

# Social Work

Master of Social Work (<https://catalog.und.edu/graduateacademicinformation/departments/courses/programs/socialwork/sw-msw/>)

## **SWK 501. Human Behavior in the Social Environment I. 2 Credits.**

Generalist Human Behavior in the Social Environment I (HBSE I) provides students with foundational knowledge relevant to human life span development, and an introduction to social work systems perspectives. Students critique and apply various frameworks to case scenarios that exemplify client differences in biological, psychological, social, spiritual, and cultural domains. Prerequisite: Admission to the MSW program. Prerequisite or Corequisite: SWK 507.

## **SWK 502. Human Behavior in the Social Environment II. 2 Credits.**

In Human Behavior and the Social Environment II (HBSE II), students acquire foundational knowledge of social work theories relevant to group, community, and organizational practice. The course emphasizes applications of theory to practice for purposes of enhancing economic, social, and environmental well-being. Students learn to recognize diversity through multiple factors, and deepen understanding of how these differences can influence poverty and marginalization, as well as power and privilege. Prerequisite: Admission to the MSW program. Prerequisite or Corequisite: SWK 507.

## **SWK 503. Generalist Practice with Individuals and Families. 2 Credits.**

Generalist Practice with Individuals and Families provides foundational knowledge, values, and skill development for generalist social work practice with individuals and families using a strengths-based perspective. Students develop skills in relationship-building, assuming collaborative partnerships, describing problems, accessing resources, developing intervention plans, and evaluating progress with individuals and families. Prerequisite: Admission to the MSW program. Prerequisite or Corequisite: SWK 501.

## **SWK 504. Generalist Practice with Treatment and Task Groups. 2 Credits.**

In Generalist Practice with Treatment and Task Groups, student develop foundational knowledge, values, and skills necessary for assessing, intervening, and evaluating with the context of group practice. The course emphasizes the identification, analysis, and implementation of evidence-based interventions. Students also learn to apply a social justice framework to group practice. Corequisite: SWK 501 and SWK 502.

## **SWK 505. Generalist Practice with Communities and Organizations. 2 Credits.**

Generalist Practice with Communities and Organizations acquaints students with the historical roots of social work in community and organizational practice, and with the changing landscape of organizations within the human service sector. Students develop skills relevant to engaging, assessing, intervening, and evaluating community and organizational practice and develop strategies for macro-practice with diverse populations. Prerequisite or Corequisite: SWK 502.

## **SWK 506. Social Policy. 2 Credits.**

Provides a basic understanding of the history and current patterns of social welfare services in the United States. Students apply a policy analysis framework to identify key issues, understand policy development, and assess the role of social policies and political processes on the well-being of individuals, families, and communities. Students also learn to identify opportunities for actively engaging in the policy arena. Prerequisite: Admission to the MSW program.

## **SWK 507. Generalist Research Methods and Analysis. 2 Credits.**

This introductory course provides students with foundational knowledge of research methods and analysis, and prepares them for the development of advanced research skills. Students gain knowledge of the methods of scientific inquiry and how to construct and utilize evidence-informed research for practice. The course emphasizes ethical approaches to research and the effective communication of empirically-based knowledge. Prerequisite: Admission to the MSW program.

## **SWK 515. Generalist Practice Field Education I. 3 Credits.**

Generalist field internship placement in a human service organization. Students apply foundation coursework, emphasizing core competencies and demonstration of practice behaviors. Prerequisite: Admission to field program. Corequisite: SWK 516. S/U grading. F.

## **SWK 516. Generalist Practice Field Education Seminar I. 1 Credit.**

Integration of foundation coursework with field internship placement in a human service organization. Continued development of identification with the Social Work profession is emphasized, as is application of Social Work ethics and values. Corequisite: SWK 515. F.

## **SWK 517. Generalist Practice Field Education II. 5 Credits.**

Generalist field internship placement in a human service organization. Students apply foundation coursework, emphasizing core competencies and demonstration of practice behaviors. Prerequisite: SWK 515. Corequisite: SWK 518. S/U grading. S.

## **SWK 518. Generalist Practice Field Education Seminar II. 1 Credit.**

Integration of foundation coursework with field internship placement in a human service organization. Continued development of identification with the Social Work profession is emphasized, as is application of Social Work ethics and values. Corequisite: SWK 517. S.

## **SWK 527. Advanced Generalist Human Behavior and the Social Environment I. 2 Credits.**

In Advanced Generalist Human Behavior and the Social Environment I (AG HBSE I), students learn to synthesize and differentially apply relevant conceptual frameworks to guide advanced generalist practice with individuals and families. This course builds upon developmental theories and the social work ecological and systems perspectives. Prerequisite: Admission to the Advanced Generalist Concentration.

## **SWK 528. Advanced Generalist Human Behavior and the Social Environment II. 2 Credits.**

Advanced Generalist Human Behavior and the Social Environment II (AG HBSE II) considers practice theories in relation to social and economic justice. Complexity theory builds upon traditional social systems theory to provide and advanced framework for analyzing practices within the social, economic, and natural environments. Prerequisite: Admission to the Advanced Generalist Concentration.

