

Course Sequence for Non-Advanced Standing MSW Program

Our MSW program is fully online, and you are free to pursue full- or part-time studies as you wish. For example, some students take the maximum number of courses allowed each semester to move through the program as quickly as possible while others take as few as one or two courses per semester (please contact your Financial Aid Counselor to confirm the number of credit hours required to meet your financial aid eligibility criteria). You are free to vary how many classes you take each semester as well. One of the advantages of taking additional summer classes is cost savings since summer tuition is lower than Fall or Spring tuition. So, in addition to the two options identified, there is a third and less obvious “flexible” option.

Non-Advanced Standing students are required to **complete 60 credit hours** to earn the degree. Below is the suggested course sequence and as stated above, you are free to vary your schedule based on what works best for you.

Two-Year (2) MSW program:

The two-year M.S.W. Program is designed for students who have chosen to pursue a graduate social work degree and are prepared to matriculate on a full-time basis. The standard two-year M.S.W. Program includes four semesters and two summers of courses.

Three-Year (3) MSW program:

The three-year M.S.W. Program is designed for students who have chosen the profession but are not prepared to matriculate on a two-year basis. The standard three-year M.S.W. Program includes six semesters and three summers of courses.

Prerequisites for field placement:

SWK 501, SWK 502, SWK 510, and SWK 511 are prerequisites for ***field placement (SWK 581, SWK 582, SWK 681, and SWK 682)***. Once you completed these four classes, you can start field. You don't have to wait until the last four semesters. The above schedule is just a suggestion. You have the flexibility to make changes and if you would like to take fewer classes per semester, take longer to graduate, that is fine as well. You do have up to seven (7) years to earn your degree.

Course Scheduling Options:

Our university is on two traditional 16-week semesters (Spring and Fall) and 8-9 weeks (wk) for Summer term. Our program offers 8-week and 16-week classes for Spring and Fall, and the full 8-week term for Summer. During the Spring and Fall semesters, not all classes are offered in the 8-week format. Most students take 16-week classes during the Spring and Fall semesters. Many students, however, take a 16-week class, plus two 8-week classes; one 8-week at the beginning of the semester and one for the 2nd half of the semester. Here are variations students have taken:

All 16-week classes							
OR							
One 16-week class		OR	Two 16-week classes		OR	One 8-week	One 8-week
One 8-week	One 8-week		One 8-week	One 8-week		One 8-week	One 8-week

The schedule of classes is up to you, and it is flexible. Classes that are 8-weeks in length are condensed versions of the 16-week and are intensely fast paced. If you are not used to the 8-week format, you will want to consider it carefully before enrolling. Advisors can assist you with your schedule and class selections as needed.

Guided Electives:

Elective classes are courses not listed on your degree plan as “core” classes. Students should select from the list of approved graduate Social Work elective classes via our socialwork.wnmu.edu website or graduate level courses from related disciplines. All electives from related disciplines must be approved by the students’ advisor. Graduate level courses are numbered 500 and higher.

If you begin in the Spring semester:

If you wish to graduate in **two (2) years**, this is the suggestion for your schedule of classes:

<p>Semester 1 – Spring*** (12 credits) SWK 501 (8 & 16 wk) SWK 502 (8 & 16 wk) SWK 510 (8 & 16 wk) SWK 511 (8 & 16 wk)</p>	<p>Semester 2 – Summer (9 credits) SWK 512 (8 wk) SWK 522 (8 wk) SWK 527 (8 wk)</p>	<p>Semester 3 – Fall (12 credits) SWK 581 (16 wk) SWK 610 (8 & 16 wk) SWK 615* (16 wk) Guided Elective**</p>
<p>Semester 4 – Spring (9 credits) SWK 582 (16 wk) SWK 620* (16 wk) Guided Elective</p>	<p>Semester 5 – Summer (9 credits) SWK 630 (8 wk) SWK 681 (9 to 10 wk) Guided Elective</p>	<p>Semester 6 – Fall (9 credits) SWK 621 (8 & 16 wk) SWK 640* (16 wk) SWK 682 (16 wk)</p>

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If you wish to graduate in ***three (3) years***, this is the suggestion for your schedule of classes:

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For a listing of the course descriptions, please visit our website.

If you have questions/comments regarding our MSW program, please contact us at 575-538-6421 or email us at MSW@wnmu.edu