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Introduction and Welcome

Welcome to the University of Maryland School of Social Work 2026-2027 Academic Catalog. This guide is designed to help current and prospective Master of Social Work (MSW) students navigate program requirements, curriculum options, concentration pathways, practicum expectations, and plans of study. Whether enrolled in the Hybrid or Online MSW program, students will find the information necessary to support academic planning and successful progression toward degree completion.

The School of Social Work is committed to preparing competent, ethical, and innovative social work professionals through rigorous coursework, experiential learning, and community engagement. This catalog provides a comprehensive overview of available programs, course requirements, and concentration options in Clinical Social Work and Leadership, Policy, & Social Change, as well as important academic policies and resources. Students are encouraged to use this document throughout their academic journey as a roadmap for achieving their educational and professional goals. *Current students should pair this Academic Catalog with the UMSSW Student Handbook and the Student Experience Portal to best navigate their program.*

60-Credit Hybrid Foundation Program

2026-2027 Curriculum Overview

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 in Clinical Social Work 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.
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	6
SOWK 637 and SOWK 638: Foundation Practicum Seminar I & II	0
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 selected concentration, which students will officially declare to the program on their Advanced Practicum application. Advanced Practicum is two consecutive semesters scheduled typically on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, unless otherwise specified by the Practicum agency. Students also have the option of a two-day a week Advanced Extended practicum, which extends the placement into July. Students who choose an extended practicum are July graduates.

Program Concentrations

Students are required to select a concentration (Clinical or Leadership, Policy, & Social Change). Students can also 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 content from the other concentration, through two courses. Each concentration has specific course requirements, which are identified below.

Clinical Concentration Requirements		
CLINICAL	CLINICAL/LPSC	Cr.
Advanced Policy: Choose any advanced policy of your choice. Some common options include SOWK 708 (Integrated Behavioral Health Policy), SOWK 704 (Social Work and the Law), and SOWK 715 (Children and Social Services Policy).	Advanced Policy: Choose any advanced policy of your choice. Some common options include SOWK 708 (Integrated Behavioral Health Policy), SOWK 704 (Social Work and the Law), and SOWK 715 (Children and Social Services 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 an SWCL prefix)	Clinical Methods (Any Course with an SWCL prefix)	3
Elective (Any 3-Credit Advanced Level Course)	SWOA 701: Advocacy	3
Elective (Any 3-Credit Advanced Level Course)	LPSC Methods (Any Course with an 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		
LPSC	LPSC/Clinical *	Cr.
Advanced Policy: Choose any advanced policy of your choice. Some common options include SOWK 708 (Integrated Behavioral Health Policy), SOWK 704 (Social Work and the Law), and SOWK 715 (Children and Social Services Policy).	Choose any advanced policy of your choice. Some common options include SOWK 708 (Integrated Behavioral Health Policy), SOWK 704 (Social Work and the Law), and SOWK 715 (Children and Social Services Policy).	3
SWOA 701: Advocacy	SWOA 701: Advocacy	3
Choose Three: SWOA 703, SWOA 704, SWOA 707, SWOA 708, or three designated 1-Credit Courses	Choose Three: SWOA 703, SWOA 704, SWOA 707, or SWOA 708, or three designated 1-Credit Courses	3
Elective	SWCL 700 <u>or</u> SWCL 744	3
Elective	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	12
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 *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.

Electives are any 700-level course or SOWK 699 courses

FOUNDATION COURSES

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 Seminar I- taken concurrently with SOWK 630, SOWK 631, & 635 (0 credits, fall only)
SOWK 638	Foundation Seminar II- taken concurrently with SOWK 632 & SOWK 636 (0 credits, spring only)
SOWK 645	Human Behavior and the Social Environment
SOWK 670	Social Work Research

ADVANCED POLICY COURSES (prerequisite SOWK 600)

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 (spring only)

