

SOCIAL WORK, M.S.W.

Degree Requirements (42-60 Hours)

The College of Social Work Offers Four 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.

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
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
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
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	Evaluation of Social Work Practice	3
or SOWK 793	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)

Total Credit Hours		30
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