

SOCIAL WORK, M.S.W.

Degree Requirements (42-60 Hours)

The College of Social Work Offers Five Master of Social Work Degree Pathways

1. Full-time in Columbia - 60 hours over two years.
2. Advanced Standing in Columbia - 42 hours over 11 months.
3. Extended-time program in Columbia - 60 hours over three years.
4. Extended-time program in Charleston or Greenville with one specialization - 60 hours over three years.
5. Full-time Online - 60 hours over two years.

Generalist Year (30 Hours)

Full-time, Full-time Online, and Part-time Students must successfully complete the following courses in order to move to the Advanced Year:

Course	Title	Credits
SOWK 712	Human Behavior and the Social Environment I	3
SOWK 714	Diversity and Social Justice Issues for Social Work Practice	3
SOWK 716	Human Behavior and the Social Environment II	3
SOWK 722	Social Work Practice with Individuals, Families and Small Groups	3
SOWK 732	Social Work Practice with Organizations and Communities	3
SOWK 742	Social Welfare Policy Analysis	3
SOWK 781	Field Instruction I: Generalist Social Work Practice	3
SOWK 782	Field Instruction II: Generalist Social Work Practice	3
SOWK 791	Social Work Research Methodologies	3
Select an elective course		3
Total Credit Hours		30

Advanced Standing Bridge Term (12 Hours)

Advanced Standing Students must successfully complete the following courses in order to move to the Advanced Year:

Course	Title	Credits
SOWK 701	Professional Development Bridge	3
SOWK 702	Writing for Professional Social Work Practice ¹	3
Select an elective course		3
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Total Credit Hours		12

¹ If a student successfully completes the online Professional Writing Skills Assessment as part of the application to the MSW Program, they are not required to take SOWK 702. Rather, they are required to take an elective course.

Advanced Generalist Year (30 Hours)

Full-time, Part-time, Full-time Online, and Advanced Standing students must successfully complete the following courses:

Course	Title	Credits
SOWK 792	Evaluation of Social Work Practice	3
or SOWK 793	Evaluation of Social Work Programs	

SOWK 735	Advanced Social Work Practice with Individuals	3
SOWK 755	Advanced Social Work Practice with Organizations	3
SOWK 775	Advanced Social Work Practice with Groups	3
SOWK 783	Field Instruction III: Advanced Social Work Practice	3
SOWK 766	Advanced Social Work Practice with Families	3
SOWK 776	Advanced Social Work Practice with Communities	3
SOWK 718	Systems Analysis of Social Work Practice	3
SOWK 784	Field Instruction IV: Advanced Social Work Practice	3
Select elective course		3
Total Credit Hours		30