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

SWCL 700	Advanced Clinical Interventions – <i>prerequisites: SOWK 630, 631, 635, & 637</i>
SWCL 703	Family Therapy (meets core clinical methods requirement)
SWCL 704	Integrated Behavioral Health Practice
SWCL 705	Clinical Social Work with Addictive Behavior Patterns
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 – <i>additional prerequisite: SWCL 700</i> (meets core clinical methods requirement)
SWCL 726	Clinical Social Work with African-American Families
SWCL 727	Clinical Practice with Families and Children in Child Welfare
SWCL 730	Recovery-Oriented Interventions for Adults with Serious Mental Illness - <i>additional prerequisite: SWCL 744</i>
SWCL 744	Assessment, Diagnosis, and Intervention Planning– <i>prerequisites: SOWK 630, 631, 635, & 637</i>
SWCL 748	Clinical Social Work Practice in Relation to Death, Dying & Bereavement
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 – <i>additional prerequisite: SWCL 700</i> (meets core clinical methods requirement)
SWCL 775	Clinical Social Work Practice with Immigrants and Refugees (spring only)

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

SWOA	701	Advocacy
SWOA	703	Program Development
SWOA	704	Community Organization
SWOA	707	Social Policy and Social Change
SWOA	708	Supervision and Leadership – <i>prerequisites: SOWK 632, 636, & 638</i>
SOWK	699.p	Results-Based Accountability for Evaluation (spring only)
SOWK	699.q	Budgeting for Success and Sustainability (spring only)
SOWK	699.r	Strategic Thinking, Strategic Planning, & Strategic Actions for Strategic Results (spring only)

ADVANCED PRACTICUM INSTRUCTION (prerequisite of 27 credit Foundation curriculum)

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)

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, Required pre-departure classes and post-trip debriefings, presentations, and subsequent planning are also included in the course.

SOWK 798 Independent Study [1-3 credits]

SWCL 709 Tele-behavioral Health: Delivery of Clinical Social Work Services [1 credit]

Clinical Concentration Checklist

CLINICAL				
✓	FOUNDATION COURSE REQUIREMENTS		Co-Requisites	Cr.
	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 (fall only)		SOWK 631, 635	3
	SOWK 631: Social Work Practice with Communities & Organizations (fall only)*		SOWK 630, 635	3
	SOWK 632: Social Work Practice with Groups and Families (spring only)		SOWK 636	3
	SOWK 635 & 637: Foundation Field Practicum and Seminar I (fall only)		SOWK 630, 631	3
	SOWK 636 & 638: Foundation Field Practicum and Seminar II (spring only)		SOWK 632	3
	SOWK 645: Human Behavior and the Social Environment			3
	SOWK 670: Social Work Research			3
✓	ADVANCED COURSE REQUIREMENTS		Prerequisites	Cr.
	Select One Advanced Policy	Any advanced policy course will meet this requirement. Please see The Course Offerings Webpage for a complete list of advanced policy courses. Common options include SOWK 704, SOWK 708, or SOWK 715.	SOWK 600	3
	SWCL 700: Advanced Clinical Interventions		SOWK 630,631,635	3
	SWCL 744: Assessment, Diagnosis, and Intervention Planning		SOWK 630,631,635	3
	Select One Core Clinical Methods	SWCL 703: Family Therapy <u>or</u> SWCL 711: Clinical Social Work with Children and Adolescents <u>or</u> SWCL 715: Clinical Applications of Mindfulness and Stress Reduction <u>or</u> SWCL 722: Cognitive-Behavioral Therapies (<i>pre-requisite: SOWK 632</i>) <u>or</u> SWCL 756: Motivational Interviewing in Social Work Practice <u>or</u> SWCL 773: Adult Trauma and Clinical Social Work Practice (<i>pre-requisite: SWCL 700</i>)	SOWK 632, 636	3
	Clinical Methods (Any course with an SWCL prefix)		SOWK 632, 636	3
	Elective (Any 700-level course or SOWK 699)		Varies	3
	Elective (Any 700-level course or SOWK 699)		Varies	3
	SWCL 794: Advanced Clinical Field Practicum (Fall)		SOWK 635, 636	6
	SWCL 795: Advanced Clinical Field Practicum (Spring)		SWCL 794	6
			TOTAL CREDITS	60

*Part-Time Students may take this in the summer before their foundation field placement.

