MSW-SOCIAL WORK
(MASTERS)

MSW 500. Social Problems and Social Welfare Policy
3 Credits
An overview of social and economic problems in the United States and
the historical and current social welfare policies aimed at alleviating
these problems. Emphasis on developing an awareness and ability to
change policies that impact vulnerable populations. May be repeated up
to 3 credits.

MSW 503. Policy Analysis and Change
3 Credits
This course will emphasize policy practice focusing on policy analysis
and creating and implementing policy change. Restricted to MSW majors.
Prerequisite(s): MSW 500.

MSW 509. Sociocultural Concepts and Populations of the Southwest
3 Credits
Theoretical and sociohistorical perspectives on racism, sexism, ageism,
heterosexism, classism, ableism, and other forms of discrimination and
oppression. Cultural diversity, strengths, and Southwest and border
issues are emphasized.

MSW 510. Human Behavior and the Social Environment I
3 Credits
The major theories of human behavior and the life span from conception
to adolescence. Focuses both on the areas of concern and risk for
client systems and on the opportunities and strengths in the social
environment. Required. May be repeated up to 3 credits. Restricted to:
MSW majors.
Corequisite(s): MSW 509.

MSW 514. Human Behavior & the Social Environment II
3 Credits
The major theories of human behavior from young adulthood to old
age. This course will focus on both areas of concern and risk for
client systems and on the opportunities and strengths in the social
environment. Restricted to: MSW majors.
Prerequisite(s): MSW 510.

MSW 520. Social Work Practice I
3 Credits
This is the first course of a two-course sequence. An introduction to the
generalist crosscultural, social work practice perspective with individuals and families, focusing on social work as a profession, social work
knowledge base, professional development, relationship building and
assessment with individuals and families within a framework of social
work values and ethics. May be repeated up to 3 credits.
Corequisite(s): MSW 551.
Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): MSW 510. Restricted to: MSW majors.

MSW 521. Social Work Practice II
3 Credits
This is the second course of a two-course sequence. A continuation of the generalist crosscultural, social work practice perspective
with individuals and families, focusing on goal setting, contracting,
implementation, and outcome assessment. The course also applies the
generalist practice perspective and methods to larger systems: groups,
organizations, and communities and includes relationship building,
assessment, goal setting, contracting, implementation and outcome
assessment within a framework of social work values and ethics. May be
repeated up to 3 credits. Restricted to: MSW majors.
Prerequisite(s): MSW 520.
Corequisite(s): MSW 552.

MSW 524. Practice III: Advanced Practice with Individuals
3 Credits
This class builds on Foundation Year Practice courses (MSW 520, 521) by integrating theory and practice, and advancing skills in selecting, applying
and evaluating practice interventions in a culturally sensitive manner with
individuals. May be repeated up to 3 credits. Restricted to: MSW majors.
Prerequisite(s): MSW 521.
Corequisite(s): MSW 556 and MSW 568, or MSW 554.

MSW 525. Practice IV: Advanced Generalist Practice with Groups
3 Credits
This course will address the knowledge, values and skills needed to work
effectively with diverse populations in group settings. The course will
build on Foundation Year courses (MSW 520 and 521) by integrating
theory and practice, and advancing skills in selecting, applying and
evaluating practice interventions in a culturally sensitive manner with
social work groups. May be repeated up to 3 credits. Restricted to: MSW
majors.
Prerequisite(s): MSW 521.
Corequisite(s): MSW 556 and MSW 568, or MSW 554.

MSW 526. Practice V: Advanced Practice with Families
3 Credits
This class builds on Foundation Year Practice courses (MSW 520 and
521) by integrating theory and practice, and advancing skills in selecting,
applying, and evaluating practice interventions in a culturally sensitive
manner with families. May be repeated up to 3 credits. Restricted to:
MSW majors.
Prerequisite(s): MSW 524, MSW 525.
Corequisite(s): MSW 555,MSW 557,MSW 569.

MSW 527. Practice VI: Advanced Practice with Organizations and
Communities
3 Credits
This class builds on Foundation Year Practice courses (MSW 520, 521)
by integrating theory and practice, and advancing skills in selecting,
applying, and evaluating practice interventions in a culturally sensitive
manner with organizations and communities. May be repeated up to 3
credits. Restricted to: MSW majors.
Prerequisite(s): MSW 524, MSW 525.
Corequisite(s): MSW 557 and MSW 569, or MSW 555.
MSW 547. Social Work Mental Health Practice
3 Credits
This course is designed to add to the practice sequence for Masters Level students in Social Work. It addresses social work assessment of major mental health issues across the life span with an emphasis on resiliency and coping skills. Culturally responsive practices are applied to the major issues of mental health. Basic psychopharmacology, neurobiology and the ways in which Social Workers interact with clients to aid education and effective treatment of medical interventions will be a prominent part of this course. Evidence-based practices useful for work in various disorders will be incorporated. May be repeated up to 3 credits. Restricted to: MSW majors.
Prerequisite(s): MSW 520.

MSW 549. Generalist Field Practicum A
3 Credits
Supervised professional practice in a community social service agency, providing experiential instruction and learning; seminar required. Evaluation criteria for this course will include upholding social work practice standards for interpersonal and ethical conduct. Total of 225 hours in the field each semester is required. 3 credits each semester. May be repeated up to 3 credits. Restricted to: MSW majors. S/U Grading (S/U, Audit).
Corequisite(s): MSW 520, MSW 566.

MSW 550. Generalist Field Practicum B
3 Credits
Supervised professional practice in a community social service agency, providing experiential instruction and learning; seminar required. Evaluation criteria for this course will include upholding social work practice standards for interpersonal and ethical conduct. Total of 225 hours in the field each semester is required. Letter grade, 3 credits each semester. May be repeated up to 3 credits. Restricted to: MSW majors.
Prerequisite(s): MSW 549.
Corequisite(s): MSW 521, MSW 567.

