

Coursework may be taken full time (Summer, Fall, Spring) or

part time (Summer, Fall, Spring, Fall, Spring) | **Part-Time Year 1** **Part-Time Year 2**