**SOWK 635 and SOWK 636 are 3 credits each. SOWK 637 and SOWK 638 are 0 credits each.

Clinical/LPSC Concentration Checklist

CLINICAL/LEADERSHIP, POLICY, & SOCIAL CHANGE				
✓	FOUNDATION COURSE REQUIREMENTS		Co-Requisites	Cr.
	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 (fall only)		SOWK 631, 635	3
	SOWK 631: Social Work Practice with Communities & Organizations (fall only)*		SOWK 630, 635	3
	SOWK 632: Social Work Practice with Groups and Families (spring only)		SOWK 636	3
	SOWK 635 & 637: Foundation Field Practicum and Seminar I (fall only)**		SOWK 630, 631	3
	SOWK 636 & 638: Foundation Field Practicum and Seminar II (spring only)**		SOWK 632	3
	SOWK 645: Human Behavior and the Social Environment			3
	SOWK 670: Social Work Research			3
✓	ADVANCED COURSE REQUIREMENTS		Prerequisites	Cr.
	Select One Advanced Policy	Any advanced policy course will meet this requirement. Please see The Course Offerings Webpage for a complete list of advanced policy courses. Common options include SOWK 704, SOWK 708, or SOWK 715.	SOWK 600	3
	SWCL 700: Advanced Clinical Interventions		SOWK 630,631,635	3
	SWCL 744: Assessment, Diagnosis, and Intervention Planning		SOWK 630,631,635	3
	Select One	SWCL 703: Family Therapy <u>or</u> SWCL 711: Clinical Social Work with Children and Adolescents <u>or</u> SWCL 715: Clinical Applications of Mindfulness and Stress Reduction <u>or</u> SWCL 722: Cognitive-Behavioral Therapies (<i>pre-requisite: SOWK 630</i>) <u>or</u> SWCL 756: Motivational Interviewing in Social Work Practice <u>or</u> SWCL 773: Adult Trauma and Clinical Social Work Practice (<i>pre-requisite: SWCL 700</i>)	SOWK 632, 636	3
	Clinical Methods (Any course with an SWCL prefix)		SOWK 632, 636	3
	SWOA 701: Advocacy		SOWK 630,631,635	3
	LPSC Methods (Any course with an SWOA prefix)		Varies	3
	SWCL 794: Advanced Clinical Field Practicum I (Fall)		SOWK 635, 636	6
	SWCL 795: Advanced Clinical Field Practicum II (Spring)		SWCL 794	6
			TOTAL CREDITS	60

*Part-Time Students may take this in the summer before their foundation field placement.

**SOWK 635 and SOWK 636 are 3 credits each. SOWK 637 and SOWK 638 are 0 credits each.

Leadership, Policy, & Social Change Concentration Checklist

LEADERSHIP, POLICY, & SOCIAL CHANGE				
✓	FOUNDATION COURSE REQUIREMENTS		Co-Requisites	Cr.
	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 (fall only)		SOWK 631, 635	3
	SOWK 631: Social Work Practice with Communities & Organizations (fall only)*		SOWK 630, 635	3
	SOWK 632: Social Work Practice with Groups and Families (spring only)		SOWK 636	3
	SOWK 635 & 637: Foundation Field Practicum and Seminar I (fall only)**		SOWK 630, 631	3
	SOWK 636 & 638: Foundation Field Practicum and Seminar II (spring only)**		SOWK 632	3
	SOWK 645: Human Behavior and the Social Environment			3
	SOWK 670: Social Work Research			3
✓	ADVANCED COURSE REQUIREMENTS		Prerequisites	Cr.
	Advanced Policy	Any advanced policy course will meet this requirement. Please see The Course Offerings Webpage for a complete list of advanced policy courses. Common options include SOWK 704, SOWK 708, or SOWK 715.	SOWK 600	3
	SWOA 701: Advocacy		SOWK 630, 631, 635	3
	Choose Three from the following	SWOA 703: Program Development SWOA 704: Community Organization SWOA 707: Social Policy and Social Change	SOWK 630, 631, 635	9
		SWOA 708: Supervision and Leadership (spring and summer) Three 1-Credit Designated Electives	SOWK 632, 636	
	Elective (Any 700-level course or SOWK 699)		Varies	3
	Elective (Any 700-level course or SOWK 699)		Varies	3
	SWOA 794: Advanced Macro Field Practicum I (Fall)		SOWK 635, 636	6
	SWOA 795: Advanced Macro Field Practicum II (Spring)		SWOA 794	6
			TOTAL CREDITS	60

*Part-Time Students may take this in the summer before their foundation field placement.

