

Advanced MSW Degree Plan

Direct Practice in Mental Health and Substance Misuse

Required Courses		
Introductory Practice Courses (6 Credit Hours)		
SOCW 5311	Advanced Micro Practice	3 Hours
SOCW 5352	Direct Practice in Mental Health and Substance Misuse	3 Hours
Integrated Theory and Practice Courses (6 Credit Hours)		
SOCW 5314	Intimate Partner Violence	3 Hours
SOCW 5315	Brain and Behavior	3 Hours
SOCW 5316	Stress, Crisis and Coping	3 Hours
SOCW 5318	Death and Dying	3 Hours
SOCW 5392 (Section number varies)	Palliative Care Social Work	3 Hours
SOCW 5392 (Section number varies)	Suicide Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention	3 Hours
Specialty Practice Course (3 Credit Hours)		
SOCW 5354	Principles of Substance Use Treatment	3 Hours
Specialty Policy Course (3 Credit Hours)		
SOCW 5353	Social Policy and Mental Health	3 Hours
Research Course (3 Credit Hours)		
SOCW 5313	Research and Evaluation Methods II	3 Hours
SOCW 5323	Program Evaluation	3 Hours
Advanced Field Placement (8 Credit Hours)		
SOCW 5482 (SPLIT)/SOCW 5485 & SOCW 5486 (BLOCK)	Advanced Field	4/8 Hours
SOCW 5483 (SPLIT)	Advanced Field	4 Hours
Capstone Course Options (3 or 6 Credit Hours)		
SOCW 5395	Integrative Seminar	3 Hours
SOCW 5396/5398 (Thesis Option)	Thesis I/Thesis II	6 Hours
Suggested Electives		
SOCW 5356	Seminar in Cognitive Behavioral Intervention	3 Hours
SOCW 5357	Group Dynamics and Social Work Practice	3 Hours
SOCW 5355	Military Social Work	3 Hours
SOCW 5358	Treatment of Children and Adolescents	3 Hours

NOTES:

This is the standard list of all classes in this program of study. It is not necessarily the order in which to take courses. Please see your Academic Advisor to develop your individualized program of study.

REQUIRED:

Introductory Practice Courses: must take BOTH; SOCW 5352 may only be taken concurrently with 5311 or after completing 5311.

Integrated Theory and Practice Courses: must take any TWO from the six listed. Must take concurrently with 5311 or after completing 5311.

Research Course: must choose ONE of the two courses listed.

Advanced Field Placement: Students are required to complete SOCW 5311 and SOCW 5352 before taking advanced field. A 3.0 cumulative GPA is required to take advanced field. May take SOCW 5482 then SOCW 5483 in consecutive semesters (SPLIT) or take both SOCW 5485 and SOCW 5486 as a BLOCK in one semester.

Capstone Course Options: Students must choose to take the Integrative Seminar or Thesis Option.

Integrative Seminar – This option must be taken in the final program semester concurrently with 5483 or after completing block of SOCW 5485 & SOCW 5486.

Thesis Option – This option may be taken in place of one elective AND the Integrative Seminar.

ELECTIVES:

Students with Advanced Standing must take 2 social work electives, while students without Advanced Standing must take 1 social work elective to complete their program of study and the number of required credit hours to graduate. The suggested electives above are those that the faculty STRONGLY recommend as supporting your development in this area of specialization. However, other electives may be considered. Any elective must be chosen from the advanced level social work courses offered (check for any applicable prerequisites).

CERTIFICATES:

Students may choose to add a graduate certificate to their program of study. Certificate requirements vary, but require an additional 6-12 hours of coursework. DP Mental Health and Substance Misuse students may select one of five certificate options to add to their MSW degree. These include: the Military Social Work Certificate, Certificate in Administrative Leadership, Certificate in Policy Leadership, Certificate in Community Leadership, and the Certificate in Organizational Leadership.