MSW 551. Generalist Field Practicum I
3 Credits
Corequisite(s): MSW 520.

MSW 552. Generalist Field Practicum II
3 Credits
Supervised professional practice in a community social service agency. 225 clock hours required. Seminar required. Restricted to: MSW majors.
Prerequisite(s): MSW 551.
Corequisite(s): MSW 521.

MSW 554. Advanced Generalist Field Experience I
3 Credits
Supervised professional practice in a community social service agency providing experiential learning in advanced generalist practice. 250 clock hours required. Seminar required. Crosslisted with: MSW 568. Restricted to: MSW majors.
Prerequisite(s): MSW 552.
Corequisite(s): MSW 524, MSW 525.

MSW 555. Advanced Generalist Field Experience II
3 Credits
Supervised professional practice in a community social service agency providing experiential learning in advanced generalist practice. 250 clock hours required. Seminar required. Crosslisted with: MSW 569. Restricted to: MSW majors.
Prerequisite(s): MSW 554.
Corequisite(s): MSW 526, MSW 527.

MSW 556. Advanced Generalist Field Practicum A
3 Credits
Supervised professional practice in a community social service agency, providing experiential instruction and learning in advanced generalist practice: seminar required. Total of 250 hours in the field each semester is required. Letter grade, 3 credits each semester. May be repeated up to 3 credits. Restricted to: MSW majors.
Prerequisite(s): MSW 550.
Corequisite(s): MSW 524, MSW 525, MSW 568.

MSW 557. Advanced Generalist Field Practicum B
3 Credits
Supervised professional practice in a community social service agency, providing experiential instruction and learning in advanced generalist practice: seminar required. Total of 250 hours in the field each semester is required. Letter grade, 3 credits each semester. May be repeated up to 3 credits. Restricted to: MSW majors.
Prerequisite(s): MSW 556.
Corequisite(s): MSW 526, MSW 527, MSW 569.

MSW 559. Social Work Practice & Research for Advanced Standing
4 Credits
This course is required for all advanced standing students and targets provision of the conceptual orientation for the concentration year of the MSW program. The goal of this course is to enhance social work practice theory, knowledge and application skills as well as knowledge in preparation for concentration year courses in advanced generalist social work practice. The key themes and concepts presented, explored and analyzed in this course include: the fit between Social Work code of ethics and personal values and belief systems; analysis of theory, ethics, and conceptual frameworks for concentration year advanced evidenced based Social Work practice courses in diverse settings. Restricted to: MSW Advanced Standing majors.

MSW 560. Social Work Research I
3 Credits
Introduction to analytical skills used in social work research: problem formulation, research designs, measurement, instrumentation, data collection and analysis, use of human participants in research, and application of research knowledge and professional ethics to social work practice. May be repeated up to 3 credits. Restricted to: MSW majors.
Prerequisite(s): MSW 500.

MSW 562. Social Work Research II
3 Credits
Focused on advanced generalist practice research in multicultural settings. Advanced skills to evaluate practice with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities in multicultural settings. Needs assessment as well as program and practice evaluation are emphasized. Restricted to: MSW majors.
Prerequisite(s): MSW 560.
MSW 566. Generalist Field Seminar I
3 Credits
The field seminar assists the student in fortifying a relationship between classroom knowledge and the field experience. In addition, it assists the student in the integration of social work practice processes in service planning and delivery. May be repeated up to 3 credits.
Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): MSW 551 or MSW 549, MSW 509, MSW 510, MSW 520. Restricted to: MSW majors. S/U Grading (S/U, Audit).

MSW 567. Generalist Field Seminar II
3 Credits
The field seminar assists the student in fortifying a relationship between classroom knowledge and the field experience. In addition, it assists the student in the integration of social work practice processes in service planning and delivery. May be repeated up to 3 credits. Restricted to: MSW majors.
Prerequisite(s): MSW 566.
Corequisite(s): MSW 521, MSW 550.

MSW 568. Advanced Generalist Field Seminar I
3 Credits
The field seminar assists the student in fortifying a relationship between classroom knowledge and the field experience. In addition, it assists the student in the integration of social work practice processes in service planning and delivery. May be repeated up to 3 credits. Crosslisted with: MSW 554. Restricted to: MSW majors.
Prerequisite(s): MSW 567.
Corequisite(s): MSW 556, MSW 524, MSW 525.

MSW 569. Advanced Generalist Field Seminar II
3 Credits
The field seminar assists the student in fortifying a relationship between classroom knowledge and the field experience. In addition, it assists the student in the integration of social work practice processes in service planning and delivery. May be repeated up to 3 credits. Restricted to: MSW majors.
Prerequisite(s): MSW 568.
Corequisite(s): MSW 526, MSW 527, MSW 557.

MSW 590. Family and Child Welfare Policy
3 Credits
This course will enhance students' ability to offer child welfare services that respect cultural differences, reflect current policy knowledge concerning child maltreatment, build on the advocacy and protective capacities of individuals, families and communities and encourage permanency for children and preservation of families. Required basic knowledge of child welfare and assessment skills. Outside majors require instructor permission. May be repeated up to 3 credits.

MSW 591. Systemic Integration of Alcohol and Drug Issues
3 Credits
Capstone course for the alcohol and drug minor. Covers community, agency, and systemic facilitation of prevention and intervention services for substance-affected families.
Prerequisite(s): acceptance into minor or Instructor permission.

MSW 595. Independent Study
1-3 Credits
Individual study to augment depth of knowledge in area related to course of study. May be repeated for maximum of 6 credits.
Prerequisite: consent of instructor.