

## Curriculum Guide: Four-Year Standard MSW Cohort

*Reduced Course Load (6-10.5 Credits per Semester)*

Year One	
Fall Semester	Spring Semester
SWO 501 Foundations of Justice in Social Work SWO 502 Human Behavior in the Social Environment I	SWO 505 Social Work Research I SWO 552 Human Behavior in the Social Environment II SWO 504 Social Welfare Policy I <sup>a</sup>
Year Two	
Fall Semester	Spring Semester
SWO 503 Generalist Social Work Practice I SWO 554 Field Experience and Seminar I	SWO 553 Generalist Social Work Practice II SWO 555 Field Experience and Seminar II Elective <sup>b</sup>
Field Internship: 200 Hours (14-16 hrs/wk)	Field Internship: 200 Hours (14-16 hrs/wk)
Year Three	
Fall Semester	Spring Semester
SWO 605 Social Work Research II SWO 604 Social Welfare Policy II <sup>a</sup>	SWO 660 Advanced Biopsychosocial Assessment <sup>a</sup> Elective <sup>bd</sup>
Year Four	
Fall Semester	Spring Semester
SWO 603 Advanced Social Work Practice III <sup>ac</sup> SWO 654 Field Experience and Seminar III	SWO 651 Advanced Social Work Practice IV <sup>ac</sup> SWO 655 Field Experience and Seminar IV Elective <sup>bd</sup>
Field Internship: 250 Hours (18-20 hrs/wk)	Field Internship: 250 Hours (18-20 hrs/wk)

### Important Notes:

*In addition to using this guide, always discuss your curriculum plan with your Faculty Advisor!*

- These courses are offered in **both** Fall and Spring semesters.
- Electives can be taken during any semester, and are often taken during the summer. The SSW offers graduate elective options every semester, including summer. Students can take up to 6 elective credits outside the SSW, but must obtain prior approval from their Faculty Advisor.
- Students can enroll in **either** SWO651 **or** SWO603 for the Fall Semester of Year Four. Whichever course is not taken in the Fall Semester will be taken in the Spring Semester of Year Four.
- Students can complete a Graduate Thesis in lieu of two elective courses. Refer to the [MSW Thesis Manual](#) for more information and discuss this option with your Faculty Advisor.