



## MSW Advanced Degree Plan Direct Practice in Aging<sup>1</sup>

Required Courses		
<b>Introductory Practice Courses (6 Credit Hours)</b>		
SOCW 5311 <sup>2</sup>	Advanced Micro Practice	3 Hours
SOCW 5332 <sup>2</sup>	Direct Practice in Aging	3 Hours
<b>Integrated Theory and Practice Courses (Choose 2 for 6 Credit Hours)</b>		
SOCW 5314	Intimate Partner Violence	3 Hours
SOCW 5315	Brain and Behavior	3 Hours
SOCW 5316	Stress, Crisis and Coping	3 Hours
SOCW 5317	Palliative Care	3 Hours
SOCW 5318	Death and Dying	3 Hours
SOCW 5319	Suicide Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention	3 Hours
<b>Specialty Policy Course (3 Credit Hours)</b>		
SOCW 5333	Aging Policy & Social Justice	3 Hours
<b>Research Course (Choose 1 for 3 Credit Hours)</b>		
SOCW 5313	Research and Evaluation Methods II	3 Hours
SOCW 5323	Program Evaluation	3 Hours
<b>Advanced Field Placement (8 Credit Hours)<sup>3</sup></b>		
SOCW 5482 (SPLIT)/SOCW 5485 & SOCW 5486 (BLOCK)	Advanced Field	4/8 Hours
SOCW 5483 (SPLIT)	Advanced Field	4 Hours
<b>Capstone or Thesis Course<sup>4,5</sup> (Capstone for 3 or Thesis for 6 Credit Hours where one elective is replaced with SOCW 5396)</b>		
SOCW 5395	Integrative Seminar	3 Hours
SOCW 5396/5398 (Thesis Option)	Thesis I/Thesis II	6 Hours
<b>Electives (Choose 2 if Traditional or 3 if Advanced Standing [thesis students replace 1 elective with SOCW 5396])</b>		
SOCW 5334	Family Caregiving & Aging	3 Hours
SOCW 5335	Aging in American Society	3 Hours
SOCW 5344	Health Insurance & Access to Care	3 Hours
SOCW 5345	Special Topics in Health Equity	3 Hours

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<sup>1</sup> Traditional students (without a BSW) can complete the MSW in two years if proceeding full-time; 4 years if proceeding part-time. Advanced standing students (with a BSW who meet admission criteria for advanced standing) can complete the MSW in as little as 12 months if proceeding full-time or 2 years if proceeding part-time.

<sup>2</sup> Students must finish their foundation courses or have Advanced Standing (with BSW) before taking this course.

<sup>3</sup> Students must apply for field using Tevera; they will receive an email to do so. To apply for field, students pay a one-time fee for Tevera that covers the entire MSW degree (\$225 through Tevera or \$272 through the bookstore; paying through the bookstore allows the fee to be charged to student's financial aid); Block Field is available as well (SOCW 5585 and 5385) during which students complete field in one semester instead of 2.

<sup>4</sup> Thesis guidelines are available in the MSW Program Manual.

<sup>5</sup> This is different than the commencement ceremony. Applying for graduation is required to complete the degree and receive diploma.