**SOWK 635 and SOWK 636 are 3 credits each. SOWK 637 and SOWK 638 are 0 credits each.

Leadership, Policy, & Social Change/Clinical Checklist

LEADERSHIP, POLICY, & SOCIAL CHANGE/CLINICAL				
✓	FOUNDATION COURSE REQUIREMENTS		Co-Requisites	Cr.
	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 (fall only)		SOWK 631, 635	3
	SOWK 631: Social Work Practice with Communities & Organizations (fall only)*		SOWK 630, 635	3
	SOWK 632: Social Work Practice with Groups and Families (spring only)		SOWK 636	3
	SOWK 635 & 367: Foundation Field Practicum and Seminar I (fall only)**		SOWK 630, 631	3
	SOWK 636 & 638: Foundation Field Practicum and Seminar II (spring only)**		SOWK 632	3
	SOWK 645: Human Behavior and the Social Environment			3
	SOWK 670: Social Work Research			3
✓	ADVANCED COURSE REQUIREMENTS		Prerequisites	Cr.
	Advanced Policy	Choose any advanced policy of your choice. Some common options include SOWK 708 (Integrated Behavioral Health Policy), SOWK 704 (Social Work and the Law), and SOWK 715 (Children and Social Services)	SOWK 600	3
	SWOA 701: Advocacy		SOWK 630, 631, 635	3
	Choose Three	SWOA 703: Program Development SWOA 704: Community Organization SWOA 707: Social Policy and Social Change	SOWK 630,631,635	9
		SWOA 708: Supervision and Leadership (spring and summer) Three 1-Credit Designated Electives	SOWK 632, 636	
	Choose One	SWCL 700: Advanced Clinical Interventions or SWCL 744: Assessment, Diagnosis, and Intervention	SOWK 630, 631, and 635	3
	Clinical Methods Planning (Any course with an SWCL prefix)		Varies	3
	SWOA 794: Advanced Macro Field Practicum I (Fall)		SOWK 635, 636	6
	SWOA 795: Advanced Macro Field Practicum II (Spring)		SWOA 794	6
			TOTAL CREDITS	60

*Part-Time Students may take this in the summer before their foundation field placement.

**SOWK 635 and SOWK 636 are 3 credits each. SOWK 637 and SOWK 638 are 0 credits each.

Fall Admitted Full-Time Plans of Study

2-Year Clinical Plan of Study

Fall—Year One (15 Credits)

SOWK 610 – Structural Oppression and Its Implications for Social Work Practice (3)

SOWK 630 – Social Work Practice with Individuals (3)

SOWK 631 – Social Work Practice with Communities and Organizations (3)

SOWK 635 & 637 – Foundation Practicum and Seminar I (3)

SOWK 645 – Human Behavior and the Social Environment (3)

Spring—Year One (15 Credits)

SOWK 600 – Social Welfare and Social Policy (3)

SOWK 632 – Social Work Practice with Groups and Families (3)

SOWK 636 & 638 – Foundation Practicum and Seminar II (3)

SOWK 670 – Social Work Research (3)

SWCL 700 – Advanced Clinical Interventions (3)

Fall—Year Two (15 Credits)

SWCL 794 – Advanced Clinical Practicum I (6)

Advanced Policy (see **Course Offerings** for a list of policy courses) (3)

SWCL 744 – Assessment, Diagnosis, and Intervention Planning (3)

Core Clinical Methods (See curriculum checklist) (3)

Spring—Year Two (15 Credits)

SWCL 795 – Advanced Clinical Practicum II (6)

Clinical Methods (any course with an SWCL prefix) (3)

Elective (any advanced level course)* (3)

Elective (any advanced level course)** (3)

** Clinical/Leadership, Policy, & Social Change students should take SWOA 701 (Advocacy)*

***Clinical/Leadership, Policy, & Social Change Students should take any SWOA course*

2-Year LPSC Plan of Study

Fall—Year One (15 Credits)

SOWK 610 - Structural Oppression and Its Implications for Social Work Practice (3)
SOWK 630 – Social Work Practice with Individuals (3)
SOWK 631 – Social Work Practice with Communities and Organizations (3)
SOWK 635 & 637 – Foundation Practicum and Seminar I (3)
SOWK 645 – Human Behavior and the Social Environment (3)

Spring—Year One (15 Credits)

SOWK 600 – Social Welfare and Social Policy (3)
SOWK 632 – Social Work Practice with Groups and Families (3)
SOWK 636 & 638 – Foundation Practicum and Seminar II (3)
SOWK 670 – Social Work Research (3)
SWOA 701 - Advocacy (3)

