

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

Advanced Standing Requirements Effective Fall 2025

Advanced Standing MSW

This option is available only to those who have earned a BSW from a program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education and have earned that degree within the past seven years. The BSW degree must be granted prior to the beginning of advanced standing classes. Applicants must have earned a minimum GPA of 3.0 for the entire BSW.

Students attend one full year consisting of three semesters, starting with the Summer term.

Code	Title	Credits
FIRST YEAR		
SUMMER (7-10 Credits)		
SOWK 516	Assessment in Social Work	2
SOWK 531	Anti-Oppressive Principles and Pedagogy	3
SOWK 604	Applied Social Work Research	2
Elective ¹		0-3
FALL (16-19 Credits)		
SOWK 605	Program Evaluation in Social Work	3
SOWK 630	Advanced Generalist Practice with Individuals	3
SOWK 631	Advanced Community Practice	3
SOWK 688	Field Placement	7
Elective ¹		0-3
SPRING (16 Credits)		
SOWK 633	Mezzo and Macro Social Work II	3
SOWK 634	Advanced Practice with Families and Groups	3
SOWK 688	Field Placement	7
Elective ¹		3
Program Total Credits:		39-45

A minimum of 39 credits are required to complete the Advanced Standing MSW program.

Elective Course List

Code	Title	Credits
ANTH 545	Global Mental Health–Theory and Method	3
ANTH 546	Culture, Mind, and Cognitive Science	3
EDCO 500	Career and Employment Concepts	3
EDCO 550	Professional School Counseling	3
EDCO 653	Counseling for Cultural Diversity	3
EDCO 655	Brief Counseling	3
EDCO 662	Counseling Children and Adolescents	3
EDHE 675	Campus Crisis Management	3
HDFS 534	Marriage and Family Therapy	3
HDFS 592	Grant Writing–Research/Program Development	3
HDFS 608	Program Planning and Implementation	3

HDFS 610	Risk and Resilience	3
HDFS 611	Early Child Development	3
HDFS 613	Adult Development and Aging	3
HDFS 636	Aging and the Family	3
HDFS 644	Foundations in Family Therapy	3
HDFS 692A	Family Issues: Intimacy and Human Sexuality	3
HDFS 692B	Family Issues: Parenting	3
HDFS 692C	Family Issues: Family Policy and Programming	3
HES 620	The Science of Healthspan	3
PBHL 520	Health Systems Policy and Management	3
PPA 501	Program Evaluation and Quantitative Methods	3
PSY 517/IE 517	Perspectives in Global Health	3
PSY 600H	Advanced Psychology: Lifespan Development	3
PSY 600J	Advanced Psychology: Health Psychology	3
PSY 677	Psychology of Women, Men, and Gender	3
SOWK 482A	Social Work in Costa Rica	3
SOWK 550	Animal Assisted Therapy and Human-Animal Bond	3
SOWK 551	Fundamentals of Mediation	3
SOWK 552	Conflict Management: Health and Elder Care	3
SOWK 553	Multi-Party Conflict Resolution	3
SOWK 554	Conflict Resolution in the Workplace	3
SOWK 556	Divorce and Family Mediation	3
SOWK 557	Human-Animal Interventions–Grief and Loss	3
SOWK 560	Social Work Practice in Schools	3
SOWK 561	Exceptionalities in Education	3
SOWK 660	Nonprofit Program Development	3
SOWK 661	Nonprofit Financial Development	3
SOWK 662	Nonprofit Volunteer Development & Management	3
SOWK 676	Psychopharmacology and Community Health	3
SOWK 677	Trauma-Informed Care	3
SOWK 678	Social Work Skills for Addictions Practice	3

¹ Students must complete at least one elective from the above list of pre-approved elective courses. Alternative courses may be considered to fulfill the elective requirements contingent upon departmental approval prior to completion of the course(s).