



Master of Social Work Foundation Year



MAVERICK ADVANTAGE

Be Bold. Be Ambitious. Set Yourself Apart.

EDUCATE

ENGAGE

EXCEL

Beginning the Journey

Trailblazing the Path

Destination Graduation

- Familiarize yourself with your degree plan
- Attend UTA Orientation
- Complete your core SOCW courses:
 - 5301 Human Behavior
 - 5304 Generalist Micro Practice
 - 5306 Generalist Macro Practice
 - [Course Description List](#)
- Meet with your advisor
- Apply for Foundation Field

- Explore different MSW Specialties
- Explore graduate certificate
- Attend InPlace Orientation
- Explore dual degrees

- Select a specialty
- Choose cohort or non-cohort
- Complete advanced coursework
- Select advanced electives
- Apply to graduate in your final semester

- Explore [School of Social Work Student Organizations](#)
- Meet your Graduate Student Leader and reach out to them with questions
- Apply for [School of Social Work Scholarships](#)
- Explore study abroad and study away opportunities
- Use Teams to connect with classmates

- Reach out to professors who share your specialty
- Weekly preparation for supervision
- Attend School of Social Work events
- Begin your Foundation Placement

- Broaden your horizons by taking SOCW 5392
- Join a social work organization related to your specialty
- Reach out to professors in your chosen specialty
- Complete your foundation placement

- Meet with the [Writing Center](#) to get feedback and help with your papers
- Make a self-care plan and stick with it
- Maintain a 3.0 GPA

- Take on a leadership role in a student organization such as African American Social Workers Student Alliance
- Consider becoming a GSL
- Attend the Career Fair to explore post-graduation career opportunities
- Aim for acceptance into the Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society

- Consider the CPS stipends
- Update your resume using the [School of Social Work Career Corner](#) and [Career Development Center](#)
- Join professional social work organizations such as NASW
- Consider the Thesis option



CAREER DEVELOPMENT

- Internships
- Interviews
- MavMentors



GLOBAL EXCHANGE

- Global Grounds
- Global Mavericks Program
- International Week
- Language Exchange Program
- Study Abroad



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

- Graduate Student Leadership Program
- Leadership Institute
- Student Governance
- Student Organizations



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Alternative Break Trips
- Service Learning Courses
- Service Learning Showcase
- UTA Volunteers



GRADUATE RESEARCH

- Apply classroom knowledge outside the classroom
- Challenge yourself
- Complete a Master's Thesis
- Set yourself apart from your peers

* Please meet with an advisor and fill out the required forms to officially transition into your major



Master of Social Work Advanced Year



COMMUNITY ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTICE

AGING

HEALTH

MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE ABUSE

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

	WHAT IS IT?	WHAT ARE SOME COURSES I WOULD TAKE?	WHAT ARE TYPICAL JOB TITLES?	WHAT ARE MY FIELD AND EMPLOYMENT SETTINGS?
COMMUNITY ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTICE	<p>Do you like solving problems, creating new programs or finding out if programs work? In Community and Administrative Practice (CAP) you will learn ways to evaluate and lead programs to create more efficient and effective operations. Through identifying problems on a macro level, you will engage in how to create and change policy to address struggles.</p>	<p>5324 Social Work Supervision 5321 Advanced Community Practice Find more information on Community Administrative Practice here</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lobbyist Manager Grant writer Program Evaluator Program Coordinator Executive Director 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-Profit Organizations Federal and State Agencies Congressional Offices Foundations For-Profit Organizations
AGING	<p>Do you enjoy tending to the unique needs of older adults and their caregivers? Here you will have the opportunity to work at the micro and macro level to develop and implement effective interventions, programs, and policies. Through partnering with practitioners and community agencies, you will learn to improve the lives of older adults through evaluation, assessment and intervention.</p>	<p>5318 Death and Dying 5334 Family Caregiving and Aging Find more information on Aging here</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hospice Social Worker Adult Protective Services Investigator Ombudsman Program Advocate Care Manager Medical/Health Service Manager 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Skilled Nursing Facilities Assisted Living Facilities Retirement Communities Adult Protective Services Hospice
HEALTH	<p>Do you enjoy advocating for patients in a health setting? Here you will gain the information, skills, and expertise needed to do so. You will focus on working with clients and families facing acute, chronic and terminal conditions. Throughout the program you will learn how to help patients understand illness and various treatment options, intervene in crisis situations, and serve as patient advocates at the individual and community level.</p>	<p>5314 Intimate Partner Violence 5344 Health Insurance and Access to Care Find more information on Health here</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medical Social Worker Discharge Planner Patient Advocate Health Educator Patient Navigator Crisis Counselor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hospitals Fitness Facilities Health Care Clinics Crisis Hotline Family Violence Shelter
MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE ABUSE	<p>Do you enjoy focusing on assessment and intervention with acute and chronic mental health problems and substance abuse disorders? Here you will be trained to diagnose, treat, collaborate on recovery, and advocate for social justice for persons across the life span who have mental and substance abuse disorders, as well as to deliver services and support policies to prevent such disorders.</p>	<p>5356 Cognitive Behavioral Intervention 5354 Treatment of Addictive Behaviors Find more information on Mental Health and Substance Abuse here</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Therapist Clinical Social Worker Addictions Counselor Treatment Coordinator Psychiatric Social Worker Behavioral Health Coach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Private Practice Rehabilitation Clinics (Inpatient and Outpatient Rehabilitation) Mental Health Clinics Non-Profit Organizations Military Base
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES	<p>Do you enjoy working with children and their families? Here you will learn information, skills, and expertise relevant to social work practice with this population. Through concentrating on adjustment issues in the family, you will be prepared for intervention in a variety of settings.</p>	<p>5370 Social Work in the Schools 5367 Treating Parent and Child Relationships Find more information on Children and Families here</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Social Worker Child Advocate Family Finding Specialist Child Protective Services Investigator Child Welfare Specialist Family Intervention Specialist 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Private Practice Child Protective Services Non-Profit Organizations Child Advocacy Centers Adoption Organizations

FAQ



What if I want to do CAP activities with one of the other specialties?

Take the following 3 courses before you graduate and earn the Administrative Certificate!

- SOCW 5320 (Online) Advanced Administrative Practice
- SOCW 5312 (Online) Community and Administrative Practice
- SOCW 5324 (Online) Social Work Supervision



How do I continue to grow my skills?

- Continuing Education
- Certifications (e.g., EMDR)
- Webinars
- Professional Conferences



Texas Licensure Titles and Information

LMSW: Licensed Master Social Worker
LCSW: Licensed Clinical Social Worker
LCDC: Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor

[Licensure information for Texas](#)
[Licensure information for other states](#)



Dual Degrees

Students in social work may participate in one of ten dual degree programs whereby they can earn a Master of Social Work and a second master's degree in another.

[Find more information here](#)



Are there other ways to specialize my MSW besides dual degrees?

Yes! UTA offers a wide variety of graduate certificates that can be added to your degree plan.

[Find a list of choices here](#)