Fall—Year Two (15 Credits)

SWOA 794 – Advanced LPSC Practicum I (6)
Advanced Policy (see **Course Offerings** for a list of policy courses) (3)
LPSC Methods (Any Course with an SWOA prefix) (3)
LPSC Methods (Any Course with an SWOA prefix) (3)

Spring—Year Two (15 Credits)

SWOA 795 – Advanced LPSC Practicum II (6)
LPSC Methods (Any Course with an SWOA prefix) (3)
Elective (Any advanced level course) (3)*
Elective (Any advanced level course) (3)**

*Students with a leadership, policy, & social change/clinical concentration should take SWCL 700 or SWCL 744

**Students with a leadership, policy, & social change/clinical concentration should take a Clinical methods course.

2-Year Clinical Plan of Study with Summers

Fall—Year One (12 Credits)

SOWK 610 – Structural Oppression and Its Implications for Social Work Practice (3)
SOWK 630 – Social Work Practice with Individuals (3)
SOWK 631 – Social Work Practice with Communities and Organizations (3)
SOWK 635 & 637 – Foundation Practicum and Seminar I (3)

Spring—Year One (12 Credits)

SOWK 600 – Social Welfare and Social Policy (3)
SOWK 632 – Social Work Practice with Groups and Families (3)
SOWK 636 & 638 – Foundation Practicum and Seminar II (3)
SOWK 670 – Social Work Research (3)

Summer—Year One (6 Credits)

SOWK 645 – Human Behavior and the Social Environment (3)
SWCL 700 – Advanced Clinical Interventions (3)

Fall—Year Two (12 Credits)

SWCL 794 – Advanced Clinical Practicum I (6)
Advanced Policy (see **Course Offerings** for a list of policy courses) (3)
SWCL 744 – Assessment, Diagnosis, and Intervention Planning (3)

Spring—Year Two (12 Credits)

SWCL 795 – Advanced Clinical Practicum II (6)
Core Clinical Methods (See curriculum checklist) (3)
Elective (any advanced level course)* (3)

Summer—Year Two (6 Credits)

Clinical Methods (any course with an SWCL prefix) (3)
Elective (any advanced level course)** (3)

** Clinical/Leadership, Policy, & Social Change students should take SWOA 701 (Advocacy)*

***Clinical/Leadership, Policy, & Social Change Students should take any SWOA course*

2-Year LPSC Plan of Study with Summers

Fall—Year One (12 Credits)

SOWK 610 - Structural Oppression and Its Implications for Social Work Practice (3)
SOWK 630 – Social Work Practice with Individuals (3)
SOWK 631 – Social Work Practice with Communities and Organizations (3)
SOWK 635 & 637 – Foundation Practicum and Seminar I (3)

Spring—Year One (12 Credits)

SOWK 600 – Social Welfare and Social Policy (3)
SOWK 632 – Social Work Practice with Groups and Families (3)
SOWK 636 & 638 – Foundation Practicum and Seminar II (3)
SWOA 701 - Advocacy (3)

Summer—Year One (6 Credits)

SOWK 645 – Human Behavior and the Social Environment (3)
SOWK 670 – Social Work Research (3)

Fall—Year Two (12 Credits)

SWOA 794 – Advanced LPSC Practicum I (6)
Advanced Policy (see **Course Offerings** for a list of policy courses) (3)
LPSC Methods (Any Course with an SWOA prefix) (3)

Spring—Year Two (12 Credits)

SWOA 795 – Advanced LPSC Practicum II (6)
LPSC Methods (Any Course with an SWOA prefix) (3)
Elective (Any advanced level course) (3)*

Summer—Year Two (6 Credits)

LPSC Methods (Any Course with an SWOA prefix) (3)
Elective (Any advanced level course) (3)**

*Students with a leadership, policy, & social change/clinical concentration should take SWCL 700 or SWCL 744

**Students with a leadership, policy, & social change/clinical concentration should take a Clinical methods course.

Fall Admitted Part-Time Plans of Study

2-Year Clinical Plan of Study

Fall—Year One (6 Credits)

SOWK 610 – Structural Oppression and Its Implications for Social Work Practice (3)

SOWK 645 – Human Behavior and the Social Environment (3)

Spring—Year One (6 Credits)

SOWK 600 – Social Welfare and Social Policy (3)

SOWK 670 – Social Work Research (3)

Fall—Year Two (12 Credits)

SOWK 630 – Social Work Practice with Individuals (3)

SOWK 631 – Social Work Practice with Communities and Organizations (3)

This course may be taken over the summer before Fall Two.

