

Social Work (M.S.W)

2023-2024
Catalog Year



Sample Regular Standing Full-Time

Following is a sample curriculum guide. It may not be applicable for every student and is not a replacement for meetings with an academic advisor.

Year 1					
Fall		Winter		Summer	
SW 600- Cultural Competency	3	SW 603- Soc. Welfare Policy I	3	SW 650-01- Field Education I	3
SW 601- Social Work Foundations	3	¹ Choose (1) Advanced Policy		SW 651-01- Field Education II	1
SW 610- Integrated Methods	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SW 613- Human rights and Social Work SW 630- Global Service Learning (<i>Study Abroad</i>) SW 631- U.S. Community Based Service Learning (<i>Study Away</i>) 	3	SW 662- Substance Abuse and SW Practice	3
SW 620- Human Behavior and the Social Environment	3			SW 691- Social Research II	3
<u>**Apply for field education and attend required field orientation.</u>		SW 622- Clinical Diagnosis and Treatment Planning	3	³ Chose (1) Macro Core	3
		² SW 690- Social Research I	3		
<i>Total credit hours</i>	12	<i>Total credit hours</i>	12	<i>Total credit hours</i>	13
Year 2					
Fall		Winter			
SW 652-01- Field Education II	3	SW 654-01- Field Education III	3		
SW 653-01- Field Education Seminar II	1	SW 655-01- Filed Education Seminar III	1		
SW 670- SW Practice with Individuals	3	SW 640- Advanced Generalist Seminar	3		
Chose (1) Micro Core	3	Chose (1) Macro Core	3		
Chose (1) SW elective	3				
<i>Total credit hours</i>	13	<i>Total credit hours</i>	10		

¹ Talk to your advisor about the possibility of study abroad or study away.

² Test-out exam available to all students. Reach out to Sean Bain at bainse@gvsu.edu for more information. You still must complete 60 credits to earn your degree.

³ Reach out to the MSW program director as soon as possible if you are interested in completing a thesis.

MSW Regular-Standing Courses

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Foundation Core (All Required)

[SW 600- Cultural Competency for Social Work](#)
[SW 601- Social Work Foundations](#)
[SW 603- Integrated Methods](#)
[SW 610- Social Welfare Policy and Services I](#)
[SW 620- Human Behavior and the Social Environment](#)
[SW 690- Social Research I](#)

Advanced Core (All Required)

[SW 622- Clinical Diagnosis and Treatment Planning](#)
[SW 640- Seminar in Advanced Generalist Practice \(Capstone\)](#)
[SW 662- Substance Abuse and Social Work Practice](#)
[SW 670- Social Work Practice with Individuals](#)
[SW 691- Social Research II](#)

Advanced Policy (Choose 1 of 3)

[SW 613- Human Rights and Social Work](#)
[SW 630- Social Work: Global Service-Learning \(Study Abroad—Applications due February 1st\)](#)
[SW 631- Social Work: U.S. Community- Based Service-Learning \(Study Away\)](#)

Field Education (All Required)

[SW 650- Field Education I](#)
[SW 651- Field Education Seminar I](#)
[SW 652- Field Education II](#)
[SW 653- Field Education Seminar II](#)
[SW 654- Field Education III](#)
[SW 655- Field Education Seminar III](#)

Advanced Micro-Core (Choose 1 of 2)

[SW 672- Social Work Practice with Groups](#)
[SW 674- Social Work Practice: Families and Children](#)

Advanced Macro-Core (Choose 2 of 6)

[SW 629- Communities and Organizations](#)
[SW 660- Grant Writing and Resource Development](#)
[SW 676- Community and Social Planning](#)
[SW 677- Principles of Supervision](#)
[SW 678- Human Services Administration](#)
[SW 679- Program Monitoring and Evaluation](#)
[SW 695- Master's Thesis](#)

Social Work Electives (Choose 1)

[SW 663- Child and Adolescent Development/ Practice](#)
[SW 665- Aging in Contemporary Society](#)
[SW 668- Child and Adolescent Trauma](#)
[SW 669- Responses to Loss and Death](#)
[SW 671- Social Work Practice in Health Care](#)
[SW 673- Social Work Practice with Children and Adolescents](#)
[SW 675- Child Welfare and Family Services](#)
[SW 680- Special Topics in Social Work](#)
[SW 695- Master's Thesis](#)
[SW 699- Independent Study](#)

Degree requirements:

The M.S.W Regular-Standing degree requires successful completion of **60** semester hours of graduate credits.

Please schedule to meet with your MSW professional academic advisor in the CECI Advising Center.
The CECI Academic Advising Center is located [321C Richard M. DeVos Center](#), 616-331-6890.
Online at: <https://www.gvsu.edu/ceciadvising/>