## SOCIAL WORK (M.S.W.)

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### Description

The University of New Hampshire’s M.S.W. program provides a quality educational experience that prepares graduates for Advanced Generalist practice consistent with the purposes of the social work profession. It concentrates on strengths and empowerment models that encourage individuals and families, and communities and organizations to realize their full potential.

### Fields of Practice

MSW students will be able to select three electives in one or more of the following:

1. Health and mental health;
2. Addictions and substance abuse;
3. Children, youth, and families;
4. Disabilities; or a self-designed field of practice.

### Program Options

#### The Durham Campus Program

The Durham Campus Program is our traditional model with classes held on campus. It takes two years to complete the full time program, with part time course of study of three and four years. Required first year courses are scheduled Monday-Wednesday leaving Thursdays and Fridays open for first year field internships. Second year courses are scheduled Wednesdays and Thursdays leaving Monday, Tuesday, and Friday for internships. The Durham program admits once a year in the fall.

#### The M.S.W Online Program

The M.S.W Online Program allows students to earn their Master of Social Work degree online in 28 months. M.S.W online students are required to complete two field internships at a program or agency in their local community and work with Social Work Department field office to identify acceptable field sites. Field and Practice classes will have weekly synchronous online classes help on Monday or Wednesday evenings. The online program admits three times a year (fall, spring, summer). No campus visits are required at any time.

#### Advanced Standing

Advanced Standing is an option for eligible students who have graduated from an accredited B.S.W. program within five years. This option is available in Durham or online. Admission to this program is every summer for Durham and every fall for online.

### Requirements

#### M.S.W. Degree Requirements

An M.S.W. candidate must complete 62 credit hours of 800- or 900-level courses including two, two-semester field internships, comprising a total of 1,240 hours in the field. Grades below the B level in a graded course or a “fail” in a credit/fail course are considered failing grades for the purposes of determining academic standing. Repeating a course does not remove the original failing grade from the record. Graduate students receiving failing grades in 9 or more credits, received either in three courses or in any combination of courses taken twice, will be dismissed from the M.S.W. program.

Although a significant portion of the curriculum is required, students will be able to complete three elective courses. At least one of these must be taken from among Department of Social Work course offerings.

### Core MSW Program Advanced Generalist Courses

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#### Electives

Select three 3-credit elective courses of social work (other graduate programs with permission):

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### Degree Plan

#### Durham Two Year Program

1. Seminar and concurrent two-day/week internship/academic year
2. Seminar and two-day/week internship continued from SW 880 Field Internship I
3. Seminar and concurrent three-day/week internship/academic year
4. Seminar and three-day/week internship continued from SW 982 Field Internship III
### First Year

#### Fall
- **SW 820**: Social Welfare Policy I  
  **Credits**: 3  
- **SW 830**: Social Work Practice I  
  **Credits**: 3  
- **SW 840**: Implications of Race, Culture, and Oppression for Social Work Practice  
  **Credits**: 3  
- **SW 850**: Human Behavior and the Social Environment I  
  **Credits**: 3  
- **SW 880**: Field Internship I  
  **Credits**: 3

#### Spring
- **SW 831**: Social Work Practice II: Practice in Small Groups and Community Organizations  
  **Credits**: 3  
- **SW 851**: Human Behavior and the Social Environment II  
  **Credits**: 3  
- **SW 860**: Research Methods in Social Work  
  **Credits**: 3  
- **SW 881**: Field Internship II  
  **Credits**: 3

#### Second Year

#### Fall
- **SW 930**: Advanced General Practice III: Clinical Assessment and Intervention  
  **Credits**: 3  
- **SW 952**: Human Behavior and the Social Environment III  
  **Credits**: 3  
- **SW 962**: Data Analysis and Statistics  
  **Credits**: 3  
- **SW 982**: Field Internship III  
  **Credits**: 4  
- **Elective**:  
  **Credits**: 3

#### Spring
- **SW 931**: Advanced Generalist Practice IV: Community and Administrative Practice  
  **Credits**: 3  
- **SW 965**: Program and Practice Evaluation  
  **Credits**: 3  
- **SW 983**: Field Internship IV  
  **Credits**: 4  
- **Elective**:  
  **Credits**: 3

#### Total Credits: 62

Please refer to our MSW Handbook listed on our website for 3 year and 4 year Durham degree plan options.

### Online MSW Degree Plan - Example below is Fall cohort course of study

#### First Year

#### Fall
- **Term 1**
  - **SW 820**: Social Welfare Policy I  
    **Credits**: 3  
  - **SW 850**: Human Behavior and the Social Environment I  
    **Credits**: 3  

- **Term 2**
  - **SW 840**: Implications of Race, Culture, and Oppression for Social Work Practice  
    **Credits**: 3  
  - **SW 860**: Research Methods in Social Work  
    **Credits**: 3

#### Credits: 12

#### Second Year

#### Fall
- **Term 1**
  - **SW 830**: Social Work Practice I  
    **Credits**: 3  
  - **SW 880**: Field Internship I  
    **Credits**: 3

- **Term 2**
  - **SW 850**: Human Behavior and the Social Environment I  
    **Credits**: 3  
  - **SW 881**: Field Internship II  
    **Credits**: 3

#### Total Credits: 15

1. Goes through Terms 4 and 5
2. Goes through Terms 1 and 2
3. Going through Terms 4 and 5

### Third Year

#### Fall
- **Term 1**
  - **SW 931**: Advanced Generalist Practice IV: Community and Administrative Practice  
    **Credits**: 3  
  - **SW 983**: Field Internship IV  
    **Credits**: 4

- **Term 2**
  - **Elective**:  
    **Credits**: 3

- **Continuation of SW 983**: Field 4  
  **Credits**: 3

#### Total Credits: 10
Goes through Terms 1 and 2

Accelerated Master's

This graduate program is approved to be taken on an accelerated basis in articulation with certain undergraduate degree programs.

General Accelerated Master's policy, note that some programs have additional requirements (e.g. higher grade expectations) compared to the policy.

Please see the Graduate School website and contact the department directly for more information.

The Accelerated Masters (also referred to as early entry) program allows you to take graduate credit course senior year and have greater access to MSW elective options. It also provides students with the option of completing graduate certificates, such as the Child Welfare or Substance Use Disorder Certificates.

Student Learning Outcomes

- Student demonstrates ethical and professional behavior.
- Student engages diversity and difference in practice.
- Student advances human rights and social, economic and environmental justice.
- Engage in practice informed research and research-informed practice.
- Engages in policy practice.
- Engage with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.
- Assess individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.
- Intervenes with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.
- Evaluates practice with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.