

Social Work, MSW

Master of Social Work Degree Program Requirements

The MSW consists of 56 semester credit hours for the Traditional Program and 33 semester credit hours for Advanced Standing. PVAMU's MSW program uses an online delivery, following content and competency guidelines of CSWE accreditation standards. The MSW program curriculum is divided into two parts: the professional foundation offered during the first year and the clinical concentration offered in the second year of study for the two-year full-time and three year part-time programs. The full-time and part-time programs are designed as progressions, indicating a sequential and coherent curriculum degree plan for each option. Two-year and three-year students enrolled in the MSW Program are expected to adhere to the designated plan of study.

Traditional Program

Required Courses ¹

SOWK 5205	Social Work Research I	2
SOWK 5206	Social Work Research II	2
SOWK 5207	Diversity, Oppression, and Inclusion	2
SOWK 5215	Social Work Policy	2
SOWK 5300	Human Behavior in the Social Environment	3
SOWK 5301	Social Work Practice with Individuals and Families	3
SOWK 5302	Social Work Practice With Groups, Organizations, and Communities	3
SOWK 5308	Social Work Practicum and Seminar I	3
SOWK 5351	Social Work Practicum and Seminar II	3
SOWK 6303	Clinical Assessment & Diagnosis	3
SOWK 6304	Clinical Practice in Medical and Behavioral Healthcare	3
SOWK 6305	Public Health and Mental Health Policy & Analysis	3
SOWK 6306	Advanced Africentric Theory and Interventions in Healthcare	3
SOWK 6307	Advanced Clinical Practice in Medical and Behavioral Healthcare	3
SOWK 6601	Social Work Practicum and Seminar III	6
SOWK 6602	Social Work Practicum and Seminar IV	6
Prescribed Electives		
SOWK 6309	Global Social Work and Medical and Behavioral Healthcare	3
SOWK 6310	Trauma-Informed Practice in Healthcare Settings	3
Total Hours		56

¹ 950 Clock Hours Required for Traditional Program Internship

Advanced Standing Program

Required Courses ¹

SOWK 6303	Clinical Assessment & Diagnosis	3
SOWK 6304	Clinical Practice in Medical and Behavioral Healthcare	3
SOWK 6305	Public Health and Mental Health Policy & Analysis	3
SOWK 6306	Advanced Africentric Theory and Interventions in Healthcare	3
SOWK 6307	Advanced Clinical Practice in Medical and Behavioral Healthcare	3
SOWK 6309	Global Social Work and Medical and Behavioral Healthcare	3
SOWK 6310	Trauma-Informed Practice in Healthcare Settings	3
SOWK 6601	Social Work Practicum and Seminar III	6
SOWK 6602	Social Work Practicum and Seminar IV	6
Total Hours		33

¹ 500 Clock Hours Required for Advanced Standing Program Internship

Master of Social Work Traditional Degree Sequence

First Year

Fall - Semester 1	Hours	Spring - Semester 2	Hours
SOWK 5205		2 SOWK 5206	2
SOWK 5215		2 SOWK 5207	2
SOWK 5300		3 SOWK 5302	3
SOWK 5301		3 SOWK 5351	3
SOWK 5308		3 SOWK 6303	3
Total		13 Total	13

Total Hours: 26

Second Year

Fall - Semester 1	Hours	Spring - Semester 2	Hours
SOWK 6304		3 SOWK 6307	3
SOWK 6305		3 SOWK 6309	3
SOWK 6306		3 SOWK 6310	3
SOWK 6601		6 SOWK 6602	6
Total		15 Total	15

Total Hours: 30

Name	Unit
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Total Semester Credit Hours: 56

Master of Social Work Advanced Standing Program Degree Sequence

First Year

Fall - Semester 1	Hours	Spring - Semester 2	Hours
SOWK 6303		3 SOWK 6309	3
SOWK 6304		3 SOWK 6310	3
SOWK 6305		3 SOWK 6601	6
Total		9 Total	12

Total Hours: 21

Second Year

Fall - Semester 1	Hours
SOWK 6306	3
SOWK 6307	3
SOWK 6602	6
Total	12

Total Hours: 12

Name	Unit
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Total Semester Credit Hours: 33

Marketable Skills

Marketable skills, as defined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's 60x30TX Plan (<http://www.60x30tx.com/>), include interpersonal, cognitive, and applied skill areas, are valued by employers, and can be either primary or complementary to a major. Marketable skills are acquired by students through education, including curricular, co-curricular, and extracurricular activities.

MSW Social Work

Degree Skills

1. Advanced micro-level social work practice with individuals
2. Advanced mezzo-level social work practice with families and small groups
3. Advanced macro-level social work practice with organizations and communities

Concentration Skills

1. Capability to practice social work in the areas of mental health and behavioral health of clients in both urban and rural settings
2. Ability to apply medical and systems approaches to intervention needs of all client systems
3. Effectively apply advanced level social work practice knowledge in problem-solving in both generalist and specialized clients needs

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Skills

1. Interpersonal skills, behavioral health practice skills, mental health practice skills
2. Empathy skills, social justice, ability to critically assess clinical and intervention need of client systems
3. Ability to work effectively and collaboratively with other experts in the areas of medical and behavioral health as well as in the generalist area