Master of Social Work Foundation Year

**Beginning the Journey**
- 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

**Trailblazing the Path**
- Explore different MSW Specialties
- Explore graduate certificate
- Attend InPlace Orientation
- Explore dual degrees

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

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**EDUCATE**
- Attain the required GPA
- Maintain a 3.0 GPA
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  - 5304 Generalist Micro Practice
  - 5306 Generalist Macro Practice
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**ENGAGE**
- 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
- Explore different MSW Specialties
- Explore graduate certificate
- Attend InPlace Orientation
- Explore dual degrees

**EXCEL**
- Reach out to professors who share your specialty
- 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

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**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

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* Please meet with an advisor and fill out the required forms to officially transition into your major.
Master of Social Work Advanced Year

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.

5324 Social Work Supervision
5321 Advanced Community Practice
Find more information on Community Administrative Practice here

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.

5318 Death and Dying
5334 Family Caregiving and Aging
Find more information on Aging here

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.

5314 Intimate Partner Violence
5344 Health Insurance and Access to Care
Find more information on Health here

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 those across the life span who have mental and substance abuse disorders, as well as to deliver services and support policies to prevent such disorders.

5356 Cognitive Behavioral Intervention
5354 Treatment of Addictive Behaviors
Find more information on Mental Health and Substance Abuse here

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.

5370 Social Work in the Schools
5367 Treating Parent and Child Relationships
Find more information on Children and Families here

FAQ

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

Choose from the following 4 Certificate Optional:
1. Organizational Leadership
2. Community Leadership
3. Administrative Leadership
4. Policy Leadership

How do I continue to grow my skills?
• Continuing Education
• Certifications (e.g., EMDR)
• Webinars
• Professional Conferences

Texas Licensure Titles and Information
LMWW: 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