

2024-2025 CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

This Curriculum Overview outlines the plan of study requirements for all students in the 60-Credit Hybrid MSW program. Advanced Standing students (those admitted with a BSW) must follow the 2024-2025 Advanced Standing Curriculum Overview instead.

FOUNDATION CURRICULUM:

The 27-credit Foundation Curriculum provides educational and skill development in the values, concepts, and processes at the core of social work practice. Coursework in human behavior and the social environment, social work practice, social policy, structural oppression, and research help students develop a problem-solving framework with individuals, families, groups, communities, and organizations. Students also complete a two-semester field practicum, taken two days a week for (16) hours per week, in a social service placement. Students enroll in a 90-minute monthly field seminar while completing foundation field placement. Practicum and seminar allow students to apply the knowledge, skills, and objectives from foundation coursework to real-world practice.

FOUNDATION COURSEWORK	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 and SOWK 636: Foundation Field Practicum	5
SOWK 637 and SOWK 638: Foundation Field Seminar	1
SOWK 645: Human Behavior and the Social Environment	3
SOWK 670: Social Work Research	3
TOTAL CREDITS: 27	

ADVANCED CURRICULUM:

All students complete the remaining 33 credits of their program based on their selected Concentration (requirements listed below). Students take an advanced policy course and four 3-credit methods courses in their selected concentration.

Advanced Field Practicum

The Advanced Field Practicum setting is determined by the selected concentration, which students will officially declare to the program on their Advanced Field application. Advanced Field is two consecutive semesters scheduled typically on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays unless specified otherwise by the Field agency. Students also have the option of a two-day a week Advanced Extended field placement, which extends the internship into July. Students who choose an extended field practicum are July graduates.

Program Concentrations

Students are required to select a concentration (Clinical or Leadership, Policy, & Social Change). It is possible to select a secondary concentration with a primary one. Students who select a primary and secondary concentration are placed in their Advanced Field Practicum based upon their primary concentration. A secondary concentration will expose the student to some of the content from the other concentration in two courses. Each concentration has specific course requirements, which are identified below.

Clinical Concentration Requirements		
CLINICAL	CLINICAL/LPSC	Cr.
Advanced Policy	Advanced Policy	3
SWCL 700	SWCL 700	3
SWCL 744	SWCL 744	3
Core Clinical Methods (Choose One): SWCL 703, SWCL 711, SWCL 715, SWCL 722, SWCL 756, or SWCL 773	Core Clinical Methods (Choose One): SWCL 703, SWCL 711, SWCL 715, SWCL 722, SWCL 756, or SWCL 773	3
Any Clinical (SWCL) Methods	Any Clinical (SWCL) Methods	3
Elective	SWOA 701	3
Elective	LPSC (SWOA) Methods	3
SWCL 794 then SWCL 795	SWCL 794 then SWCL 795	12
		TOTAL CREDITS: 33

LPSC Concentration Requirements		
LPSC	LPSC/Clinical *	Cr.
SOWK 701 (Fall only)	SOWK 701 (Fall only)	1.5
SOWK 702 (Spring Only)	SOWK 702 (Spring Only)	1.5
SWOA 701	SWOA 701	3
Choose Three: SWOA 703, SWOA 704, SWOA 707, SWOA 708 (spring only), or SWOA 709 (spring only)	Choose Three: SWOA 703, SWOA 704, SWOA 707, SWOA 708 (spring only), or SWOA 709 (spring only)	3
Elective	SWCL 700 or SWCL 744	3
Elective	Any Clinical (SWCL) Methods	3
SWOA 794 then SWOA 795	SWOA 794 then SWOA 795	3
		TOTAL CREDITS: 33

*Students with a long-term goal of obtaining LCSW-C licensure within the state of Maryland should choose the LPSC/Clinical Concentration.

CURRENT COURSE OFFERINGS

All course descriptions may be found online under Academics on the school's webpage.

Not all courses are offered every semester or every academic year. All courses listed are 3 credits unless otherwise noted.

All CLINICAL Methods Courses have a SWCL Prefix.

All LPSC Methods Courses have a SWOA Prefix.

