

Full-time MSW Program

The full-time MSW program is located in Chapel Hill. Full-time students complete the 62 credit hours required for the MSW degree over the course of two years. Students complete the generalist curriculum of 29 credit hours of content in the areas of human behavior and the social environment, institutionalized discrimination, social work practice, social policy, and research. In the advanced curriculum, students specialize in evidence-informed practice and choose from two concentration areas for an additional 33 academic credit hours: the community, management and policy practice concentration area or the direct practice concentration area. The community, management and policy practice concentration prepares students for advanced work in social work administration, management, and community and policy practice. The direct practice concentration prepares students for advanced practice with individuals, families, and groups.

In both the M.S.W. foundation and advanced curriculum, students also enroll in field education in addition to their classroom-based coursework. In field education, M.S.W. students are placed in more than 250 government, nonprofit, and other human services agencies throughout North Carolina each semester of their studies. Through these field placements, students receive hands-on experience working in various areas, such as anti-poverty programs, child welfare, community and program development, family violence, geriatrics, healthcare, mental health, and substance use.

Generalist Curriculum Requirements

Number	Course Title	Credits
SOWO 500	Human Development in Context: Infancy to Adolescence (HBSE)	3
SOWO 501	Confronting Oppression and Institutional Discrimination (HBSE)	3
SOWO 505	Human Development in Context: Adulthood and Older Adulthood (HBSE)	3
SOWO 510	Foundations for Evidence-Based Practice and Program Evaluation (Research)	3
SOWO 530	Foundations of Social Welfare Policy (Policy)	3
SOWO 540	Social Work Practice with Individuals, Families, and Groups (Practice)	3
SOWO 570	Social Work Practice with Organizations and Communities (Practice)	3
SOWO 520	Social Work Practicum I (Field)	3
SOWO 521	Social Work Practicum II (Field)	3
SOWO 523	Generalist Field Seminar I (Field)	1
SOWO 524	Generalist Field Seminar II (Field)	1
Total Credit Hours		29

Advanced Curriculum Requirements

Curriculum Area	Credits
Advanced Practice	3
Advanced Theory/Practice	3
Advanced Policy	1.5
Advanced Research	3
Electives	10.5
Advanced Field	12
Total	33