

SOCIAL WORK, MSW

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Program Requirements

Code	Title	Units
Foundation Courses		
SW 6000	Professional Social Work Identity	3
SW 6100	Foundation Policy in Social Work	3
SW 6200	Foundation Human Behavior and the Social Environment	3
SW 6300	Foundation Research in Social Work	3
SW 6400	Generalist Social Work Practice	3
SW 6410	Diagnostic Process in Social Work	3
SW 6420	Foundation Micro Social Work Practice	3
SW 6430	Foundation Mezzo Social Work Practice	3
SW 6440	Foundation Macro Social Work Practice	3
SW 6500	Foundation Social Work Field Practicum ¹	3
Advanced Courses		
SW 6160	Advanced Policy in Social Work	3
SW 6260	Advanced Human Behavior and the Social Environment	3
SW 6360	Advanced Research in Social Work	3
SW 6460	Advanced Social Work Practice I	3
SW 6470	Advanced Social Work Practice II	3
SW 6590	Culmination Social Work Project	3
SW 6560	Advanced Social Work Field Practicum I	3
SW 6570	Advanced Social Work Field Practicum II ²	3
Elective Courses		
Select at least two of the following:		6
SW 6610	Social Work Practice in Child Welfare I	
SW 6620	Social Work Practice in Child Welfare II	
SW 6630	Social Work Substance Abuse	
SW 6640	Social Work Practice with Older Adult	
SW 6660	Advanced Clinical Social Work Practice in Integrated Healthcare	
SW 6670	School Social Work	
Total Units		60

¹ equals 320 hours of field experience incorporated with associated seminars

² equals 640 hours of field experience incorporated with associated seminars

Elective Course Work

Students in the MSW program must take at least 2 elective courses approved by the department. Students who received special funding may be required to take specific electives. Students may take additional electives. Electives that are not approved by the department curriculum committee will not count toward the graduation requirements.

Field Practicum

Field practicum is the signature pedagogy and an integral part of social work education. The field practicum experience provides an opportunity to integrate knowledge, skills, and values. Over the course of the program, students will complete a minimum of 960 clock hours in the field. Field Practicum may extend beyond the typical academic schedule. The field experience is guided by an individualized learning contract that students develop with their field instructors. As part of the Field Practicum, students also participate in a seminar where they practice the integration of knowledge, skills, and values. The Director of Field Education is responsible for this component of the curriculum. Every effort is made to place students in their home communities; however, there are circumstances when suitable placements may not be available in their home communities. When this occurs, students may be required to travel to other communities.

Culminating Experience

The CSU system requires a culminating experience for graduate education. The MSW culminating experience involves a project that integrates CSWE's core competencies. It is a synthesis of learning resulting in a project of value to the community. The final project must be submitted prior to graduation.

Thesis

The thesis counts as six (6) units. Students may substitute 6 thesis units for their required electives.

Time for Completion

The MSW curriculum is structured so full-time students can complete the program in two years and part-time students can complete the program in three years. Students who do not successfully complete courses as scheduled may be delayed a year or more.

Degree Requirements

The University confers the MSW degree upon fulfillment of the following requirements:

- Completion of all required course work according to an approved degree plan.
- Completion of 960 hours of field experience and associated seminars.
- Positive assessment of the culminating experience project (80% mean score of all categories).
- Minimum grade point average of 3.0, with no grade less than a "C" (2.0 equivalent) in all courses taken to satisfy the requirements for the degree as specified in each student's Plan of Study.

- CA law states that all requirements leading to the MSW degree must be completed within 7 years from first enrollment.

Advancement to Graduate Candidacy

Regular MSW students may be advanced to candidacy upon completion of the foundation curriculum, and advanced-standing students may be advanced to candidacy at the time of admission to the program. Advancement to graduate candidacy is based upon a formal review and recommendation by the faculty and approval by the Associate Vice President for Academic Programs.