SOWK 635 & 637 – Foundation Practicum and Seminar I (3)

Advanced Policy (see **Course Offerings** for a list of policy courses) (3)

Spring—Year Two (12 Credits)

SOWK 632 – Social Work Practice with Groups and Families (3)

SOWK 636 & 638 – Foundation Practicum and Seminar II (3)

SWCL 700 – Advanced Clinical Interventions (3)

SWCL 744 – Assessment, Diagnosis, and Intervention Planning (3)

Fall—Year Three (12 Credits)

SWCL 794 – Advanced Clinical Practicum I (6)

Core Clinical Methods (SWCL 703, 711, 715, 722, 756, or 773) (3)

Elective (Any advanced level course)* (3)

Spring—Year Three (12 Credits)

SWCL 795/SWOA 795 – Advanced Clinical Practicum II (6)

SWCL Methods (Any course with an SWCL prefix) (3)

Elective (Any advanced level course)** (3)

** Clinical/Leadership, Policy, & Social Change students should take SWOA 701 (Advocacy)*

***Clinical/Leadership, Policy, & Social Change Students should take any SWOA course*

3-Year LPSC Plan of Study

Fall—Year One (6 Credits)

SOWK 610 – Structural Oppression and Its Implications for Social Work Practice (3)

SOWK 645 – Human Behavior and the Social Environment (3)

Spring—Year One (6 Credits)

SOWK 600 – Social Welfare and Social Policy (3)

SOWK 670 - Social Work Research (3)

Fall—Year Two (12 Credits)

SOWK 630 – Social Work Practice with Individuals (3)

SOWK 631 – Social Work Practice with Communities and Organizations (3)

SOWK 635 & 637 – Foundation Practicum and Seminar I (3)

Advanced Policy (see **Course Offerings** for a list of policy courses) (3)

Spring—Year Two (12 Credits)

SOWK 632 – Social Work Practice with Groups and Families (3)

SOWK 636 & 638 – Foundation Practicum and Seminar II (3)

SWOA 701 – Advocacy (3)

LPSC Methods (Any Course with an SWOA prefix) (3)

Fall—Year Three (12 Credits)

SWOA 794 – Advanced LPSC Practicum I (6)

LPSC Methods (Any Course with an SWOA prefix) (3)

Elective (Any advanced level course)* (3)

Spring—Year Three (12 Credits)

SWOA 795 – Advanced LPSC Practicum II (6)

LPSC Methods (Any Course with an SWOA prefix) (3)

Elective (Any advanced level course)** (3)

*Leadership, Policy, & Social Change/Clinical students should take SWCL 700 or SWCL 744

**Leadership, Policy, & Social Change/Clinical Students should take an SWCL Methods Course

3-Year Clinical Plan of Study with Summers

Fall—Year One (6 Credits)

SOWK 610 – Structural Oppression and Its Implications for Social Work Practice (3)
SOWK 645 – Human Behavior and the Social Environment (3)

Spring—Year One (6 Credits)

SOWK 600 – Social Welfare and Social Policy (3)
SOWK 670 – Social Work Research (3)

Summer—Year One (6 Credits)

SOWK 631 – Social Work Practice with Communities and Organizations (3)
Advanced Policy (see **Course Offerings** for a list of policy courses) (3)

Fall—Year Two (6 Credits)

SOWK 630 – Social Work Practice with Individuals (3)
SOWK 635 & 637 – Foundation Practicum and Seminar I (3)

Spring—Year Two (6 Credits)

SOWK 632 – Social Work Practice with Groups and Families (3)
SOWK 636 & 638 – Foundation Practicum and Seminar II (3)

Summer—Year Two (6 Credits)

SWCL 700 – Advanced Clinical Interventions (3)
SWCL 744 – Assessment, Diagnosis, and Intervention Planning (3)

Fall—Year Three (12 Credits)

SWCL 794 – Advanced Clinical Practicum I (6)
Core Clinical Methods (SWCL 703, 711, 715, 722, 756, or 773) (3)
Elective (Any advanced level course)* (3) *(Can be pushed to summer year 3)*

Spring—Year Three (12 Credits)

SWCL 795/SWOA 795 – Advanced Clinical Practicum II (6)
SWCL Methods (Any course with an SWCL prefix) (3)
Elective (Any advanced level course)** (3) *(Can be pushed to summer year 3)*

** Clinical/Leadership, Policy, & Social Change students should take SWOA 701 (Advocacy)*

***Clinical/Leadership, Policy, & Social Change Students should take any SWOA course*

3-Year LPSC Plan of Study with Summers

Students should consider taking at least one clinical course during their time in the program if interested in advanced clinical licensure in the future.

