MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

The Master of Social Work (MSW) degree is a nationally recognized Advanced Generalist program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). Our program equips students for versatile career paths from micro to macro settings, such as clinical practice through nonprofit leadership and policy advocacy. In alignment with social work values, our program is anti-oppressive and anti-racist, continually striving to advance diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice in every aspect of social work education and practice. The MSW Program utilizes a cohort model to support a learning community approach to graduate education.

The School of Social Work offers different program options for completing the MSW degree:

1. **Full Program –** For students who have an undergraduate degree in a different discipline, our two-year full-time program starts every fall and is offered in person. Students in this program complete three elective courses, enabling them to complete one of five graduate certificate programs offered by the School of Social Work or to engage in interdisciplinary coursework. This program is 64 credits. View the MSW program schedule (https://www.chhs.colostate.edu/ssw/programs-and-degrees/master-of-social-work/full-time-msw-program/).
2. **Advanced Standing –** For students who have earned a BSW from an accredited program within the past seven years, this accelerated path starts every summer and is offered in person. Students complete this program over three semesters for a total of 39 credits, which includes 3 elective credits (1 course). **View the Advanced Standing MSW Program schedule**.
3. **Part-time Online/Hybrid Learning Options –** The School of Social Work also offers a part-time online program completed in three years or in two years for Advanced Standing. Online students meet for one in-person learning weekend per semester at the cohort location. Current cohorts include Fort Collins (off-campus), Boulder/Longmont, and Denver. Please visit the Distance MSW Program website (https://www.online.colostate.edu/degrees/social-work/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=3-msw-131001-cpc-google&gclid=CjwKCAjwiOCgBhAgEiwAjv5whPxf-25_bbBixCR88i4RiuHZc for more information.
4. MSW/MPH Dual Degree **(**https://www.chhs.colostate.edu/ssw/programs-and-degrees/master-of-social-work/master-of-social-work-master-of-public-health-program/**) –** In partnership with the Colorado School of Public Health, the School of Social Work offers a dual degree Master of Social Work/Master of Public Health program. For information, visit the MSW/MPH website (https://www.chhs.colostate.edu/ssw/programs-and-degrees/master-of-social-work/master-of-social-work-master-of-public-health-program/).
5. MACP/MSW Joint Degree **(**http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/university-wide-programs/interdisciplinary-studies/addiction-counseling-psychology-social-work-acsw-masw/**) –** In partnership with CSU's Department of Psychology, the School of Social Work offers a joint degree: Master's in Addiction Counseling in Psychology and Social Work (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/university-wide-programs/interdisciplinary-studies/addiction-counseling-psychology-social-work-acsw-masw/).

Students who successfully complete the MSW program are prepared to pursue licensure in accordance with the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) in Colorado and the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB). Licensure requirements may vary in different states and US territories.

Learn more about the **Master of Social Work on the School of Social Work website**.

Requirements Effective Fall 2019

First Year		
Fall		**Credits**
SOWK 500	Principles and Philosophy of Social Work	3
SOWK 511	Small Systems Practice Skills	3
SOWK 515	Theoretical Foundations for Social Work	3
SOWK 530	Anti-Oppressive Social Work Practice	3
Elective		3
	Total Credits	**15**
Spring		
SOWK 520	Social Welfare Policy and Advocacy	3
SOWK 588	Field Placement	6
SOWK 592	Integrative Foundation Field Seminar	1
Electives		3-6
	Total Credits	**13-16**
Summer		
Elective		0-3
	Total Credits	**0-3**
Second Year		
Fall		
SOWK 600	Methods of Research	3
SOWK 630	Advanced Generalist Practice with Individuals	3
SOWK 633	Contemporary Issues in Social Welfare Policy	3
SOWK 688	Field Placement	7
Elective		0-3
	Total Credits	**16-19**
Spring		
SOWK 631	Advanced Community Practice	3
SOWK 634	Advanced Practice with Families and Groups	3
SOWK 688	Field Placement	8

SOWK 698	Advanced Research and Social Work Capstone	3
	Total Credits	**17**
	Program Total Credits:	**64**

A minimum of 64 credits are required to complete the full M.S.W. program.

Advanced Standing Requirements Effective Fall 2019

Advanced Standing M.S.W.

This option is available only to those who have earned a B.S.W. from a program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education and have earned that degree within the past seven years. The B.S.W. degree must be granted prior to the beginning of advanced standing classes. Applicants must have earned a minimum GPA of 3.0 for the entire B.S.W.

Students attend one full year consisting of three semesters, starting with the Summer term.

Code	Title	Credits
FIRST YEAR		
SUMMER (6 Credits)		
SOWK 530	Anti-Oppressive Social Work Practice	3
Required Elective		3
FALL (16 Credits)		
SOWK 600	Methods of Research	3
SOWK 630	Advanced Generalist Practice with Individuals	3
SOWK 633	Contemporary Issues in Social Welfare Policy	3
SOWK 688	Field Placement	7
SPRING (17 Credits)		
SOWK 631	Advanced Community Practice	3
SOWK 634	Advanced Practice with Families and Groups	3
SOWK 688	Field Placement	8
SOWK 698	Advanced Research and Social Work Capstone	3
Program Total Credits:		**39**

A minimum of 39 credits are required to complete the Advanced Standing M.S.W. program.