

2023-2024 CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

This document outlines the plan of study requirements for **FALL 2023 and SPRING 2024 admits in the Traditional MSW program (both part-time and full-time)**. Advanced Standing students (those admitted with a BSW) must follow the 2023-2024 Advanced Standing Curriculum Overview.

FOUNDATION CURRICULUM

The goal of the Foundation Curriculum, including the Foundation Field practicum, is to provide all students with a sound, broad base for future practice in any concentration. The following coursework provides educational and skill development in the values, concepts, and processes that are the core of social work practice.

FOUNDATION CURRICULUM	Cr.
SOWK 600: Social Welfare and Social Policy	3
SOWK 610: Structural Oppression and its Implications for Social Work	3
SOWK 630: Social Work Practice with Individuals	3
SOWK 631: Social Work Practice with Communities and Organizations	3
SOWK 632: Social Work Practice with Groups and Families	3
SOWK 635: Foundation Field Practicum and Seminar I	3
SOWK 636: Foundation Field Practicum and Seminar II	3
SOWK 645: Human Behavior and the Social Environment	3
SOWK 670: Social Work Research	3
TOTAL CREDITS: 27	

Foundation Field Practicum

The Foundation Field practicum is an 8-month long internship, starting in the Fall semester. The practicums are generalist in nature and occur in all types of agencies serving a multitude of populations. They cover the spectrum of practice from working one-on-one with clients and facilitating groups, to an administrative or community assignment. Taken two days a week (either Mondays/Wednesdays or Tuesdays/Thursdays) for a total of 16 hours, students engage in carefully supervised and progressively more responsible social work practice.

ADVANCED CURRICULUM

The remaining 33 credits of the program, including the Advanced Field Practicum, are based on a student's selection of either the Clinical or Macro concentration. Both concentrations require an advanced policy course, (4) 3-credit advanced methods courses, and two additional courses.

Students may select a secondary concentration, which would expose them to the other concentration's content through study in two courses. Their Advanced Field Practicum will still be based upon their primary concentration.

Advanced Field Practicum

The 8-month long Advanced Field practicum begins in the Fall and is for three days a week (typically Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, unless specified otherwise by the Field agency). However, students may choose the 11-month Extended Field Practicum option that is over (September-July) for two-days a week. A methods course within the concentration must be taken concurrently with Advanced Field Practicum each semester.

Clinical Concentration

The Clinical Concentration provides a comprehensive gateway into the world of clinical social work. The goal is to provide an education and field practicum that prepares graduates to provide a range of therapeutic services to children, adolescents, adults, older adults and their families across multiple settings using a wealth of treatment modalities

Clinical coursework

The curriculum includes two required courses, Advanced Clinical Interventions (SWCL 700) and Psychopathology (SWCL 744). Advanced Clinical Interventions teaches students how to apply theoretical models in client assessment and treatment. Psychopathology is a comprehensive immersion into assessment, the use of Diagnostic and Statistical Manual Version 5, and evidence-supported practices. The clinical concentration also provides in-depth direct practice courses that focus on families, couples, and groups utilizing cutting-edge treatment approaches. In keeping with social work's history of providing services in multiple contexts and settings, the program offers courses on working in schools, hospitals, behavioral health settings, and child welfare agencies.

CLINICAL	Cr.
Any advanced policy	3
SWCL 700: Advanced Clinical Interventions	3
SWCL 744: Psychopathology	3
SWCL Methods (Any course with a SWCL prefix)	3
SWCL Methods (Any course with a SWCL prefix)	3
Elective (Any 3-credit course)	3
Elective (Any 3-credit course)	3
SWCL 794: Advanced Field Practicum I	6
SWCL 795: Advanced Field Practicum II	6
TOTAL CREDITS: 33	

CLINICAL/macro	Cr.
Any advanced policy	3
SWCL 700: Advanced Clinical Interventions	3
SWCL 744: Psychopathology	3
SWCL Methods (Any course with a SWCL prefix)	3
SWCL Methods (Any course with a SWCL prefix)	3
SWOA 703: Program Development <i>or</i> SWOA 704: Community Organization <i>or</i> SWOA 707: Social Policy and Social Change	3
SWOA Methods (Any course with a SWOA prefix)	3
SWCL 794: Advanced Field Practicum I	6
SWCL 795: Advanced Field Practicum II	6
TOTAL CREDITS: 33	

Clinical field work

In the advanced year, clinical field placements provide an intensive learning experience across a variety of settings throughout the region and abroad. Examples of these settings include:

- in-patient and out-patient behavioral health facilities and community-based clinics
- health care settings
- departments of social service
- child welfare settings
- the Veterans Administration
- non-profits
- court systems
- employee assistance programs
- school settings

Macro Concentration

The Macro concentration prepares graduates for careers that improve organizations, communities, and society through positive social change. Macro social work practice includes community organizing and development, social planning, policy analysis and development, political and social action, advocacy and government and nonprofit agency administration and resource development.

