



Duluth Campus

Social Work M.S.W.

Social Work

College of Education and Human Service Professions

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- Program Type: Master's
- Requirements for this program are current for Spring 2023
- Length of program in credits: 34 to 51
- This program does not require summer semesters for timely completion.
- Degree: Master of Social Work

Along with the program-specific requirements listed below, please read the [General Information](#) section of the catalog website for requirements that apply to all major fields.

The Master of Social Work (MSW) program offers an advanced generalist practice curriculum that prepares students to practice in a variety of human service settings. Graduates undertake a variety of professional social work roles ranging from counselor and case manager to community organizer and administrator. The curriculum has a special focus on services with American Indians and their communities. In addition to the 51-credit generalist program, a 34-credit advanced generalist program is available to applicants with a bachelor of social work degree from a program accredited by the Council of Social Work Education. Students can complete additional coursework towards optional emphases in child welfare practice and clinical social work. Completion of the MSW can satisfy most or all of the clinical content hours for licensure.

Accreditation

This program is accredited by the Council of Social Work Education (CSWE).

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Prerequisites for Admission

The preferred undergraduate GPA for admittance to the program is 3.00.

Bachelor's degree with a solid background in the liberal arts, including courses in cultural studies, and behavioral and social sciences. Social work or degree in related discipline preferred.

Other requirements to be completed before admission:

Applicants must have completed at least:

6 semester credits from at least 2 social science disciplines (e.g., sociology, psychology, economics, anthropology, or political science).

A college-level biology course with content on human anatomical and physiological development -or- a college-level developmental psychology course, with at least a grade of C.

A college-level statistics course with at least a grade of C.

Applicants can be provisionally admitted before completing the enrollment prerequisites but must show successful completion before beginning MSW courses. Prerequisites cannot be applied to MSW requirements.

Course credits are not awarded for non-academic or professional "life experience."

The following must be submitted through the online application:

- a personal statement,
- a writing sample,
- 3 letters of recommendation, and

a resume.

Special Application Requirements:

Professional experience in human service settings, particularly when this experience involves working with underrepresented and protected classes, is preferred.

Applicants should be knowledgeable about diverse cultures, social problems and conditions, and the social, psychological, and biological determinants of human behavior. Applicants should show potential to contribute to the social work profession.

Applicants with a Bachelor of Social Work degree from a program accredited by the Council of Social Work Education are eligible for the 34-credit Advanced Generalist program. Advanced Generalist Program students have the option of starting either in the summer or fall semester.

Generalist Program students are admitted in the fall semester only.

International and domestic applicants whose first language is not English must submit scores from one of the following tests.

International applicants must submit score(s) from one of the following tests:

- TOEFL
 - Internet Based - Total Score: 79
 - Internet Based - Writing Score: 21
 - Internet Based - Reading Score: 19
- IELTS
 - Total Score: 6.5
 - Reading Score: 6.5
 - Writing Score: 6.5

Key to [test abbreviations](#)(TOEFL, IELTS).

For an online application or for more information about graduate education admissions, see the [General Information](#) section of the catalog website.

Program Requirements

Plan C: Plan C requires 34 to 51 major credits and 0 to 6 credits outside the major. There is no final exam.

This program may be completed with a minor.

Use of 4xxx courses towards program requirements is not permitted.

A minimum GPA of 3.00 is required for students to remain in good standing.

4xxx- or 5xxx-level coursework taken prior to the award of the bachelors degree cannot be applied to MSW degree requirements.

Advanced Generalist

The 34-credit Advanced Generalist program is for students who have earned a Council of Social Work Education-accredited BSW.

Advanced Generalist Concentration Courses (23 credits)

Take the following courses. SW 8802 must be taken for a total of 8 credits.

- [SW 8100](#) - Social Work with Diverse Populations (3.0 cr)
- [SW 8102](#) - Advanced Research (3.0 cr)
- [SW 8235](#) - American Indians and Social Policy (3.0 cr)
- [SW 8331](#) - Organization and Community Practice II (3.0 cr)
- [SW 8441](#) - Individual, Family and Group Practice II (3.0 cr)
- [SW 8802](#) - Field Placement II (3.0 - 8.0 cr)

Advanced Practice Course (3 credits)

Select 1 of the following courses in consultation with the advisor. Students who elect to complete the Child Welfare emphasis must take SW 8031. Students who elect to complete the Mental Health/Clinical emphasis must take SW 8443.

- [SW 8031](#) - Advanced Practice in Child Welfare (3.0 cr)



[SW 8332](#) - Advanced Practice in Administration and Community Development (3.0 cr)

[SW 8443](#) - Advanced Practice in Mental Health (3.0 cr)

Advanced American Indian Content Course (2 credits)

Select 1 of the following courses in consultation with the advisor:

[SW 8771](#) - Health in American Indian Communities (2.0 cr)

[SW 8881](#) - Dynamics of American Indian Families (2.0 cr)

Electives (0 to 6 credits)

Advanced Generalist students who do not elect to complete an emphasis select 6 credits in consultation with their advisor to complete the 34-credit minimum.

Generalist

The 51-credit Generalist program is for students without a Council of Social Work Education-accredited BSW.

Generalist Courses (20 credits)

Take the following courses. SW 8801 must be taken for 6 credits.

[SW 5101](#) - Human Behavior in the Social Environment (3.0 cr)

[SW 5201](#) - Social Welfare Policy (3.0 cr)

[SW 8101](#) - Introduction to Research (2.0 cr)

[SW 8111](#) - Individual, Family and Group Practice I (3.0 cr)

[SW 8112](#) - Organization and Community Practice I (3.0 cr)

[SW 8801](#) - Field Placement I (3.0 - 6.0 cr)

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Emphases

Child Welfare (5 - 6 credits)

Advanced Generalist students take an additional elective course of 1 to 3 credits in consultation with the advisor.

Required Courses (5 credits)

Take the following courses:

[SW 5032](#) - Child Welfare Practice, Policy and Profession (2.0 cr)

[SW 5215](#) - Trauma Informed Social Work Practice with Children and Adolescents (3.0 cr)

-OR-

Mental Health/Clinical (6 credits)

Required Course (3 credits)

Take the following course:

[SW 8070](#) - Evidence-Based Practice in Clinical Social Work (3.0 cr)

Additional Course (3 credits)

Select 1 of the following in consultation with the advisor:

[SW 5144](#) - Grief, Loss and Coping in Social Work Practice (3.0 cr)

or [SW 5280](#) - Substance Use Trends and Interventions in Social Work (3.0 cr)

or [SW 5500](#) - Healthcare, Social Work, and Interdisciplinary Care (3.0 cr)