Electives are any 700-level course or SOWK 699 courses

FOUNDATION COURSES

SOWK 600	Social Welfare and Social Policy
SOWK 610	Structural Oppression and its Implications for Social Work Practice
SOWK 630	Social Work Practice with Individuals – taken concurrently w/SOWK 635
SOWK 631	Social Work Practice with Communities and Organizations – taken concurrently w/SOWK 635 or the summer prior to SOWK 635
SOWK 632	Social Work Practice with Groups and Families – taken concurrently w/SOWK 636
SOWK 635	Foundation Field Practicum- taken concurrently with SOWK 630 and 631 (fall only)
SOWK 636	Foundation Field Practicum- taken concurrently with SOWK 632 (spring only)
SOWK 645	Human Behavior and the Social Environment
SOWK 670	Social Work Research

ADVANCED POLICY COURSES (prerequisite SOWK 600)

SOWK 701	Public Policy for Social Justice I (1.5 credits, Fall Only)
SOWK 702	Public Policy for Social Justice II (1.5 Credits, Spring Only)
SOWK 704	Social Work and the Law
SOWK 706	Mental Health and Social Policy
SOWK 708	Integrated Behavioral Health Policy
SOWK 715	Children and Social Services Policy
SOWK 721	Housing, Homelessness, and Social Policy
SOWK 725	Work, Well-being and Social Policy

CLINICAL METHODS COURSES (prerequisites SOWK 630, 631, 632, 635, and 636 unless otherwise specified)

SWCL 700	Advanced Clinical Interventions – <i>prerequisites: SOWK 630, 631, and 635</i>
SWCL 703	Family Therapy (meets core clinical methods requirement)
SWCL 704	Integrated Behavioral Health Practice
SWCL 705	Clinical Social Work with Addictive Behavior Patterns
SWCL 711	Clinical Social Work with Children and Adolescents (meets core clinical methods requirement)
SWCL 712	Clinical Social Work Practice for Chronic and Life-Threatening Health Conditions
SWCL 714	Child and Family Health (spring only)
SWCL 715	Clinical Applications of Mindfulness and Stress Reduction (meets core clinical methods requirement)
SWCL 722	Cognitive Behavioral Therapies – <i>additional prerequisite: SWCL 700</i> (meets core clinical methods requirement)
SWCL 726	Clinical Social Work with African-American Families

SWCL 727	Clinical Practice with Families and Children in Child Welfare
SWCL 730	Recovery-Oriented Interventions for Adults with Serious Mental Illness - <u>additional prerequisite: SWCL 744</u>
SWCL 738	Financial Stability for Individuals, Families and Communities
SWCL 744	Assessment, Diagnosis, and Intervention Planning – <u>prerequisites: SOWK 630, 631, and 635</u>
SWCL 748	Clinical Social Work Practice in Relation to Death, Dying & Bereavement (spring only)
SWCL 749	Clinical Social Work Practice with LGBTQI+ Communities
SWCL 750	Social Work in Education
SWCL 754	Neurodiversity-Affirming Social Work Practice
SWCL 756	Motivational Interviewing in Social Work Practice (meets core clinical methods requirement)
SWCL 773	Adult Trauma and Clinical Social Work Practice – <u>additional prerequisite: SWCL 700</u> (meets core clinical methods requirement)
SWCL 775	Clinical Social Work Practice with Immigrants and Refugees
SWCL 776	Core Concepts in Trauma Treatment for Children and Adolescents – <u>additional prerequisites: SWCL 700 and 744</u>

LPSC METHODS COURSES (prerequisites SOWK 630, 631, 632, 635, and 636, unless otherwise specified)

SWOA 701	Advocacy – <u>prerequisites: SOWK 630, 631, and 635</u>
SWOA 703	Program Development – <u>prerequisites: SOWK 630, 631, and 635</u>
SWOA 704	Community Organization – <u>prerequisites: SOWK 630, 631, and 635</u>
SWOA 707	Social Policy and Social Change – <u>prerequisites: SOWK 630, 631, and 635</u>
SWOA 708	Supervision and Leadership – <u>prerequisites: SOWK 632 and 636</u> (spring only)
SWOA 709	Advanced Community Action – <u>prerequisites: SWOA 701</u> (spring only)

ADVANCED FIELD INSTRUCTION (prerequisite of 27 credit Foundation curriculum)

SWCL 794	Advanced CLINICAL Field Practicum I [6 credits]
SWCL 795	Advanced CLINICAL Field Practicum II [6 credits]
SWOA 794	Advanced LPSC Field Practicum I [6 credits]
SWOA 795	Advanced LPSC Field Practicum II [6 credits]

OTHER COURSES (there may be prerequisites and they will be noted on the course schedule each semester)

SOWK 699	Special Topics [1-3 credits]
SOWK 705	International Social Work [3 credits unless otherwise indicated] – a classroom and travel course organized around an early January International trip, with prior semester requirements
SOWK 767	Intimate Partner Violence – Anti-Oppressive and Healing-Engaged Practice – <u>prerequisite: SOWK 645</u>
SOWK 798	Independent Study [1-3 credits]
SWCL 709	Tele-behavioral Health: Delivery of Clinical Social Work Services [1 credit]
SWCL 779	Interprofessional Collaboration in Healthcare Delivery [1 credit]