

2025-2026 CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

60-Credit Hybrid Program

The University of Maryland Baltimore's 60-credit Hybrid Program integrates in-person, hybrid, and online coursework with hands-on practicum experience. Students start with a 27-credit foundation curriculum, progressing to a 33-credit advanced curriculum tailored to their chosen concentration of **Clinical or Leadership, Policy, and Social Change**.

FOUNDATION CURRICULUM:

The 27-credit Foundation Curriculum provides educational and skill development in the values, concepts, and processes at the core of social work practice. Coursework in human behavior and the social environment, social work practice, social policy, structural oppression, and research help students develop a problem-solving framework with individuals, families, groups, communities, and organizations. Students also complete a two-semester practicum, taken two days a week for (16) hours per week, in a social service placement. Practicum is typically on Tuesdays and Thursdays, unless otherwise specified by the Practicum agency. Students enroll in a virtual 90-minute monthly seminar while completing foundation practicum. Practicum and seminar allow students to apply the knowledge, skills, and objectives from foundation coursework to real-world practice.

| FOUNDATION COURSEWORK | Cr. |
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| SOWK 600: Social Welfare and Social Policy | 3 |
| SOWK 610: Structural Oppression and its Implications for Social Work | 3 |
| SOWK 630: Social Work Practice with Individuals | 3 |
| SOWK 631: Social Work Practice with Communities and Organizations | 3 |
| SOWK 632: Social Work Practice with Groups and Families | 3 |
| SOWK 635 and SOWK 636: Foundation Practicum I & II | 5 |
| SOWK 637 and SOWK 638: Foundation Practicum Seminar I & II | 1 |
| SOWK 645: Human Behavior and the Social Environment | 3 |
| SOWK 670: Social Work Research | 3 |
| TOTAL CREDITS: 27 | |

ADVANCED CURRICULUM:

All students complete the remaining 33 credits of their program based on their selected Concentration (requirements listed below). Students take an advanced policy course and four 3-credit methods courses in their selected concentration.

Advanced Practicum

The advanced practicum setting is determined by the concentration, which students declare on their advanced practicum application. Advanced practicum is two consecutive semesters scheduled typically during regular business hours on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, unless otherwise specified by the agency. Students have the option of a two-day a week advanced extended practicum that runs through July. Students who choose an extended practicum graduate in July.

Program Concentrations

Students are required to select a concentration (**Clinical** or **Leadership, Policy, & Social Change**). Students can select a secondary concentration. Those who select a primary and secondary concentration are placed in their advanced practicum based upon their primary concentration. A secondary concentration will expose the student to some of the other concentration's content through two courses. Each concentration has specific course requirements, which are identified below.

| Clinical Concentration Requirements | | |
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| CLINICAL | CLINICAL/LPSC | Cr. |
| Any Advanced Policy | Any Advanced Policy | 3 |
| SWCL 700: Advanced Clinical Interventions | SWCL 700: Advanced Clinical Interventions | 3 |
| SWCL 744: Assessment, Diagnosis, & Intervention Planning | SWCL 744: Assessment, Diagnosis, & Intervention Planning | 3 |
| Core Clinical Methods (Choose One): SWCL 703, SWCL 711, SWCL 715, SWCL 722, SWCL 756, or SWCL 773 | Core Clinical Methods (Choose One): SWCL 703, SWCL 711, SWCL 715, SWCL 722, SWCL 756, or SWCL 773 | 3 |
| Clinical Methods (Any Course with a SWCL prefix) | Clinical Methods (Any Course with a SWCL prefix) | 3 |
| Elective (Any 3-Credit 700-Level or SOWK 699) | SWOA 701: Advocacy | 3 |
| Elective (Any 3-Credit 700-Level or SOWK 699) | LPSC Methods (Any Course with a SWOA prefix) | 3 |
| SWCL 794, then SWCL 795: Advanced Practicum I & II | SWCL 794, then SWCL 795: Advanced Practicum I & II | 12 |
| | | TOTAL CREDITS: 33 |

| LPSC Concentration Requirements | | |
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| LPSC | LPSC/CLINICAL* | Cr. |
| SOWK 701: Public Policy for Social Justice I (Fall only) | SOWK 701: Public Policy for Social Justice I (Fall only) | 1.5 |
| SOWK 702: Public Policy for Social Justice II (Spring Only) | SOWK 702: Public Policy for Social Justice II (Spring Only) | 1.5 |
| SWOA 701: Advocacy | SWOA 701: Advocacy | 3 |
| Choose Three: SWOA 703, SWOA 704, SWOA 707, SWOA 708 (spring only), or SWOA 709 (spring only) | Choose Three: SWOA 703, SWOA 704, SWOA 707, SWOA 708 (spring only), or SWOA 709 (spring only) | 3 |
| Elective (Any 3-Credit 700-Level or SOWK 699) | SWCL 700 <u>or</u> SWCL 744 | 3 |
| Elective (Any 3-Credit 700-Level or SOWK 699) | Clinical Methods (Any Course with an SWCL prefix) | 3 |
| SWOA 794, then SWOA 795: Advanced Practicum I & II | SWOA 794 then SWOA 795: Advanced Practicum I & II | 3 |
| | | TOTAL CREDITS: 33 |

*Students with a long-term goal of obtaining LCSW-C licensure within the state of Maryland should choose the LPSC/Clinical Concentration.

CURRENT COURSE OFFERINGS

All course descriptions may be found online under MSW *Academics* on the school's webpage.

Not all courses are offered every semester or every academic year. All courses listed are 3 credits unless otherwise noted.

All CLINICAL Methods Courses have a SWCL Prefix.

All LPSC Methods Courses have a SWOA Prefix.

