

# SOCIAL WORK, M.S.W.

## Social Work

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## Master of Social Work Program Information

The Master of Social Work program structure ensures that students have the knowledge and skills required to meet accreditation standards while continuing to allow for specialization. The program offers students flexibility in designing a program that meets their learning objectives.

The M.S.W. is an advanced specialized degree built upon the more generalist B.S.W. degree. Considerable attention is given to issues of educational equity. In addition to treating these matters as course content, every effort is made to ensure that people from marginalized groups have access to the M.S.W. program.

The purpose of this initiative is to achieve equity in professional education so that no person shall be denied educational opportunities or benefit for reasons unrelated to ability. In fulfilment of this goal, the aim is to correct the conditions of disadvantage in professional education experienced by First Nations, Inuit, and Metis peoples in Canada, persons with disabilities, immigrants and refugees to Canada, LGBTTTQ and persons who are members of a visible minority in Canada. Educational equity does not mean treating people in the same way. It also requires overt measures and the accommodation of difference while maintaining a particular focus on the experiences and perspectives of Indigenous peoples.

**Note:** The M.S.W. program is **not** offered through Distance Delivery.

## Admission Information

### Admission to the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

Application and Admission Procedures are found in the Academic Guide (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/application-admission-registration-policies/>).

Admission requirements for Master's students are found in the Master's Degrees General Regulations ([https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/masters-degrees-general-regulations/#Admission\\_FGSMasters](https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/masters-degrees-general-regulations/#Admission_FGSMasters)) section of the Guide.

### M.S.W. Admission Requirements

Students must meet the following requirements:

- Possession of a B.S.W. degree (convocated) or a minimum of a four-year undergraduate degree other than a B.S.W. (convocated) by

June 30 of the application year, from an accredited program or its equivalent, which is recognized by the University of Manitoba.

- A minimum Grade Point Average of 3.0 (B) is required in the last 60 credit hours of university study.
- If courses have been taken subsequent to the degree as a Special Student and/or Occasional Student and/or in a subsequent degree or a Pre-Master program, they will be calculated into the Grade Point Average as part of the last 60 credit hours.
- Applicants who self-identify as members of one or more of the Educational Equity priority groups, and who possess a Grade Point Average between 2.5 and 2.99, will be reviewed for special consideration. Applicants with Grade Point Averages below 2.5 will not be considered.

## Application Information

Students should complete and submit their online application with supporting documentation by the date indicated on the M.S.W. program of study (<https://umanitoba.ca/explore/programs-of-study/social-work-msw/>) page.

## Degree Requirements Advanced M.S.W. Program

The credit hour requirement is 27 credit hours in the course-based option and 24 credit hours in the thesis option. Students may take the M.S.W. program on a full-time or part-time basis.

The program requires at least 12-18 months of full-time study (students who choose the thesis option may require more time depending on the nature of their research).

**Expected Time to Graduate:** 2-4 years

### Advanced Course Requirements

All Advanced MSW students must:

- complete four core courses (12 credit hours)
- complete additional specialized social work courses (9 credit hours)
- complete 3 credit hours of electives (which may be taken with Social Work or other departments)

Students choose either the course-based option, which includes the completion of SWRK 7180 and SWRK 7190, or the thesis option (GRAD 7000). Students completing a thesis must complete at least one course from the research cluster.

Course	Title	Hours
Four Core Courses		12
Select three Specialized Social Work Courses		9
Select 3 credit hours of Electives (which may be taken with Social Work or other departments)		3
<b>Select one of the following options:</b>		<b>0-3</b>
Course-Based / Advanced Field Route		
SWRK 7180	Advanced Field Practice	
SWRK 7190	Integrating Theory and Research in Advanced Field Practice	
Thesis-Based Route		
GRAD 7000	Master's Thesis	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>24-27</b>

**Core Courses**

Course	Title	Hours
SWRK 7012	Quantitative Data Analysis for Social Work Research	3
SWRK 7014	Qualitative Research in Social Work	3
SWRK 7600	Critical Perspectives and Social Work	3
SWRK 7620	Paradigms, Methodologies, and Methods for Social Work Research	3
GRAD 7300	Research Integrity Tutorial	0
GRAD 7500	Academic Integrity Tutorial	0

**Specialized Courses**

SWRK 7630	Advanced Social Work Practice with Individuals and Families	3
SWRK 7640	Application and Critique of Theory and Research in Social Work Practice with Individuals and Families	3
SWRK 7300	Clinical Evaluation of Social Work Interventions	3
SWRK 7650	Advanced Social Work Practice with Groups	3
SWRK 7660	Social Work Perspectives on Practice with Networks, Neighbourhoods and Communities	3
SWRK 7670	Community Mobilization: Application of Concepts in Social Work Practice with Groups, Networks and Co	3
SWRK 7440	Policy Analysis in Social Work Practice	3

**Elective Courses**

SWRK 7220	Selected Topics in Social Work	3
SWRK 7230	Problem Seminar	3

**Advanced Progression Chart****Course Requirements**

All students must:

- complete the four core courses (12 credit hours)
- complete additional specialized social work courses (9 credit hours)
- complete 3 credit hours of electives (which may be taken with Social Work or other departments)

Students choose either the course-based option, which includes the completion of SWRK 7180 and SWRK 7190, or the thesis option (GRAD 7000).

