

The MSW Weekend Hybrid Study Plan

The MSW Weekend Hybrid Study Plan is a special curriculum pathway to the completion of MSW degree for advanced standing, part-time MSW applicants at the School of Social Work, Grand Valley State University.

As part of the accredited Master in Social Work program, this plan offers courses that will prepare students for a profession that is meaningful and rewarding, with life-changing impacts. Like all other MSW study paths, the Weekend Hybrid Study Plan aligns with the latest Council of Social Work Education Policy and Accreditation Standards (EPAS) and is governed by the same policies and procedures of Grand Valley State University, the Graduate School, and the School of Social Work.

This plan is distinguished by its schedule and delivery methods:

- Hybrid courses are taken one-at-a-time and the program is completed in two years (six semesters, including summers). Three starting points are available each year: January, May, and August.
- Two concentrated, accelerated, 7-week courses are offered in sequence each semester.
- Each course consists of asynchronous online activities and two in-person Saturday sessions (3-8 hours per Saturday) at the GVSU Pew campus in Grand Rapids, Michigan.
- Field education placements (13 hours-per-week) occur during the last three semesters (the second year), simultaneously with the course work.
- Field placement opportunities are individually arranged to accommodate specific circumstances and advance career goals. While every effort is made to provide a placement in a time frame that will work for students, placements that are completely outside of business hours are limited and may not be available in all practice areas.
- Not all MSW elective courses will be available through this plan; the MSW/MPA Combined Degree requires coursework additional to the Weekend Hybrid Study Plan.
- School Social Work Certification is not available in the Weekend Hybrid Study Plan.
- MSW students approach graduate-level coursework ethically and responsibly. A time commitment of 15- 20 Hours/week ([average minimum 6 hours/credit weekly](#)= 18 hours/week for a 3-credit course) is expected in this study plan.