

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. Part-time program in Columbia - 60 hours over three years.
4. Part-time program in Charleston or Greenville with one specialization - 60 hours over three years.
5. Part-time program in Korea with one specialization - 60 hours

MSW Students Must Select One of the Following Specialization Options in the Advanced Year

1. Community, Social, and Economic Development
2. Health and Mental Health
3. Children, Youth, and Families

Foundation Year (30 Hours)

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

| Course | Title | Credits |
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| 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 777 | Advanced Theory for Social Work Practice ¹ | 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 |
| Total Credit Hours | | 30 |

¹ While SOWK 777 is considered to be an Advanced Year course, it is offered during the Foundation Year.

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 |
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| SOWK 701 | Professional Development Bridge | 3 |
| SOWK 702 | Writing for Professional Social Work Practice ¹ | 3 |
| SOWK 777 | Advanced Theory for Social Work Practice | 3 |
| | Select an elective course | 3 |
| 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 Year (30 Hours)

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

| Course | Title | Credits |
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| SOWK 718 | Systems Analysis of Social Work Practice | 3 |
| SOWK 778 | Advanced Analysis of Social Policy, Programs, and Services | 3 |
| SOWK 779 | Advanced Social Work Interventions | 3 |
| SOWK 783 | Field Instruction III: Advanced Social Work Practice | 3 |
| SOWK 784 | Field Instruction IV: Advanced Social Work Practice | 3 |
| SOWK 792 or SOWK 793 | Evaluation of Social Work Practice Evaluation of Social Work Programs | 3 |

Select 12 hours of Electives (of which at least 3 credits must be face-to-face Practice Elective hours)

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| Total Credit Hours | 30 |
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