

## Master of Social Work Curriculum

### Generalist and Advanced Level-Specialization Curriculum

Graduate students seeking degrees at Governors State University must be approved for candidacy in the degree program in which they have been admitted. Advanced Standing MSW students are approved for candidacy during the fall term of their first year. Full Program MSW students are approved for candidacy in the last term of the foundation curriculum. Advancement to candidacy occurs when students demonstrate they are progressing satisfactorily in the M.S.W. program and have maintained a 3.0 G.P.A.

#### Advanced Standing MSW Program

##### Generalist Curriculum

SOCW 8000 Writing for Social Work (1)  
SOCW 7050 or 8060 Elective\*\* (3)

*\* Advanced Level-Specialization Coursework: (28 Credit Hrs.)*

**Total: 32 Credit Hours**

#### Full MSW Program

##### Generalist Curriculum

SOCW 6100 Social Work in a Diverse Society (3)  
SOCW 6200 Human Behavior in the Social Envir. I (3)  
SOCW 6300 Human Behavior in the Social Envir. II (3)  
SOCW 6400 Social Welfare Policies & Provisions (3)  
SOCW 6500 Social Work Research (3)  
SOCW 7200 Social Work Practice I (3)  
SOCW 7100 Social Work Practice II (3)  
SOCW 8100 Contexts and Theories in Practice (3)  
SOCW 8300 Practice w/Children & Adolescents (3)  
SOCW 8400 Practice Evaluation (3)  
SOCW 7500 Field Practicum I (2)  
SOCW 7501 Field Practicum I Integrative Seminar (2)  
SOCW 7600 Field Practicum II (2)  
SOCW 7601 Field Practicum II Integrative Seminar (2)  
SOCW 7050 or 8060 Elective\*\* (3)

*\* Advanced Level-Specialization Coursework: (28 Credit Hrs.)*

**Total: 60 Credit Hours**

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#### *Children, Adolescents, and Families Specialization*

SOCW 8100 Contexts and Theories in Practice (3)  
SOCW 8200 Practice w/Families (3)  
SOCW 8300 Practice w/Children & Adolescents (3)  
SOCW 8400 Practice Evaluation (3)  
SOCW 8500 Policy Practice w/Children & Families (3)  
SOCW 8600 Field Practicum III (3)  
SOCW 8601 Field III Integrative Seminar (2)  
SOCW 8700 Field Practicum IV (3)  
SOCW 8701 Field IV Integrative Seminar (2)  
SOCW 7050 or 8060 Elective\*\* (3) **or**

*\*\*Students pursuing a Children & Family subspecialty complete the following electives:*

- o Mental Health Subspecialty: SOCW 7050 DSM (3) and SOCW 8060 Advanced Mental Health (3)
- o Licensed Child Welfare Subspecialty: SOCW 7050 Child Welfare (CWEL) I (3) and CWEL II (3)

#### *School Social Work Specialization*

SPED 6101 Survey of Students with Exceptionalities (3)  
SOCW 8100 Contexts and Theories in Practice (3)  
SOCW 8210 Practice in Schools (3)  
SOCW 8300 Practice w/Children & Adolescents (3)  
SOCW 8400 Practice Evaluation (3)  
SOCW 8510 Policy for School Social Workers (3)  
SOCW 8600 Field Practicum III (3)  
SOCW 8601 Field III Integrative Seminar (2)  
SOCW 8700 Field Practicum IV (3)  
SOCW 8701 Field IV Integrative Seminar (2)

*Note: Candidates must pass the ILTS content test.*

*\*\*Electives are connected to specializations and offerings vary by semester. Electives may include DSM, Ethics, Entrepreneurship, Trauma, Child Welfare, Advanced Mental Health.*

*Students are provided a plan of study outlining their semester-by-semester coursework based on their specialization and work with an MSW Academic Advisor.*