



MSW Advanced Degree Plan Direct Practice Mental Health & Substance Misuse¹

Required Courses		
Introductory Practice Courses (6 Credit Hours)		
SOCW 5311 ²	Advanced Micro Practice	3 Hours
SOCW 5352 ²	Direct Practice with Children & Families	3 Hours
Practice Courses (3 Credit Hours)		
SOCW 5354	Principles of Substance Misuse Treatment	3 Hours
Integrated Theory and Practice Courses (Choose 2 for 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 5317	Palliative Care	3 Hours
SOCW 5318	Death and Dying	3 Hours
SOCW 5319	Suicide Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention	3 Hours
Specialty Policy Course (3 Credit Hours)		
SOCW 5363	Social Policy & Mental Health	3 Hours
Research Course (Choose 1 for 3 Credit Hours)		
SOCW 5313	Research and Evaluation Methods II	3 Hours
SOCW 5323	Program Evaluation	3 Hours
Advanced Field Placement (8 Credit Hours)³		
SOCW 5482 (SPLIT)/SOCW 5485 & SOCW 5486 (BLOCK)	Advanced Field	4/8 Hours
SOCW 5483 (SPLIT)	Advanced Field	4 Hours
Capstone or Thesis Course^{4,5} (Capstone for 3 or Thesis for 6 Credit Hours where one elective is replaced with SOCW 5396)		
SOCW 5395	Integrative Seminar	3 Hours
SOCW 5396 and 5398 (Thesis Option)	Thesis I and Thesis II	6 Hours
Electives (Choose 1 if Traditional or 2 if Advanced Standing [thesis students replace 1 elective with SOCW 5396])		
SOCW 5355	Military Social Work	3 Hours
SOCW 5356	Seminar in Cognitive-Behavioral Intervention	3 Hours
SOCW 5357	Group Dynamics and Social Work Practice	3 Hours
SOCW 5358	Treatment of Children and Adolescents	3 Hours
SOCW 5359	Military Families	3 Hours
SOCW 5360	Treatment of Military Populations	3 Hours
SOCW 5361	Military Trauma	3 Hours

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¹ 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.

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

³ 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.

⁴ Thesis guidelines are available in the MSW Program Manual.

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