Fall—Year One (6 Credits)

SOWK 610 – Structural Oppression and Its Implications for Social Work Practice (3)

SOWK 645 – Human Behavior and the Social Environment (3)

Spring—Year One (6 Credits)

SOWK 600 – Social Welfare and Social Policy (3)

SOWK 670 – Social Work Research (3)

Summer—Year One (6 Credits)

SOWK 631 – Social Work Practice with Communities and Organizations (3)

Advanced Policy (see **Course Offerings** for a list of policy courses) (3)

Fall—Year Two (6 Credits)

SOWK 630 – Social Work Practice with Individuals (3)

SOWK 635 & 637 – Foundation Practicum and Seminar I (3)

Spring—Year Two (6 Credits)

SOWK 632 – Social Work Practice with Groups and Families (3)

SOWK 636 & 638 – Foundation Practicum and Seminar II (3)

Summer—Year Two (6 Credits)

One LPSC Methods Course (Any course with an SWOA prefix) (3)

One LPSC Methods Course (Any course with an SWOA prefix) (3)

Fall—Year Three (12 Credits)

SWOA 794 – Advanced LPSC Practicum I (6)

SWOA 701 – Advocacy (3)

Elective (Any advanced level course) (3)*

Spring—Year Three (12 Credits)

SWOA 795 – Advanced LPSC Practicum II (6)

One LPSC Methods Course (Any course with an SWOA prefix) (3)

Elective (Any advanced level course) (3)**

*Leadership, Policy, & Social Change/Clinical students should take SWCL 700 or SWCL 744

**Leadership, Policy, & Social Change/Clinical Students should take an SWCL Methods Course

Spring Admitted Part-Time Plans of Study

2.5-Year Clinical Plan of Study

Spring—Year One (6 Credits)

SOWK 610 – Structural Oppression and Its Implications for Social Work Practice (3)

SOWK 600 – Social Welfare and Social Policy (3)

Fall—Year One (12 Credits)

SOWK 630 – Social Work Practice with Individuals (3)

SOWK 631 – Social Work Practice with Communities and Organizations (3)

SOWK 635 & 637 – Foundation Field Practicum and Seminar I (3)

SOWK 645 – Human Behavior and the Social Environment (3)

Spring—Year Two (12 Credits)

SOWK 632 – Social Work Practice with Groups and Families (3)

SOWK 636 & 638 – Foundation Field Practicum and Seminar II (3)

SOWK 670 – Social Work Research (3)

SWCL 700 – Advanced Clinical Interventions (3)

Fall—Year Two (15 credits)

SWCL 794 – Advanced Field Practicum I (6)

Advanced Policy (see **Course Offerings** for a list of policy options) (3)

SWCL 744 – Assessment, Diagnosis, and Intervention Planning (3)

Core Clinical Methods (SWCL 703, 711, 715, 722, 756, or 773) (3)

Spring—Year Three (15 credits)

SWCL 795 – Advanced Field Practicum II (6)

SWCL Methods (any course with an SWCL prefix) (3)

Elective (any advanced level course)* (3)

Elective (any advanced level course)** (3)

** Clinical/Leadership, Policy, & Social Change students should take SWOA 701 (Advocacy)*

***Clinical/Leadership, Policy, & Social Change Students should take any SWOA course*

2.5-Year LPSC Plan of Study

Spring—Year One (6 Credits)

SOWK 600 – Social Welfare and Social Policy (3)

SOWK 610 – Structural Oppression and Its Implications for Social Work Practice (3)

Fall—Year One (12 Credits)

SOWK 630 – Social Work Practice with Individuals (3)

SOWK 631 – Social Work Practice with Communities and Organizations (3)

SOWK 635 & 637 – Foundation Field Practicum Seminar I (3)

