

Social & Behavioral Sciences MSW Accelerated Pathway 2021-2022

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Student: _____ Advisor 1: _____

ID: _____ Date Updated: _____ Advisor 2: _____

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

To gain full admission to the Master of Social Work program via the SBS major, a student must do all of the following:

_____ Maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 in all course work and in the SBS major; earn at least a B- in LAC/SBS 370 Towards A Global Ethics, and in all SWO courses.

_____ Complete LAC/SBS 447 no later than the summer after the third year of study.

_____ Complete at least one of the following courses in the third year of study: SWO 501 Multicultural Social Work, SWO 504 Social Welfare Policy I or SWO 505 Social Work Research I. Note: SWO 501 is a prerequisite for either SWO 504 or SWO 505.

_____ After SWO 501 and either 504 or 505, a student may, in consultation with the MSW Program Coordinator, select two 500 level SW electives.

_____ Submit a completed application to the MSW program no later than October 15 of the fourth year of study. This includes 3 recent (within 2 years) letters of recommendation reflecting both academic achievement and work experience relating to social services (paid, volunteer or internship). Recommendations should be from individuals who are qualified, through direct experience with your academic or professional work, to comment on your ability to undertake graduate study and your chosen profession.

_____ Follow the additional guidelines for MS in Social Work applicants as outlined on the Graduate Admissions website.

NOTE: Application to the MSW program is required. Participation in the Accelerated Pathway option DOES NOT guarantee admission to the MSW program. Each applicant joins the overall applicant pool for consideration for admission.

USM Core Requirements					SBS Prerequisites (9 credit hours)**				
Core Category	Course #	Term	Grade	Credits	Course #	Course Title	Term	Grade	Credits
Writing, Reading, Inquiry (WRI) 1					ANT 101*	Anthropology: The Cultural View			3
Writing, Reading, Inquiry (WRI) 2					PSY 100	Introduction to Psychology			3
Quantitative Reasoning (QR)*	LOS 120*				SOC 100*	Introduction to Sociology			3
Cultural Interpretation (CI)					SBS Required Courses (24 credit hours)**				
Socio-cultural Analysis (SCA)*	Met with HRD/SBS 200, ANT 101 & SOC 100				LOS 120*	Statistics for Informed Decision-Making			3
Science Exploration (SE)					SBS/HRD 200*	Multicultural Human Growth & Development			3
Creative Expression (CE)					SBS 210	Me in 3D-Introduction to SBS			3
Ethical Inquiry, Social Responsibility, and Citizenship (EISRC)*	SBS 370*				SBS 300*	Deviance & Social Control			3
Diversity (DIV)*	SBS 300*				SBS/LOS 329	Research Methods (see graduate replacement back pg.)			3
Engaged Learning (EL) *					SBS 370*	Toward A Global Ethics (grade B-)			3
International (INT)*	ANT 101*				SBS 430*	Applied Social Policy			3
Writing, Reading, Inquiry (WRI) 3					LAC 447**^	Internship			3
Capstone (CAP) *	SBS 430*				* Fulfills USM Core requirement, see back page for more details				
NOTES					^ Complete LAC/SBS 447 no later than the summer after the third year of study				
					** Effective catalog year 2021-22, all SBS prerequisite, required, and elective courses must have a grade of C - or better				

SBS Electives (18 credit hours-must be 300+level)**				
				3
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				3

** Effective catalog year 2021-22, all SBS elective courses must be completed with a grade of at least C-.

Year Three (choose at least one of the following 3 courses)				
Course #	Course Title	Term	Grade	Credits
SWO 501*	Multicultural Social Work			3
SWO 504	Social Welfare Policy I			3
SWO 505	Social Work Research I			3

*SWO 501 is a prerequisite for either SWO 504 or SWO 505

SBS/MSW Accelerated Pathways Replacements

In addition to the SWO course(s) taken during the third year of study, students may make substitutions for undergraduate SBS major requirements with the graduate courses specified below (totaling up to 12 credits of the graduate program)

The following undergraduate course:		May be replaced with:				
Course #	Course Title	Course #	Course Title	Term	Grade	Credits
	Either SBS counseling concentration diversity requirement OR counts as one of the 6 required SBS electives	SWO 501*	Multicultural Social Work			3
SBS 329	Research Methods	SWO 505	Social Work Research I			3
	One of the 6 required SBS electives	SWO 500-level	Elective			3
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NOTE: Must earn at least a B- in ALL SWO courses.

*SWO 501 is a prerequisite for SWO 505

Please note: This pathway is NOT equivalent to Advanced Standing. To utilize Advanced Standing, a student must have earned a BSW from an accredited program within the last seven years, have earned a 3.0 cumulative GPA, and have completed all BSW degree requirements by May of the year they intend to enter the MSW program

*The following SBS required courses also fulfill.....USM Core Curriculum Requirements:

- *SOC 100 Introduction to Sociology.....Socio-cultural Analysis (SCA)
- *ANT 101 Introduction to Anthropology.....Socio-cultural Analysis (SCA) **AND EITHER**
Diversity (DIV) **OR** International (INT)
- *LOS 120 Statistics for Informed Decision Making.....Quantitative Reasoning (QR)
- *SBS/HRD 200 Multicultural Human Growth and Dev.....Socio-cultural Analysis (SCA)
- *SBS 300 Deviance and Social Control.....Diversity (DIV)
- *SBS 370 Toward a Global Ethics.....Ethical Inquiry (EISRC) **AND** International (INT)
- *SBS 430 Applied Social & Public Policy.....Capstone (CAP) **AND** Engaged Learning (EL)
- *LAC 447 Internship.....Engaged Learning (EL)

Credits in Residence Requirement (Academic Residency)

For all baccalaureate degrees at the University, a minimum of 30 credit hours, including at least 9 credit hours in the major field at the 200- level or above, must be completed at the University of Southern Maine. Credits awarded by Departments through Prior Learning portfolio review or challenge exam, or earned during USM sanctioned study abroad programs shall count toward the Academic Residency requirement.