Macro coursework

Macro coursework generally focuses in one of three practice areas, 1) Community Action, 2) Organizational Leadership and 3) Policy Advocacy. The Macro curriculum, therefore, includes a required choice of three courses that reflect those practice areas: Program Development (SWOA 703), Community Organization (SWOA 704) and Social Policy and Social Change (SWOA 707). Program Development is designed to expand students' knowledge of and skills in the design, development and management of programs in human service organizations within a multi-cultural environment. Community Organization aims to expand and refine student's skills in organization-building and collective action. Social Policy and Social Change introduces both the analytic and interactional skills associated with social policy development, including social problem analysis, social planning, the legislative process at the federal, state, and local levels, policy analysis and evaluation, and policy advocacy and social change.

MACRO	Cr.
Any advanced policy	3
SWOA 703: Program Development <i>or</i>	3
SWOA 704: Community Organization <i>or</i>	
SWOA 707: Social Policy and Social Change	
SWOA Methods (Any course with a SWOA prefix)	3
SWOA Methods (Any course with a SWOA prefix)	3
SWOA Methods (Any course with a SWOA prefix)	3
Elective (Any 3-credit course)	3
Elective (Any 3-credit course)	3
SWOA 794: Advanced Field Practicum I	6
SWOA 795: Advanced Field Practicum II	6
TOTAL CREDITS: 33	

MACRO/Clinical	Cr.
Any advanced policy	3
SWOA 703: Program Development <i>or</i>	3
SWOA 704: Community Organization <i>or</i>	
SWOA 707: Social Policy and Social Change	
SWOA Methods (Any course with a SWOA prefix)	3
SWOA Methods (Any course with a SWOA prefix)	3
SWOA Methods (Any course with a SWOA prefix)	3
SWOA Methods (Any course with a SWOA prefix)	3
SWCL 700: Advanced Clinical Interventions <i>or</i>	3
SWCL 744: Psychopathology	
SWCL Methods (Any course with a SWCL prefix)	3
SWOA 794: Advanced Field Practicum I	6
SWOA 795: Advanced Field Practicum II	6
TOTAL CREDITS: 33	

Macro field work

Advanced field practicum for Macro students provide an intensive learning experience across a variety of settings throughout the region and abroad. These settings include opportunities to engage in

- program development
- neighborhood and community organizing
- legislative advocacy
- employee assistance
- grass-roots leadership development
- political campaigns
- government and nonprofit organizations

CURRENT COURSE OFFERINGS

FOUNDATION COURSES		
COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	CO-REQUISITES
SOWK 600	Social Welfare and Social Policy	n/a
SOWK 610	Structural Oppression and its Implications for Social Work	n/a
SOWK 630	Social Work Practice with Individuals (fall only)	taken concurrently w/ SOWK 631 and SOWK 635
SOWK 631	Social Work Practice with Communities and Organizations (fall only)	taken concurrently w/ SOWK 630 and SOWK 635
SOWK 632	Social Work Practice with Groups and Families (spring only)	taken concurrently w/ SOWK 636
SOWK 635	Foundation Field Practicum I (fall only)	taken concurrently w/ SOWK 630 and SOWK 631
SOWK 636	Foundation Field Practicum II (spring only)	taken concurrently w/ SOWK 632
SOWK 645	Human Behavior and the Social Environment	n/a
SOWK 670	Social Work Research	n/a

ADVANCED POLICY COURSES		
COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	PRE-REQUISITE
SOWK 704	Social Work and the Law	SOWK 600
SOWK 706	Mental Health and Social Policy	SOWK 600
SOWK 708	Integrated Behavioral Health Policy	SOWK 600
SOWK 710	Legislative Processes in Social Welfare (spring only)	SOWK 600
SOWK 713	Social Policy and Health Care	SOWK 600
SOWK 715	Children and Social Services Policy	SOWK 600
SOWK 718	Equality and Social Justice	SOWK 600
SOWK 721	Housing, Homelessness, and Social Policy	SOWK 600
SOWK 725	Work, Well-being and Social Policy (spring only)	SOWK 600
SOWK 726	Aging and Social Policy (spring only)	SOWK 600

CLINICAL METHODS COURSES		
COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	PRE-REQUISITE
SWCL 700	Advanced Clinical Interventions	SOWK 630, SOWK 631, SOWK 635
SWCL 703	Family Therapy	SOWK 632, SOWK 636
SWCL 704	Integrated Behavioral Health Practice	SOWK 632, SOWK 636
SWCL 705	Clinical Social Work with Addictive Behavior Patterns	SOWK 632, SOWK 636
SWCL 710	Advanced Group Methods	SOWK 632, SOWK 636
SWCL 711	Clinical Social Work with Children and Adolescents	SOWK 632, SOWK 636
SWCL 712	Clinical Social Work Practice with Individuals Experiencing Acute, Chronic, or Life-Threatening Health Conditions	SOWK 632, SOWK 636
SWCL 714	Clinical and Public Health Perspectives in Child and Family Health (spring only)	SOWK 632, SOWK 636
SWCL 715	Mindfulness, Stress Reduction and Self Care	SOWK 632, SOWK 636

