MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK
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The School has a strong and growing international focus, with courses and field education opportunities abroad. Information about global education initiatives for all students may be found at www.umaryland.edu/global.

SSW Courses with International Travel:

Opportunities that pair coursework with brief international travel to another country are available. These courses have focused on social justice, health research, and comparative social work practice globally. Travel locations have included the UK, India, Central America, and Israel. Each semester’s schedule includes information about classes with international travel to be offered; students register for these courses through the regular online registration system. Additional applications/interviews may be required.

SSW International Field Placement Program (IFPP):

The school also offers two international advanced field placements, one in London, UK and the other in Cochin, India. Students live on the campuses of our partnering universities and take two MSW classroom classes in the universities’ social work departments. Field placements are arranged in local agencies, matching students’ concentrations and specializations. Courses and field supervision are both in English.

In both placements, students are in residence for five to six months and complete the requirements for their entire advanced field placements. These placements begin during the summer and extend through the fall semester. Therefore, students must apply for these opportunities while they are still in the first semester of their foundation field practicum.

Informational meetings are offered each year in September and October. There are limited slots for these programs so interested students complete applications and interviews before selections are made.

Courses Supporting International Social Work

The school and other UMB schools also offers course on campus/remotely which support international social work. For instance, SOWK 766—International Social Welfare prepares students for international social work globally and / or for transnational work in the United States or abroad. International social work is a discrete field of practice within social work that seeks to improve the social and material well-being of people everywhere.

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