

# SOCIAL WORK (M.S.W.)

<https://chhs.unh.edu/social-work/program/msw/social-work>

## 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** 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** 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** 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

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Core courses</b>		
SW 820	Social Welfare Policy I	3
SW 830	Social Work Practice I	3
SW 831	Social Work Practice II: Practice in Small Groups and Community Organizations	3
SW 840	Implications of Race, Culture, and Oppression for Social Work Practice	3
SW 850	Human Behavior and the Social Environment I (HBSE I)	3
SW 851	Human Behavior and the Social Environment II (HBSE II)	3
SW 860	Research Methods in Social Work	3
SW 880	Field Internship I <sup>1</sup>	3
SW 881	Field Internship II <sup>2</sup>	3
SW 926	Social Welfare Policy II	3
SW 930	Advanced General Practice III: Clinical Assessment and Intervention	3
SW 931	Advanced Generalist Practice IV: Community and Administrative Practice	3
SW 952	Human Behavior and the Social Environment III	3
SW 962	Data Analysis and Statistics	3
SW 965	Program and Practice Evaluation	3
SW 982	Field Internship III <sup>3</sup>	4
SW 983	Field Internship IV <sup>4</sup>	4
<b>Electives</b>		
Select three 3-credit elective courses of social work (other graduate programs with permission):		9
SW 802	Aging and Society	
SW 803	Social Work and Spirituality	
SW 804	Adolescents with Emotional and Behavioral Challenges	
SW 805	Child and Adolescent Risks and Resiliency: Program, Policy and Practice	
SW #806	Social Action in the Dominican Republic	
SW 807	Child Maltreatment	
SW 808	Mental Health Aspects of Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities	
SW 809	First Responders	
SW 810	SW and the Digital Age	
SW 812	Understanding Developmental Disabilities	
SW 813	School Social Work	
SW #814	Introduction to Addiction: Assessment and Intervention	
SW 815	Affirming Practice with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer+ People	
SW 817	Understanding Suicide	
SW 818	SW & Creative Arts	
SW 957	Fund Development and Grantwriting	
SW 865	Adventure Therapy: Facilitation and Processing of the Experience	
SW 870	Intimate Partner Violence	
SW 897	Special Topics in Social Work and Social Welfare	
SW 974	Social Work Supervision	
SW 975	Theory and Practice of Family Therapy	
SW 979	Social Work and the Law	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>62</b>

- <sup>1</sup> Seminar and concurrent two-day/week internship/academic year
- <sup>2</sup> Seminar and two-day/week internship continued from SW 880 Field Internship I
- <sup>3</sup> Seminar and concurrent three-day/week internship/academic year
- <sup>4</sup> Seminar and three-day/week internship continued from SW 982 Field Internship III

## Degree Plan

### Durham Two Year Program

**First Year**

<b>Fall</b>		<b>Credits</b>
SW 820	Social Welfare Policy I	3
SW 830	Social Work Practice I	3
SW 840	Implications of Race, Culture, and Oppression for Social Work Practice	3
SW 850	Human Behavior and the Social Environment I	3
SW 880	Field Internship I	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>

<b>Spring</b>		
SW 831	Social Work Practice II: Practice in Small Groups and Community Organizations	3
SW 851	Human Behavior and the Social Environment II	3
SW 860	Research Methods in Social Work	3
SW 881	Field Internship II	3
SW 926	Social Welfare Policy II	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>

**Second Year**

<b>Fall</b>		
SW 930	Advanced General Practice III: Clinical Assessment and Intervention	3
SW 952	Human Behavior and the Social Environment III	3
SW 962	Data Analysis and Statistics	3
SW 982	Field Internship III	4
Elective		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>

<b>Spring</b>		
SW 931	Advanced Generalist Practice IV: Community and Administrative Practice	3
SW 965	Program and Practice Evaluation	3
SW 983	Field Internship IV	4
Elective		3
Elective		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>

**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**

<b>Fall</b>		<b>Credits</b>
<b>Term 1</b>		
SW 820	Social Welfare Policy I	3
SW 850	Human Behavior and the Social Environment I	3
<b>Term 2</b>		
SW 840	Implications of Race, Culture, and Oppression for Social Work Practice	3
SW 860	Research Methods in Social Work	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>12</b>

**Spring**

<b>Term 3</b>		
SW 851	Human Behavior and the Social Environment II	3
SW 926	Social Welfare Policy II	3
<b>Term 4</b>		
SW 830	Social Work Practice I	3
SW 880	Field Internship I <sup>1</sup>	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>12</b>

**Summer**

Elective		3
Continuation of SW 880: Field 1		
<b>Credits</b>		<b>3</b>

**Second Year**

<b>Fall</b>		
<b>Term 1</b>		
SW 831	Social Work Practice II: Practice in Small Groups and Community Organizations	3
SW 881	Field Internship II <sup>2</sup>	3
<b>Term 2</b>		
SW 952	Human Behavior and the Social Environment III	3
Continuation of SW 881: Field 2		
<b>Credits</b>		<b>9</b>

**Spring**

<b>Term 3</b>		
Elective		3
SW 962	Data Analysis and Statistics	3
<b>Term 4</b>		
SW 930	Advanced General Practice III: Clinical Assessment and Intervention	3
SW 982	Field Internship III <sup>3</sup>	4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>13</b>

**Summer**

SW 965	Program and Practice Evaluation	3
Continuation of SW 982: Field 3		
<b>Credits</b>		<b>3</b>

**Third Year**

<b>Fall</b>		
<b>Term 1</b>		
SW 931	Advanced Generalist Practice IV: Community and Administrative Practice	3
SW 983	Field Internship IV <sup>4</sup>	4
<b>Term 2</b>		
Elective		3
Continuation of SW 983: Field 4		
<b>Credits</b>		<b>10</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>62</b>

<sup>1</sup> Goes through Terms 4 and 5

<sup>2</sup> Goes through Terms 1 and 2

<sup>3</sup> Going through Terms 4 and 5

<sup>4</sup> 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.