

# Social Work, M.S.W.

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The Master's of Social Work (M.S.W.) program at Grand Valley State University prepares students for advanced professional practice in direct service, and in the development and implementation of social welfare policies and programs. The M.S.W. lays the foundation for students to assume leadership roles in society's institutions, organizations, and communities.

## PROGRAM OFFERINGS AT GRAND VALLEY

This 60-credit-hour M.S.W. program is available on a full- or part-time basis. The Advanced Standing Program is available for those students who have successfully completed their B.S.W. degree at an accredited program. Fifteen of the 60 credit hours are granted for field education. The curriculum incorporates a focus on CSWE Core Competencies at both the Foundation and Advanced Practice level. The distribution of course requirements for both programs of study are available online.

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### Coursework

Students study a variety of topics, such as:

- Cultural competency
- Human behavior
- Integrated methods
- Pyschopathology
- Social research
- Social welfare policy
- Substance abuse

### Career Options

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# WHY STUDY SOCIAL WORK AT GRAND VALLEY?

M.S.W. students:

- Learn to draw on a range of theories and methods to practice at multisystemic levels.
- Through field practicum, become culturally competent practitioners in an increasingly complex, global society.
- Are prepared to engage in grassroots and political organizing as well as electoral politics.
- Are not only skilled practitioners but also capable of assuming leadership and scholarly professional roles in the community, region, state, national, and global communities.
- Contribute to the ongoing development of professional social work knowledge and practice through research and scholarly inquiry that employ state-of-the-art technology.
- Maximize strengths and assets within social welfare and human services communities through organizing, leading, and participating in effective capacity building, as well as social and political action activities.
- Are a member of the School of Social work, which is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

School of Social Work

<http://www.gvsu.edu/ssw>

Admissions

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“The M.S.W. program at GVSU prepares students for practice in both the clinical and macro setting by integrating advanced core competencies in the classroom and internship settings.”

**Jamie Langlois, LMSW**

Director of Social Work Continuing Education



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