Course	Title	Hours
<b>Year 1</b>		
SWRK 7012	Quantitative Data Analysis for Social Work Research	3
SWRK 7014	Qualitative Research in Social Work	3
SWRK 7600	Critical Perspectives and Social Work	3
SWRK 7620	Paradigms, Methodologies, and Methods for Social Work Research	3
GRAD 7300	Research Integrity Tutorial	0
GRAD 7500	Academic Integrity Tutorial	0
Select 9 credit hours of specialized courses and 3 credit hours of elective courses		12
<b>Hours</b>		<b>24</b>

**Year 2**

Select one of the following:

Course-Based / Advanced Field Route:	0-3
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SWRK 7180	Advanced Field Practice	
SWRK 7190	Integrating Theory and Research in Advanced Field Practice	
Thesis-Based Route:		
GRAD 7000	Master's Thesis	
Hours		0-3
Total Hours		24-27

**Specialized Courses**

Course	Title	Hours
SWRK 7630	Advanced Social Work Practice with Individuals and Families	3
SWRK 7640	Application and Critique of Theory and Research in Social Work Practice with Individuals and Families	3
SWRK 7300	Clinical Evaluation of Social Work Interventions	3
SWRK 7650	Advanced Social Work Practice with Groups	3
SWRK 7660	Social Work Perspectives on Practice with Networks, Neighbourhoods and Communities	3
SWRK 7670	Community Mobilization: Application of Concepts in Social Work Practice with Groups, Networks and Co	3
SWRK 7430	Evaluation Research in Social Work Practice	3
SWRK 7440	Policy Analysis in Social Work Practice	3

**Note:** Not all courses may be offered annually.

**Foundation M.S.W. Program**

Students who have completed a four-year undergraduate degree, but do not have a Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.) degree from an accredited program or its equivalent, will be admitted into the first and foundation year of the M.S.W. program.

This first year will be 18 credit hours of foundation level courses and 6 credit hours of field work. To complete and receive the M.S.W. degree, students must complete both the year one foundation level courses and the year two advanced level courses of the M.S.W. Program.

The program requires at least one year of full-time study to complete the foundation level courses and at least another 12-18 months of full-time study for the advanced level courses of the M.S.W. Program (students who choose the thesis option may require more time depending on the nature of their research).

SWRK 7006 (Field Practice) cannot be waived under any circumstances. All students admitted into the Year One Foundation Level must complete the field placement. **All foundation MSW courses and the field practice of the foundation year must be completed before students register into the year two advanced level MSW courses or the M.S.W.-IK courses.**

**Expected Time to Graduate:** 2-4 years

**Foundation Course Requirements**

All Foundation MSW students must:

- complete 4 courses (18 credit hours)
- complete field practice (6 credit hours)

Course	Title	Hours
Four Core Courses		18
Field Practice		6
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>24</b>

Course	Title	Hours
<b>Core &amp; Field Practice Courses</b>		
SWRK 7002	Foundation in Social Work Practice and the Profession	3
SWRK 7004	Social Work Practice Seminar	6
SWRK 7008	Social Work and Indigenous People	3
SWRK 7006	Field Practice	6
GRAD 7300	Research Integrity Tutorial	0
GRAD 7500	Academic Integrity Tutorial	0
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>18</b>

## Foundation Progression Chart

### COURSE REQUIREMENTS

All students must:

- complete four courses (18 credit hours)
- complete field practice (6 credit hours)

Course	Title	Hours
<b>Year 1</b>		
Option 1		
SWRK 7002	Foundation in Social Work Practice and the Profession	3
SWRK 7004	Social Work Practice Seminar	6
SWRK 7008	Social Work and Indigenous People	3
SWRK 7006	Field Practice	6
GRAD 7300	Research Integrity Tutorial	0
GRAD 7500	Academic Integrity Tutorial	0
<b>Hours</b>		<b>18</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>18</b>

Course	Title	Hours
<b>Year 1</b>		
Option 2		
SWRK 7002	Foundation in Social Work Practice and the Profession	3
SWRK 7008	Social Work and Indigenous People	3
GRAD 7300	Research Integrity Tutorial	0
GRAD 7500	Academic Integrity Tutorial	0
<b>Hours</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Year 2</b>		
SWRK 7004	Social Work Practice Seminar	6
SWRK 7006	Field Practice	6
<b>Hours</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>18</b>

**Note:** Not all courses may be offered annually.

## Registration Information

Students should familiarize themselves with the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies 'GRAD' courses applicable to their program (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/registration-information/>). If you have questions about which GRAD course(s) to register in, please consult your home department/unit.

Students must meet with their faculty advisor to select and approve the courses before registering.

## Regulations

Students must meet the requirements as outlined in both Supplementary Regulation and BFAR documents as approved by Senate.

### Supplementary Regulations

Individual units may require specific requirements above and beyond those of the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, and students should consult unit supplementary regulations (<https://umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/supplementary-regulations/>) for these specific regulations.

### Bona Fide Academic Requirements (BFAR)

Bona Fide Academic Requirements (BFAR) (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/academic-performance-general/#BFAR>) represent the core academic requirements a graduate student must acquire in order to gain, and demonstrate acquisition of, essential knowledge and skills.

All students must successfully complete:

- GRAD 7300 prior to applying to any ethics boards which are appropriate to the student's research or within the student's first year, whichever comes first; and
- GRAD 7500 within the first term of registration;

unless these courses have been completed previously, as per Mandatory Academic Integrity Course (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/academic-performance-general/#GRAD7500>) and Mandatory Research Integrity Online Course (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/academic-performance-general/#GRAD7300>).

Students must also meet additional BFAR requirements (<https://umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/student-experience/core-academic-requirements/#additional-requirements-by-program>) that may be specified for their program.

### General Regulations

All students must:

- maintain a minimum degree grade point average of 3.0 with no grade below C+;
- meet the minimum and not exceed the maximum course requirements, and
- meet the minimum and not exceed the maximum time requirements (in terms of time in program and lapse or expiration of credit of courses).