FOUNDATION COURSES

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| SOWK 600 | Social Welfare and Social Policy |
| SOWK 610 | Structural Oppression and its Implications for Social Work Practice |
| SOWK 630 | Social Work Practice with Individuals – taken concurrently w/SOWK 635 & 637 |
| SOWK 631 | Social Work Practice with Communities and Organizations – taken concurrently w/SOWK 630, 635, & 637 or the summer prior to SOWK 630, 635 & 637 |
| SOWK 632 | Social Work Practice with Groups and Families – taken concurrently w/SOWK 636 & 638 |
| SOWK 635 | Foundation Practicum I- taken concurrently with SOWK 630, 631, & 637 (fall only) |
| SOWK 636 | Foundation Practicum II- taken concurrently with SOWK 632 & 638 (spring only) |
| SOWK 637 | Foundation Practicum Seminar I- taken concurrently with SOWK 630, SOWK 631, & 635 (.5 credits, fall only) |
| SOWK 638 | Foundation Practicum Seminar II- taken concurrently with SOWK 632 & SOWK 636 (.5 credits, spring only) |
| SOWK 645 | Human Behavior and the Social Environment |
| SOWK 670 | Social Work Research |

ADVANCED POLICY COURSES (prerequisite SOWK 600)

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| SOWK 701 | Public Policy for Social Justice I (1.5 credits, Fall Only) |
| SOWK 702 | Public Policy for Social Justice II (1.5 Credits, Spring Only) |
| SOWK 704 | Social Work and the Law |
| SOWK 708 | Integrated Behavioral Health Policy |
| SOWK 715 | Children and Social Services Policy |
| SOWK 725 | Work, Well-being and Social Policy |

CLINICAL METHODS COURSES (prerequisites SOWK 630, 631, 632, 635, 636, 637, and 638 unless otherwise specified)

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| SWCL 700 | Advanced Clinical Interventions – <u>prerequisites: SOWK 630, 631, 635, & 637</u> |
| SWCL 703 | Family Therapy (meets core clinical methods requirement) |
| SWCL 704 | Integrated Behavioral Health Practice (spring only) |
| SWCL 705 | Clinical Social Work with Addictive Behavior Patterns |
| SWCL 709 | Tele-Behavioral Health: Delivery of Clinical Social Work Services [1-credit] |
| SWCL 711 | Clinical Social Work with Children and Adolescents (meets core clinical methods requirement) |
| SWCL 712 | Clinical Social Work Practice for Chronic and Life-Threatening Health Conditions |
| SWCL 714 | Child and Family Health (spring only) |
| SWCL 715 | Clinical Applications of Mindfulness and Stress Reduction (meets core clinical methods requirement) |
| SWCL 722 | Cognitive Behavioral Therapies – <u>additional prerequisite: SWCL 700</u> (meets core clinical methods requirement) |
| SWCL 726 | Clinical Social Work with African American Families |

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| SWCL 727 | Clinical Practice with Families and Children in Child Welfare |
| SWCL 730 | Recovery-Oriented Interventions for Adults with Serious Mental Illness - <u>additional prerequisite: SWCL 744</u> (spring only) |
| SWCL 748 | Clinical Social Work Practice in Relation to Death, Dying & Bereavement (spring only) |
| SWCL 749 | Clinical Social Work Practice with LGBTQI+ Communities |
| SWCL 750 | Social Work in Special Education |
| SWCL 754 | Neurodiversity-Affirming Social Work Practice |
| SWCL 756 | Motivational Interviewing in Social Work Practice (meets core clinical methods requirement) |
| SWCL 760 | Dialectical Behavior Therapy |
| SWCL 773 | Adult Trauma and Clinical Social Work Practice - <u>additional prerequisite: SWCL 700</u> (meets core clinical methods requirement) |
| SWCL 775 | Clinical Social Work Practice with Immigrants and Refugees |
| SWCL 776 | Core Concepts in Trauma Treatment for Children & Adolescents - <u>additional prerequisites: SWCL 700 & 744</u> |
| SWCL 779 | Interprofessional Collaboration in Healthcare Delivery [1 credit] |

LPSC METHODS COURSES (prerequisites SOWK 630, 631, 635, and 637, unless otherwise specified)

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| SWOA 701 | Advocacy |
| SWOA 703 | Program Development |
| SWOA 704 | Community Organization |
| SWOA 707 | Social Policy and Social Change |
| SWOA 708 | Supervision and Leadership - <u>prerequisites: SOWK 632, 636, & 638</u> (spring only) |
| SWOA 709 | Remake the World: Skills AND Strategies of Community Action - <u>prerequisites: SOWK 632, 636, & 638</u> (spring only) (NOTE: This is offered as a 3-credit course AND 1-credit courses by topic) |

ADVANCED FIELD INSTRUCTION (prerequisite of 27 credit Foundation curriculum)

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| SWCL 794 | Advanced CLINICAL Practicum I [6 credits] |
| SWCL 795 | Advanced CLINICAL Practicum II [6 credits] |
| SWOA 794 | Advanced LPSC Practicum I [6 credits] |
| SWOA 795 | Advanced LPSC Practicum II [6 credits] |

OTHER COURSES (there may be prerequisites, and they will be noted on the course schedule each semester)

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| SOWK 699 | Special Topics [1-3 credits] |
| SOWK 705 | International Social Work [3 credits unless otherwise indicated] - This course is taken in conjunction with travel to various destinations, and includes pre-departure classes and post-trip debriefings, presentations, and subsequent planning. |
| SOWK 767 | Intimate Partner Violence - Anti-Oppressive and Healing-Engaged Practice - <u>prerequisite: SOWK 645</u> |
| SOWK 798 | Independent Study [1-3 credits] |