

2025-2026 CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

60-Credit Online Program

The University of Maryland Baltimore's 60-credit Online Program integrates online coursework with in-person practicum experience. Students start with a 27-credit foundation curriculum, progressing to a 33-credit advanced curriculum tailored to a concentration in Clinical Social Work.

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.

Foundation Practicum

Students complete a two-semester practicum, taken two days a week for (16) hours per week, in a social service placement. Practicum is typically on Mondays and Wednesdays, unless otherwise specified by the practicum agency or the student. 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 Courses			
Courses	Pre- and Co-Requisites	Sem.	Cr.
SOWK 600: Social Welfare and Social Policy		Fall	3
SOWK 610: Structural Oppression and its Implications for Social Work Practice		Fall	3
SOWK 630: Social Work Practice with Individuals	Co-Requisites: SOWK 635 & 637	Fall	3
SOWK 631: Social Work Practice with Communities and Organizations	Co-Requisites: SOWK 630, 635, & 637	Fall	6
SOWK 632: Social Work Practice with Groups and Families	Co-Requisites: SOWK 636 & 638	Spring	6
SOWK 635: Foundation Practicum I	Co-Requisites: SOWK 630, 631, & 637	Fall	5.5
SOWK 636: Foundation Practicum II	Pre-Requisite: SOWK 635 Co-Requisites: SOWK 632 & 638	Spring	5.5
SOWK 637: Foundation Seminar I	Co-Requisites: SOWK 630, SOWK 631, & 635	Fall	.5
SOWK 638: Foundation Seminar II	Pre-Requisite: SOWK 637 Co-Requisites: SOWK 632 & SOWK 638	Spring	.5
SOWK 645: Human Behavior and the Social Environment		Spring	3
SOWK 670: Social Work Research		Spring	3
TOTAL CREDITS: 27			

ADVANCED CURRICULUM:

All OMSW students complete the final 33 credits of their MSW within a Clinical concentration. To meet the Clinical concentration requirements, students must complete:

- One advanced policy course
- SWCL 700: Advanced Clinical Interventions
- SWCL 744: Assessment, Diagnosis, & Intervention Planning
- Two additional 3-credit clinical methods courses
- Two 3-credit electives

These requirements are fully integrated into the OMSW Plan of Study, which is designed to ensure that all Clinical concentration requirements are met without the need for individual course selection or scheduling decisions.

Advanced Practicum

The Advanced Practicum spans two consecutive semesters and provides students with direct social work experience in a social service agency. Practicum is typically scheduled on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, though exact days may vary based on agency placement. Students may also opt for an Advanced Extended Practicum, which involves a two-day-per-week schedule and continues through July. Students who choose this extended option graduate in July.

Advanced Courses			
Courses	Pre-Requisites	Semester	Cr.
Advanced Policy	SOWK 600	Summer	3
SWCL 700: Advanced Clinical Interventions	SOWK 630, 631, 635, & 637	Spring	3
SWCL 744: Assessment, Diagnosis, & Intervention Planning	SOWK 630, 631, 635, & 637	Summer	3
SWCL 703: Family Therapy	SOWK 630, 631, 632, 635, 636, 637, and 638	Fall	3
SWCL 705: Clinical Social Work with Addictive Behavior Patterns	SOWK 630, 631, 632, 635, 636, 637, and 638	Fall	3
SWCL 722: Cognitive Behavioral Therapies	SOWK 630, 631, 632, 635, 636, 637, 638 and SWCL 700	Spring	3
SWCL 773: Adult Trauma and Clinical Social Work Practice	SOWK 630, 631, 632, 635, 636, 637, 638 and SWCL 700	Spring	3
SWCL 794: Advanced Clinical Practicum I	SOWK 630, 631, 632, 635, 636, 637, and 638	Fall	6
SWCL 795: Advanced Clinical Practicum II	SWCL 794	Spring	6
Total Credits:			33

Optional Course Flexibility

While the OMSW Plan of Study is designed to meet all Clinical concentration requirements through a structured curriculum, students may request to take **up to 9 credits** through other UMSSW course offerings outside of the OMSW . This option is intended to support specific professional, practicum, or fellowship interests.

The following guidelines apply:

- Students may substitute one advanced policy course and two electives (totaling up to 9 credits).
- Substituted courses must not duplicate offerings already available within the OMSW curriculum.
- **Advanced Policy course**
 - The required Advanced Policy course may be fulfilled by any course from the [approved list](#). Students are encouraged to enroll in this course during the summer term, when all MSW courses are offered online. However, not all Advanced Policy courses are available in the summer, and some may require in-person attendance if taken during the fall or spring semesters.
- **Eligible Elective courses:**
 - 700-level SOWK courses
 - SOWK 699 electives (3-credit or three 1-credit courses)
 - Clinical Methods courses
 - Advanced Policy courses
 - Leadership, Policy, and Social Change (LPSC) courses
 - See the list of courses on our [Course Offerings and Descriptions](#) page.

Additional Guidelines:

- Students must meet all prerequisites for any requested course.
- Enrollment in at least one OMSW course is required during each fall and spring semester.
- Students may choose to exceed the 60-credit minimum and graduate with additional coursework.
- Students interested in a Clinical/LPSC dual concentration should plan to take SWOA 701 and one additional LPSC Methods course as electives. This option may require in-person attendance; early consultation with the academic advisor is recommended.