

SOCIAL WORK: ONLINE (M.S.W.)

<https://www.unh.edu/program/master-social-work/social-work-online>

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

M.S.W. students will be able to select electives in one or more of the following: health and mental health; addictions and substance abuse; children, youth, and families, disabilities; or a self-designed field of practice.

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 internships at a program or agency in their local community and work with Social Work Department internship office to identify acceptable sites. Internship seminar and Practice classes will have weekly synchronous online classes help on Monday or Wednesday evenings. The online program admits students three times a year (fall, spring, summer). No campus visits are required.

Requirements

Degree Requirements

An M.S.W. candidate must complete 62 credit hours of 800- or 900-level courses including two, two-semester internships, comprising a total of 1100 hours. 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
Core courses		
SW 820	Social Welfare Policy I	3
SW 826	Social Welfare Policy II	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	Internship I ¹	3
SW 881	Internship II ²	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	Internship III ³	4
SW 983	Internship IV ⁴	4
Electives		
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 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 815	Affirming Practice with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer+ People	
SW 816	Addiction Assessment	
SW 817	Understanding Suicide	
SW 819	Addiction Treatment	
SW 821	International Social Work	
SW 818	SW & Creative Arts	
SW 865	Adventure Therapy: Facilitation and Processing of the Experience	
SW 870	Intimate Partner Violence	
SW 871	Trauma-Informed Practice in School Settings	
SW 885	Study Abroad	
SW 897	Special Topics in Social Work and Social Welfare	
SW 957	Fund Development and Grantwriting	
SW 974	Social Work Supervision	
SW 975	Theory and Practice of Family Therapy	
SW 979	Social Work and the Law	
Total Credits		62

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

Degree Plan

Sample Degree Plan

This sample degree plan serves as a general guide; students collaborate with their academic advisor to develop a personalized degree plan to meet their academic goals and program requirements.

First Year

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

Spring		
Term 3		
SW 851	Human Behavior and the Social Environment II	3
SW 826	Social Welfare Policy II	3
Term 4		
SW 830	Social Work Practice I	3
SW 880	Internship I	3
Credits		12
Summer		
Term 5		
Elective Course		3
SW 880	Internship I (Continues)	
Credits		3
Second Year		
Fall		
Term 1		
SW 831	Social Work Practice II: Practice in Small Groups and Community Organizations	3
SW 881	Internship II	3
Term 2		
SW 952	Human Behavior and the Social Environment III	3
SW 881	Internship II (Continues)	
Credits		9
Spring		
Term 3		
SW 962	Data Analysis and Statistics	3
Elective Course		3
Term 4		
SW 930	Advanced General Practice III: Clinical Assessment and Intervention	3
SW 982	Internship III	4
Credits		13
Summer		
Term 5		
SW 965	Program and Practice Evaluation	3
SW 982	Internship III (Continues)	
Credits		3
Third Year		
Fall		
Term 1		
SW 931	Advanced Generalist Practice IV: Community and Administrative Practice	3
SW 983	Internship IV	4
Term 2		
Elective Course		3
SW 983	Internship IV (Continues)	
Credits		10
Total Credits		62

Accelerated Master's

Accelerated Master's Overview

Accelerated Master's programs offer qualified University of New Hampshire undergraduate students the opportunity to begin graduate coursework in select graduate programs while completing a bachelor's degree. Accelerated master's programs are designed to provide students with an efficient and cost-effective pathway to earn both a bachelor's and master's degree or graduate certificate, enhancing career opportunities and long-term earning potential.

Accelerated Master's Highlights

- Begin studying advanced topics while an undergraduate student with the opportunity to complete a master's degree or graduate certificate early.
- Master's degree program students: Earn up to 12* graduate (800-level) course credits while completing a bachelor's degree. This coursework will count as dual-credit toward both the bachelor's and master's degrees.
- Graduate certificate program students: Earn up to 8* graduate (800-level) course credits while completing a bachelor's degree. This coursework will count as dual-credit toward both the bachelor's degree and the graduate certificate.
- Students complete the bachelor's degree, and then officially matriculate into the master's or graduate certificate program to complete the remaining required graduate-level coursework.

*Some exceptions apply.

Accelerated Master's Admission Requirements

- A minimum 3.2 cumulative GPA is required.*
- A minimum of 90 undergraduate credits must be completed prior to enrolling in graduate (800-level) courses.
- Streamlined Graduate School Application (two letters of recommendation; most standardized tests and application fee are waived).*

*Some exceptions apply.

Accelerated Master's Requirements

- Students must attend a mandatory orientation session.
- Students must submit a special registration form each semester for dual-credit courses and note any DegreeWorks exceptions.
- Students may defer graduate matriculation for up to one year after earning their bachelor's degree in most programs.
- See the [Accelerated Master's Catalog Policy](#) and [Accelerated Master's Website](#) for additional information and a list of programs. Note that some programs have additional requirements (e.g. higher-grade expectations) compared to the general policy.

Social Work (M.S.W.) Accelerated Option

This graduate degree program is approved to be taken on an accelerated basis in articulation with the following undergraduate program(s):

Code	Title	Credits
Applied Psychology Major: Addictions Studies Option (B.S.)		
Applied Psychology Major: Applied Behavior Analysis Option (B.S.)		
Applied Psychology Major: Counseling Foundations Option (B.S.)		
Applied Psychology Major: Court Advocacy Option (B.S.)		

Applied Psychology Major: Education Advocacy Option (B.S.)

Applied Psychology Major: Emergency Management Strategy and Planning Option (B.S.)

Applied Psychology Major: Family Studies Option (B.S.)

Applied Psychology Major: Human Services Option (B.S.)

Applied Psychology Major: Organizational Psychology Option (B.S.)

Applied Psychology Major: Wellness and Prevention Option (B.S.)

Criminal Justice Major (B.S.)

Human Services Major: Addiction Studies Option (B.S.)

Human Development & Family Studies Major: Child Development Option (B.S.)

Human Development & Family Studies Major: Early Childhood Education Teacher Licensure Option (B.S.)

Human Development & Family Studies Major: Family and Lifespan Development Option (B.S.)

Human Services Major: Applied Psychology Option (B.S.)

Human Services Major: Counseling Foundations Option (B.S.)

Human Services Major: Court Advocacy Option (B.S.)

Human Services Major: Education Advocacy Option (B.S.)

Human Services Major: Family Studies Option (B.S.)

Human Services Major: Wellness and Prevention Option (B.S.)

Psychology Major (B.A.)

Students select from the following approved 800-level courses that can be completed in the undergraduate senior year for dual credit:

SW 802	Aging and Society	3
SW 804	Adolescents with Emotional and Behavioral Challenges	3
SW 805	Child and Adolescent Risks and Resiliency: Program, Policy and Practice	3
SW 807	Child Maltreatment	3
SW 808	Mental Health Aspects of Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities	3
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SW 812	Understanding Developmental Disabilities	3
SW 815	Affirming Practice with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer+ People	3
SW 816	Addiction Assessment	3
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SW 819	Addiction Treatment	3
SW 820	Social Welfare Policy I	3
SW 821	International Social Work	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 851	Human Behavior and the Social Environment II	3
SW 865	Adventure Therapy: Facilitation and Processing of the Experience	3
SW 871	Trauma-Informed Practice in School Settings	3
SW 885	Study Abroad	3

Student Learning Outcomes

Program 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.