

Social Work, M.S.W.

Degree Requirements

- **Standing:**
 - Regular Standing: includes students who have completed a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited university in a discipline other than Social Work. Regular Standing students can complete their degree on a full-time or part-time basis. Part-time students have the option of completing their degree on campus or online.
 - Advanced Standing: reserved for students who have earned a Council on Social Work Education accredited baccalaureate degree in Social Work within the past 8 years. Advanced standing students can complete their degree on a full-time or part-time basis. Part-time students have the option of completing their degree on campus or online.
- **Credit Hours:**
 - Regular Standing students are required to complete a minimum of 60 graduate credit hours in Social Work and Gerontology at the 500 and 600 level.
 - Advanced Standing students are required to complete a minimum of 36 graduate credit hours in Social Work and Gerontology at the 600 level.
- **Grade Point Average:** Students must earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75, and a GPA of 3.00 in all courses required for the Social Work degree plan.
- **Graduation Requirement:** Students must complete required coursework and maintain the minimum GPA.
- **Benchmarks:** For details, go to the Social Work Degree Progress tab (<http://catalog.wvu.edu/graduate/everlycollegeofartsandsciences/socialwork/#degreeprogress>)
- **Dual M.S.W./M.P.A.:** A dual degree option resulting in the master of social work (M.S.W.) and master of public administration (M.P.A.) is available through the School of Social Work and the Department of Public Administration.

Curriculum Requirements: Regular Standing

Code	Title	Hours
Generalist Courses		24
SOWK 513	Research Methods	
SOWK 520	Human Behavior in the Social Environment	
SOWK 540	Generalist Practice 1: Individuals, Families, and Groups	
SOWK 531	Social Welfare Policy and Programs	
SOWK 530	Professional Identity and Social Justice	
SOWK 541	Generalist Practice 2: Rural Community Macro Practice	
SOWK 581	Generalist Field Experience	
Advanced Courses		30
SOWK 616	Evaluation Research in Social Work	
SOWK 633	Social Policy Analysis, Advocacy, and Deliberation	
SOWK 643	Assessment and Diagnosis	
SOWK 649	Practice with Individuals	
SOWK 650	Practice with Families and Groups	
SOWK 654	Organizational Administration and Leadership	
SOWK 656	Financial Management and Grant Writing	
SOWK 682	Advanced Field Experience	
Electives		6
Select two of the following:		
SOWK 626	Child Mental Health: Promotion, Prevention, and Treatment	
SOWK 627	Clinical Practice in Integrated Healthcare	
SOWK 675	Addiction and Social Work Practice	
SOWK 680	Child Welfare Continuum	
GERO 645	Fundamentals of Gerontology	
GERO 681	Rural Gerontology	

Total Hours

60

Curriculum Requirements: Advanced Standing

Code	Title	Hours
Advanced Courses		30
SOWK 616	Evaluation Research in Social Work	
SOWK 633	Social Policy Analysis, Advocacy, and Deliberation	
SOWK 643	Assessment and Diagnosis	
SOWK 649	Practice with Individuals	
SOWK 650	Practice with Families and Groups	
SOWK 654	Organizational Administration and Leadership	
SOWK 656	Financial Management and Grant Writing	
SOWK 682	Advanced Field Experience	
Electives		6
Select two of the following:		
SOWK 626	Child Mental Health: Promotion, Prevention, and Treatment	
SOWK 627	Clinical Practice in Integrated Healthcare	
SOWK 675	Addiction and Social Work Practice	
SOWK 680	Child Welfare Continuum	
GERO 645	Fundamentals of Gerontology	
GERO 681	Rural Gerontology	
Total Hours		36

SUGGESTED PLAN OF STUDY: REGULAR STANDING

First Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer	Hours
SOWK 520		3 SOWK 513		3 SOWK 643	3
SOWK 530		3 SOWK 531		3 SOWK 656	3
SOWK 540		3 SOWK 541		3 SOWK Elective 1	3
SOWK 581		3 SOWK 581		3	
		12		12	9

Second Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer	Hours
SOWK 650		3 SOWK 616		3	
SOWK 633		3 SOWK 654		3	
SOWK 682		5 SOWK 682		4	
SOWK 649		3 SOWK Elective 2		3	
		14		13	

Total credit hours: 60

SUGGESTED PLAN OF STUDY: PART-TIME REGULAR STANDING

First Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer	Hours
SOWK 530		3 SOWK 513		3 SOWK 581	3
SOWK 540		3 SOWK 531		3 SOWK Elective 1	3
		6		6	6

