

Master of Social Work

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Degree Requirements

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Our two-year, 60-credit degree provides students with the fundamentals needed to have an impact on the field of social work while also providing them with opportunities to advance their analytical, leadership and team-building skills.

Our flexible curriculum includes outstanding research opportunities, real-world learning experiences through practica, and the opportunity to personalize their MSW. If students have earned a Bachelor of Social Work from a school accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, they may also be eligible for advanced standing credit.

Required Courses

The list below includes the required courses that students use to build their course of study. Because of the flexibility and customization of each MSW degree at the Brown School, the order in which students take their courses may vary.

Requirements	Units
FOUNDATION COURSES	21 credits
SWFN 5001 Research Methods with Statistical Applications	3
SWFN 5002 Human Behavior	3
SWFN 5003 Social, Economic & Political Environment	3
SWFN 5004 Social Justice and Human Diversity	3
SWFN 5005 Social Work Practice with Individuals, Families, and Groups	3
SWFN 5006 Social Work Practice with Organizations and Communities	3
SWFN 5007 Social Welfare Policies and Services	3
FOUNDATION PRACTICUM	4 credits
SWFN 5050 Foundations of Field Education	0
SWFN 5051 MSW Foundation Practicum I	3
SWFN 5052 MSW Integrative Foundation Field Seminar	1
CONCENTRATION COURSES*	15 credits
Theory, Problems, and Issues	3
Social Policy	3
Practice Methods	9
CONCENTRATION PRACTICUM	5 credits
SWCP 6000 MSW Concentration Practicum I	
SWCP 6001 MSW Concentration Practicum II	
OTHER REQUIREMENTS	

Evaluation	3 credits
SWEV 6000 Social Policy Analysis & Evaluation	
or SWEV 6001 Evaluation of Programs and Services	
Leadership and Management	3 credits
SWLM 6000 Management & Leadership of Organizations (If in Management or Social Entrepreneurship specialization, take SWTH 6012)	
Electives**	9 credits
Elective I	3
Elective II	3
Elective III	3

* Specific course options vary according to the concentration that a student pursues.

** Students use elective credits during years one and two to earn an optional specialization or to take other graduate course work.

Our curriculum emphasizes an evidence-based approach to problem solving. As such, our faculty have found that an understanding of statistics analysis is critical to every student's success. Foundation courses will allow students to develop this competency.

Curriculum and required credits are subject to change.