## **SWK 529. Advanced Generalist Research Methods and Analysis. 2 Credits.**

Advanced Generalist Research Methods and Analysis prepares students to build on foundation research knowledge to further refine and advance the quality of social work practice and that of the larger social work profession. The course emphasizes program as well as practice evaluation. Students use research methods to generate surveys; learn to choose, utilize, and interpret reliable and valid measurement instruments; and apply both qualitative and statistical analysis. Prerequisite: Admission to the Advanced Generalist Concentration.

## **SWK 530. Advanced Generalist Practice with Individuals. 2 Credits.**

Advanced Generalist Practice with Individuals helps students refine and deepen their conceptual and technical knowledge of social work practice with individuals. The course equips students with advanced generalist skills to guide engagement, assessment, intervention, and evaluation with individual clients. Course assignments promote ethical and evidence-based practice relevant to diverse populations. Prerequisite: Admission to the Advanced Generalist Concentration. F,SS.

## **SWK 533. Advanced Generalist Practice with Families. 2 Credits.**

Advanced Generalist Practice with Families teaches students advanced generalist skills in working with families to engage, assess, intervene and evaluate client systems. This class builds upon family therapy theories and their practical applications. Activities and assignments build skills necessary to work with families in therapeutic settings. Prerequisite: Admission to the Advanced Generalist Concentration. F,S.

## **SWK 534. Advanced Generalist Practice with Treatment Groups. 2 Credits.**

Advanced Generalist Practice with Treatment Groups uses an interpersonal perspective as a theoretical foundation for understanding group dynamics. Students build upon foundational knowledge and skills, and develop and demonstrate advanced techniques for engaging individuals in the group process, assessing appropriateness for group membership, developing interventions, and evaluating the treatment group process. Prerequisite: Admission to the Advanced Generalist Concentration. F,S.

**SWK 535. Advanced Generalist Practice with Communities. 2 Credits.**

Advanced Generalist Practice with Communities equips students with theoretical frameworks and models for community and policy practice, and prepares students to be effective change agents and leaders in community contexts. Students develop a deeper social and economic development orientation, and gain a greater understanding of the changing socio-political contexts of practice, including globalization and the human rights movement. Prerequisite: Admission to the Advanced Generalist Concentration. S.

**SWK 536. Advanced Generalist Practice with Organizations. 2 Credits.**

Advanced Generalist Practice with Organizations develops practice behaviors related to organizational leadership, managing various organizational systems, and developing an integrated practice approach for the purpose of promoting effective service delivery. Prerequisite: Admission to the Advanced Generalist Concentration. S.

**SWK 537. Advanced Generalist Tools for Policy. 1 Credit.**

Advanced Generalist Tools for Policy emphasizes the development of skills for effective policy action to promote social, economic, political, and environmental well-being. Prerequisite: Admission to the Advanced Generalist Concentration. S,SS.

**SWK 560. Topics Of Social Work Practice. 1-3 Credits.**

Repeatable to 9.00 credits.

**SWK 580. Advanced Generalist Practice Field Education I. 5 Credits.**

Advanced generalist field internship placement in a human service organization. Students apply concentration coursework, emphasizing core competencies and demonstration of practice behaviors. Prerequisite: Admission to field program. Corequisite: SWK 581. S/U grading. F,S,SS.

**SWK 581. Advanced Generalist Practice Field Education Seminar I. 1 Credit.**

Integration of concentration coursework with field internship placement in a human service organization. Understanding the role of the MSW-level Social Worker is emphasized, as is advanced application of Social Work ethics and values. Corequisite: SWK 580. F,S,SS.

**SWK 582. Advanced Generalist Practice Field Education II. 5 Credits.**

Advanced generalist field internship placement in a human service organization. Students apply concentration coursework emphasizing core competencies and demonstration of practice behaviors. Corequisite: SWK 583. Prerequisite or Corequisite: SWK 580. S/U grading. F,S,SS.

**SWK 583. Advanced Generalist Practice Field Education Seminar II. 1 Credit.**

Integration of concentration coursework with field internship placement in a human service organization. Understanding the role of the MSW-level Social Worker is emphasized, as is advanced application of Social Work ethics and values. Corequisite: SWK 582. F,S,SS.

**SWK 593. Individual Study. 1-2 Credits.**

Variable topics in social work related areas carried out individually or in small groups under the supervision of the instructor. Repeatable for a maximum of 4 credits. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. Repeatable to 4.00 credits.

**SWK 996. Continuing Enrollment. 1-12 Credits.**

Repeatable. S/U grading.

**SWK 997. Independent Study. 2 Credits.**

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**SWK 998. Thesis. 2-4 Credits.**

Total of 4 credits required in thesis option. Repeatable to 4.00 credits. F,SS.