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Social Work - Advanced Standing, M.S.W.

The program leading to a Master's Degree in Social Work (M.S.W.) builds on a liberal arts foundation and is designed to prepare social workers for leadership roles in developing and providing services to individuals, families, groups, communities, and organizations.

The M.S.W. Program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). Classes are online and in videoconferencing format for distance students.

M.S.W. graduates from CSWE accredited programs are eligible for advanced practice state licensure; consult your

M.S.W. advisor about your state.

Information about the M.S.W. application process can be found under the Graduate Division Admissions section of this catalog. The School can be contacted at msw@wnmu.edu.

Social Work does not give credit for life experience. Additionally, a comprehensive exam is not required for students enrolled in the Master of Social Work program.

M.S.W. Programs

The M.S.W. is offered through the following options:

Advanced Standing M.S.W. Program

This program is designed for some exceptional B.S.W. students who have graduated from a CSWE accredited B.S.W. Program. Students in Advanced Standing can complete the program in one calendar year if they so choose.

Applicants for admission to the Advanced Standing program must have:

1. A B.S.W. or B.S.S.W. from a CSWE accredited social work program; completed within the previous 8 years;
2. Full application to WNMU M.S.W. program, including contact (e-mail) information for five references.

Two-Year M.S.W. 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. Participants in the Two-Year Program are enrolled in four classes per semester and in field placement three days a week. This track will allow the student to complete the program in two calendar years.

Applicants for admission to the Two Year M.S.W. Program must have:

1. A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university plus paid or voluntary experience in the field; and
2. An undergraduate record demonstrating academic achievement.

Three-year M.S.W. 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. Participants in the three-year program must meet the same admission requirements as those for full-time students. Students admitted to this program are assisted by educational advisors who help them develop individualized plans of study.

The standard three-year M.S.W. Program includes six semesters and two summers for courses. Social Work does not guarantee that current employment can be used as a field placement, but it may be available on a case by case basis.

Those already employed full time in a social work agency may be able to work toward an M.S.W. without leaving their jobs, providing that:

1. They have been employed by the agency for at least six months prior to beginning field placement and have passed the probationary period to be considered a permanent employee;
2. The agency will provide opportunities for learning that meet the requirements of a field practicum in professional education; and
3. The agency will provide a staff person with an M.S.W. and at least two years of post-masters experience to serve as a field instructor. If an M.S.W. is not available at the agency, it is possible that other arrangements may be made.

Students in the three-year M.S.W. Program should meet with the Director of Field Placement early in their first year of study to discuss field placement arrangements. Students should not make their own placement arrangements.

Application Dates

Applications to the M.S.W. Programs at Western New Mexico University are accepted on a rolling basis.

Graduate Social Work students must earn a grade of "B" or better in any core graduate Social Work course. Graduate Social Work students receiving a grade of "C" or below in any core graduate Social Work course will be required to repeat the course.

M.S.W. Program Transfer Credit Policy: A total of 1/3 of the hours needed to complete an M.S.W. degree may be transfer credits from another CSWE accredited M.S.W. program. For the 39 credit hour advanced standing M.S.W. that would mean a possible total of 13 hours. For the non-advanced standing M.S.W. program of 60 credit hours that would mean 20 could be transfer credits. All transferred courses must reflect a grade of "B" (3.0) or higher from the granting institution.

The following courses must be taken at WNMU: SWK 681 and SWK 682.

All transfer hours must be approved by program faculty and the department chair with regard to content and requested hours. In accordance with accreditation guidelines from the Council on Social Work Education, the School of Social Work does not give academic credit for life experiences, including field internships.

Any student who fails to earn a passing grade in social work core courses may be placed on performance probation in the social work program. The student must re-take the course as soon as it is offered. If the student fails to earn a passing grade for the same course on the second attempt, they may be dismissed from the program.

For social work electives, a student who fails to earn a passing grade may be placed on performance probation in the social work program. The student may choose to re-take that course, however, if a second non-passing grade is earned, the student may be dismissed from the program. Students may choose to take a different elective, however the grade from the first elective will remain on the student's transcript.

In either case, the student will be removed from performance probation once they have completed the core course, elective, or an alternative elective with a passing grade.

Pursuant to this policy, students in the B.S.W. or M.S.W. program may only repeat a maximum of three unique social work courses(Ex. SWK 501, SWK 640, SWK 511) throughout the duration of their program. A student who earns a non-passing grade in a fourth course, whether it is a core course or elective, in the same semester or a subsequent one, may be dismissed from the program.

Core Requirements (39 Credit Hours)

Course Name	Credit Hours:	Term Taken	Grade	Satisfied	Not Satisfied
SWK 501 - Cultural Competency in Social Work Practice	Credit Hours: 3				
SWK 527 - Theories and Techniques of Clinical SWK Practice	Credit Hours: 3				
SWK 610 - Social Work Administration and Supervision	Credit Hours: 3				

SWK 615 - Social Work Clinical Assessment and Intervention	Credit Hours: 3				
SWK 620 - Advanced Psycho-Social Approaches for SWK Practice	Credit Hours: 3				
SWK 621 - Community Organization and Development	Credit Hours: 3				
SWK 630 - Social Welfare Policy	Credit Hours: 3				
SWK 640 - Applied Social Work Research	Credit Hours: 3				
SWK 681 - Advanced Field Practicum I	Credit Hours: 3				
SWK 682 - Advanced Field Practicum II	Credit Hours: 3				
Approved Guided Elective	Credit Hours: 3				
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