

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK (M.S.W.)

General Graduate Program Requirements

Graduate School policies and standards can be found on the Graduate School Policies page (<https://catalog.umt.edu/graduate/school-policies/>).

The minimum GPA for any graduate program is 3.0. Individual programs may require more than a 3.0 to remain in good standing.

The minimum grade for a course to be accepted toward any requirement is C. Individual programs may require higher grades for specific courses.

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Course Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Generalist Required Courses		
Complete all of the following courses:		
S W 500	Orientation	1
S W 505	Foundations of Social Work Practice	2
S W 510	Human Behavior and Social Environment I	3
S W 511	Human Behavior and Social Intervention II	3
S W 515	Practicum with Individuals & Families	3
S W 520	SW Research Methods	3
S W 525	Practicum in Groups & Communities	4
S W 530	History of Social Policy	3
S W 532	Indian Child Welfare Act	1
S W 576	Found Integrative Seminar I	1
S W 577	Found Integrative Seminar II	1
S W 586	Found Practicum I	2
S W 587	Found Practicum II	2
Specialized Required Courses		
Complete all of the following courses:		
S W 521	Advanced Research	3
S W 531	Social Policy Analysis	3
S W 535	Advanced Practice	4
S W 545	Organizational Leadership	3
S W 578	Advanced Seminar I	1
S W 579	Advanced Seminar II	1
S W 588	Concentration Practicum I	3
S W 589	Concentration Practicum II	3
S W 599	Professional Portfolio	1
Total Hours		51

Optional Micro-Practice Emphasis

Micro practice emphasizes the development of clinical skills and a repertoire of theoretical knowledge relevant to direct practice with individuals, small groups, couples, and families. Students concentrating in micro practice will complete specialization-year practicum hours in settings that provide opportunities for direct clinical practice, such as community, school-based, and residential mental health programs, child

and family services, hospice care, and medical settings. Students choose elective courses that further their development of knowledge and skills for clinical practice.

Code	Title	Hours
Possible electives include:		
S W 420	Child Abuse/Child Welfare	3
S W 423	Addiction Studies	3
S W 450	Children and Youth at Risk	3
S W 455	Social Gerontology	3
S W 475	Death, Dying and Grief	3
S W 551	Couples and Family Therapy	3
S W 552	Differential Diagnosis in Clinical Social Work Practice	3
S W 553	Social Work Addictions	3

Optional Macro-Practice Emphasis

Macro practice emphasizes the development of skills and a repertoire of theoretical knowledge relevant to community, organizational, and political practice (e.g. program planning and development, neighborhood development, organizational administration and management, community organizing, and legislative advocacy). Students concentrating in macro practice will complete concentration-year practicum hours in settings that provide opportunities to develop skills in planning, development, advocacy, and social action, such as local and regional development corporations, social action and rights-based organizations, and action-research centers. Students choose electives that further development of their skills in community building, organization, and advocacy. Possible electives and certificate programs can be found on the UM Graduate School website. Of particular interest may be:

- Public Health Certificate – <http://health.umt.edu/publichealth/graduate/certificates/cph/default.php>
- Department of Public Administration and Policy – <https://www.umt.edu/law/mpa/certificates/default.php> 18
- Global Health - <https://health.umt.edu/publichealth/graduate/certificates/cgh/default.php>

Extra-departmental courses, as well as graduate-level courses in other relevant disciplines such as environmental studies, political science, and sociology may also be taken as electives. You will be informed of new elective courses offered by the School of Social Work as they are added.

Master of Social Work Advanced Standing Program

The Advanced Standing Program, offered synchronously online, provides students who have earned a Bachelor of Social Work or a Bachelor of Arts in Social Work from an accredited Social Work program the opportunity to complete their Master of Social Work in an accelerated format. Rather than 60 credits, students in the Advanced Standing Program will complete a 9 credit summer bridge program and then move into the existing specialization year curriculum for a total of 37 credits.

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S W 505	Foundations of Social Work Practice	2
S W 521	Advanced Research	3

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S W 530	History of Social Policy	3
S W 531	Social Policy Analysis	3
S W 532	Indian Child Welfare Act	1
S W 535	Advanced Practice	4
S W 545	Organizational Leadership	3
S W 591	Special Topics (Critical Practice Skills Refresher)	3
S W 578	Advanced Seminar I	1
S W 579	Advanced Seminar II	1
S W 588	Concentration Practicum I	3
S W 589	Concentration Practicum II	3
S W 599	Professional Portfolio	1
Electives		5
Total Hours		37