Second Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer	Hours
SOWK 520		3 SOWK 541		3 SOWK 643	3
SOWK 581		3 SOWK 654		3 SOWK Elective 2	3
SOWK 633		3			
		9		6	6

Third Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer	Hours
SOWK 650		3 SOWK 616		3 SOWK 682	3
SOWK 682		3 SOWK 682		3 SOWK 656	3
SOWK 649		3			
		9			6
				6	6

Total credit hours: 60

SUGGESTED PLAN OF STUDY: ADVANCED STANDING**First Year**

		Summer	Hours
		SOWK 643	3
		SOWK Elective 1	3
		SOWK 656	3
		9	

Second Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours		
SOWK 633		3 SOWK 616		3	
SOWK 650		3 SOWK 682		4	
SOWK 682		5 SOWK 654		3	
SOWK 649		3 SOWK Elective 2		3	
		14			13

Total credit hours: 36

SUGGESTED PLAN OF STUDY: PART-TIME ADVANCED STANDING**First Year**

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer	Hours
SOWK 633		3 SOWK 654		3 SOWK 643	3
SOWK 649		3 SOWK Elective 1		3 SOWK Elective 2	3
		6			6
				6	6

Second Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer	Hours
SOWK 650		3 SOWK 616		3 SOWK 682	3
SOWK 682		3 SOWK 682		3 SOWK 656	3
		6			6
				6	6

Total credit hours: 36

DOCTOR OF JURISPRUDENCE/MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

- Admission. Students seeking to enter the Program must apply separately and be admitted independently to the College of Law's JD and Eberly's MSW program in accordance with each college's standard admission procedure.
- For additional details and requirements for each program, please visit the Law page (<http://catalog.wvu.edu/graduate/law/>) or the Social Work page (<http://catalog.wvu.edu/graduate/eberlycollegeofartsandsciences/socialwork/>).
- Students will develop a combined plan of study with their graduate advisers in Social Work and in the College of Law.
- Only courses included in an approved plan of study will satisfy graduation requirements.
- Students admitted to an approved dual degree program should plan to have their two degrees conferred simultaneously upon completion of all requirements for both degrees.
- Students must meet the academic standards of both degree programs.

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SOWK Coursework		54
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SOWK 682	Advanced Field Experience	
LAW Electives (share 6 credits)		
Jurisprudence Doctorate		
LAW Coursework		38
LAW 641	Introduction to Legal Research	
LAW 700	Legal Analysis, Research and Writing 1	
LAW 703	Contracts 1	
LAW 705	Criminal Law	
LAW 707	Property	
LAW 709	Torts 1	
LAW 711	Legal Analysis, Research and Writing 2	
LAW 725	Constitutional Law 1	
LAW 793 Civil Procedure		
LAW 793 Introduction to the Profession		
LAW 793 Legal Writing Intensive		
LAW 715	Appellate Advocacy	
LAW 742	Professional Responsibility	
Seminar		2
Administrative Law Requirement		3
Perspective		2
Capstone		4
Electives		39
SOWK Electives (share 6 credits)		
SOWK 626	Child Mental Health: Promotion, Prevention, and Treatment	
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Total Hours		142

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LAW 793 Civil Procedure		
LAW 793 Introduction to the Profession		
LAW 793 Legal Writing Intensive		
LAW 715	Appellate Advocacy	
LAW 742	Professional Responsibility	
Seminar (any LAW 688, 689, or 796 course)		2
Administrative Law Requirement		3
Perspective		2
Capstone		4
Electives		39
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Total Hours		118

Major Learning Outcomes

SOCIAL WORK

The mission of the MSW program is to provide students with skills in direct practice with individuals, families, and groups, as well as program and agency administration, community development, and macro-level practice. In addition, students are trained in how to utilize these skills to foster successful interprofessional practice in a wide variety of settings. Specifically, graduates of the MSW program will be prepared to:

1. Formulate and implement integrated service delivery models appropriate to advanced practice with diverse client populations at multi-system levels.
2. Design and conduct brief and/or on-going assessment and intervention methods consistent with integrated systems and context of practice.
3. Construct an integrated evidence-informed theoretical framework appropriate to the level and context of practice situations.
4. Organize collaboration with other professions to coordinate intervention efforts suitable to the practice situation.
5. Design and conduct collaborative, practice-based evaluation methods and apply findings to improve practice, policy, and/or service delivery effectiveness.