SWCL 722	Cognitive Behavioral Therapies	SOWK 632, SOWK 636, SWCL 700
SWCL 723	Couples Therapy	SOWK 632, SOWK 636
SWCL 724	Clinical Social Work with the Aging and Their Families (fall only)	SOWK 632, SOWK 636
SWCL 726	Clinical Social Work with African-American Families	SOWK 632, SOWK 636
SWCL 727	Clinical Practice with Families and Children in Child Welfare	SOWK 632, SOWK 636
SWCL 730	Clinical and Evidence-Supported Practices for Individuals in Recovery from Serious Mental Illness	SOWK 632, SOWK 636, SWCL 744
SWCL 738	Financial Stability for Individuals, Families and Communities	SOWK 632, SOWK 636
SWCL 744	Psychopathology	SOWK 630, SOWK 631, SOWK 635
SWCL 747	Forensic Social Work	SOWK 632, SOWK 636
SWCL 748	Clinical Social Work in Relation to Death, Dying & Bereavement	SOWK 632, SOWK 636
SWCL 749	Clinical Social Work Practice with LGBTQI+ Individuals and Communities	SOWK 632, SOWK 636
SWCL 750	Social Work in Education	SOWK 632, SOWK 636
SWCL 754	Social Work and Developmental Disabilities	SOWK 632, SOWK 636
SWCL 756	Motivational Interviewing in Social Work Practice	SOWK 632, SOWK 636
SWCL 771	Evidence-Based Mental Health Treatment with Children and Adolescents	SOWK 632, SOWK 636
SWCL 773	Adult Trauma and Clinical Social Work Practice	SOWK 632, SOWK 636, SWCL 700
SWCL 775	Clinical Social Work Practice with Immigrants and Refugees	SOWK 632, SOWK 636
SWCL 776	Core Concepts in Trauma Treatment for Children and Adolescents	SOWK 632, SOWK 636, SWCL 700, SWCL 744

MACRO METHODS COURSES

COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	PRE-REQUISITE
SWOA 702	Social Planning	SOWK 632, SOWK 636
SWOA 703	Program Development	SOWK 630, SOWK 631, SOWK 635
SWOA 704	Community Organization	SOWK 630, SOWK 631, SOWK 635
SWOA 705	Community Economic Development	SOWK 632, SOWK 636
SWOA 707	Social Policy and Social Change (spring only)	SOWK 630, SOWK 631, SOWK 635
SWOA 710	Legislative Processes in Social Welfare (spring only)	SOWK 632, SOWK 636
SWOA 721	Strategic Talent and Performance Management (spring only)	SOWK 632, SOWK 636
SWOA 722	Supervision in Social Work	SOWK 632, SOWK 636
SWOA 732	Resource Development for Nonprofit Groups	SOWK 632, SOWK 636
SWOA 735	Social Work and Social Action	SOWK 632, SOWK 636
SWOA 736	Administering Employee Assistance Programs (fall only)	SOWK 632, SOWK 636
SWOA 738	Financial Stability for Individuals, Families and Communities	SOWK 632, SOWK 636
SWOA 777	Implementation and Applied Research in Child Welfare	SOWK 632, SOWK 636
SWOA 781	Results-Based Accountability with Organizations and Communities	SOWK 632, SOWK 636

ADVANCED FIELD INSTRUCTION			
COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	PRE-REQUISITE	CO-REQUISITE
SWCL 794	Advanced Clinical Field Practicum I [6 credits] (fall only)	SOWK 632, SOWK 636	Clinical methods course
SWOA 794	Advanced Macro Field Practicum I[6 credits] (fall only)	SOWK 632, SOWK 636	Macro methods course
SWCL 795	Advanced Clinical Field Practicum II [6 credits] (spring only)	SWCL 794	Clinical methods course
SWOA 795	Advanced Macro Field Practicum II [6 credits] (spring only)	SWOA 794	Macro methods course

OTHER COURSES		
COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	NOTES
SOWK 699	Special Topics [1-3 credits]	Prerequisites and other information will be noted on the course schedule each semester
SOWK 705	International Social Work [3 credits] (spring only)	A classroom and travel course organized around an early January International trip, with prior semester requirements
SOWK 767	Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) – Breaking the Cycle	Pre-requisite: SOWK 645
SOWK 777	Implementation and Applied Research in Child Welfare (formerly Research in Child Welfare)	Pre-requisite: SOWK 670
SOWK 789	Faculty Initiated Independent Research Project [3-6 credits]	Pre-requisite: SOWK 670
SOWK 790	Student Initiated Independent Research Project [3-6 credits] (requires prior semester approval)	Pre-requisite: SOWK 670
SOWK 798	Independent Study [1-3 credits]	Student must secure prior approval from Assoc. Dean of Academic Affairs
SWCL 760	Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT) [1 credit]	This is a 1-credit clinical elective. It cannot be taken as a Clinical methods course. Pre-requisites: SOWK 630, SOWK 631 and SOWK 635

- Not all courses are offered every semester or every academic year.
- All courses listed are 3 credits unless otherwise noted.
- All course descriptions may be found on the course offerings webpage.