Social Work (SWK)

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Programs Offered
M.S.W. in Social Work with sequences in Child and Family Practice, School Social Work, and Gerontology Practice. Collaboration with Department of Sociology and Anthropology for a certificate in the Social Aspects of Aging and the Women’s and Gender Studies Program for a graduate certificate.

Accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.
A 60-hour, two-year program for full-time students, students may also choose part-time programs and should consult with the advisor. New students who have undergraduate degrees in fields other than social work or from non-accredited schools of social work complete the full program. Students with undergraduate social work degrees from programs accredited by the Council on Social Work Education may be given advanced standing and complete the 30-hour advanced curriculum.

NOTE: Academic credit for life experience and/or previous work experience is not given, in whole or in part, in lieu of any social work course.

Program Requirements
A student must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 in all required courses to retain degree candidate status and earn a grade of C or better in each course to be eligible for School of Social Work practica. Enrollment in the practicum courses requires degree candidate status and must be planned in advance with the Director of Field Education. In addition, all requirements for the M.S.W. degree must be completed within six calendar years beginning with the date the student first registers as a degree candidate.

Child and Family Practice Sequence:
Required courses include:
- 30 hours of required courses in the foundation curriculum: SWK 402, 406, 412, 413, 414, 418, 419, 422, 444, and 498A01 or waiver of these courses due to advanced standing upon program admission
- 24 hours: SWK 445, 448, 450, 454, 461, 463, 491, 492, 498A03, and 498A04
- 6 hours of elective courses approved by the departmental advisor

School of Social Work Sequence:
Required courses include:
- 30 hours of required courses in the foundation curriculum: SWK 402, 406, 412, 413, 414, 418, 419, 422, 444, and 498A01 or waiver of these courses due to advanced standing upon program admission
- SED 411
- 24 hours: SWK 445, 448, 450, 454, 461, 463, 491, 492, 498A03, and 498A04
- 3 hours of elective courses approved by the departmental advisor

Gerontolgy Practice Sequence:
Required courses:
- 30 hours of required courses in the foundation curriculum: SWK 402, 406, 412, 413, 414, 418, 419, 422, 444, and 498A01 or waiver of these courses due to advanced standing upon program admission
- 27 hours: SWK 445, 448, 450, 456, 457, 479, 491, 492, 498A03, 498A04, SOC/SWK 411
- 3 hours of elective courses approved by the departmental advisor

Elective courses: 3-6 hours from SWK 323, 324, 400, 411, 455, 458, 462, 479, 480, 481, and 482, 486, or substitute graduate coursework in another department, approved by the Director of MSW Student Services in the School of Social Work.

The School reserves the right to enforce professional standards of practice as specified in the Illinois Clinical Social Work and Social Work Practice Act and the National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics. These standards may be taken into consideration in program retention decisions. Students have the right to appeal these decisions.

Graduate Certificate in Social Aspects of Aging
A multidisciplinary program designed to offer a limited number of academically and professionally oriented graduate experiences in aging. The graduate certificate is located within the Department of Sociology and Anthropology in cooperation with the Departments of Family and Consumer Sciences, Psychology, Health Sciences, the School of Social Work, and Communication Sciences and Disorders. Please consult the Graduate Catalog and the program coordinator in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology for details.

Social Work Courses:
coursefinder.illinoisstate.edu/directory/swk/  
All Courses:
coursefinder.illinoisstate.edu/directory/