SOWK 645 – Human Behavior and the Social Environment (3)

Spring—Year Two (12 Credits)

SOWK 632 – Social Work Practice with Groups and Families (3)

SOWK 636 & 638 – Foundation Field Practicum Seminar II (3)

SOWK 670 – Social Work Research (3)

SWOA 701 – Advocacy (3)

Fall—Year Two (12 credits)

SWOA 794 – Advanced Field Practicum I (6)

Advanced Policy (see **Course Offerings** for a list of policy options) (3)

One LPSC Methods Course (Any course with an SWOA prefix) (3)

One LPSC Methods Course (Any course with an SWOA prefix) (3)

Spring—Year Three (15 credits)

SWOA 795 – Advanced Field Practicum II (6)

One LPSC Methods Course (Any course with an SWOA prefix) (3)

Elective (Any advanced level course) (3)*

Elective (Any advanced level course) (3)**

*Leadership, Policy, & Social Change/Clinical students should take SWCL 700 or SWCL 744

**Leadership, Policy, & Social Change/Clinical students should take an SWCL Methods Course

2.5-Year Clinical Plan of Study with Summers

Spring—Year One (6 Credits)

SOWK 610 – Structural Oppression and Its Implications for Social Work Practice (3)

SOWK 600 – Social Welfare and Social Policy (3)

Summer—Year One (6 Credits)

SOWK 645 – Human Behavior and the Social Environment (3)

SOWK 631 – Social Work Practice with Communities and Organizations (3)

Fall—Year One (9 Credits)

SOWK 630 – Social Work Practice with Individuals (3)

SOWK 635 & 637 – Foundation Practicum and Seminar I (3)

Advanced Policy (see **Course Offerings** for a list of policy options) (3)

Spring—Year Two (9 Credits)

SOWK 632 – Social Work Practice with Groups and Families (3)

SOWK 636 & 638 – Foundation Practicum and Seminar II (3)

SWCL 700 – Advanced Clinical Interventions (3)

Summer—Year Two (6 Credits)

SOWK 670 – Social Work Research (3)

SWCL Methods (any course with an SWCL prefix) (3)

Fall—Year Two (12 credits)

SWCL 794 – Advanced Field Practicum I (6)

SWCL 744 – Assessment, Diagnosis, and Intervention Planning (3)

Core Clinical Methods (SWCL 703, 711, 715, 722, 756, or 773) (3)

Spring—Year Three (12 credits)

SWCL 795 – Advanced Field Practicum II (6)

Elective (any advanced level course)* (3)

Elective (any advanced level course)** (3)

** Clinical/Leadership, Policy, & Social Change students should take SWOA 701 (Advocacy)*

***Clinical/Leadership, Policy, & Social Change Students should take any LPSC Course (with an SWOA prefix)*

2.5-Year LPSC Plan of Study with Summers

Spring—Year One (6 Credits)

SOWK 600 – Social Welfare and Social Policy (3)

SOWK 610 – Structural Oppression and Its Implications for Social Work Practice (3)

Summer—Year One (6 Credits)

SOWK 645 – Human Behavior and the Social Environment (3)

SOWK 631 – Social Work Practice with Communities and Organizations (3)

Fall—Year One (9 Credits)

SOWK 630 – Social Work Practice with Individuals (3)

SOWK 635 & 637 – Foundation Practicum Seminar I (3)

Advanced Policy (see **Course Offerings** for a list of policy options) (3)

Spring—Year Two (9 Credits)

SOWK 632 – Social Work Practice with Groups and Families (3)

SOWK 636 & 638 – Foundation Practicum Seminar II (3)

SWOA 701 – Advocacy (3)

Summer—Year Two (6 credits)

SOWK 670 – Social Work Research (3)

One LPSC Methods Course (Any course with an SWOA prefix) (3)

Fall—Year Two (12 credits)

SWOA 794 – Advanced LPSC Practicum I (6)

One LPSC Methods Course (Any course with an SWOA prefix) (3)

Elective (Any advanced level course) (3)*

Spring—Year Three (12 credits)

SWOA 795 – Advanced LPSC Practicum II (6)

One LPSC Methods Course (Any course with an SWOA prefix) (3)

Elective (Any advanced level course) (3)**

*Leadership, Policy, & Social Change/Clinical students should take SWCL 700 or SWCL 744

**Leadership, Policy, & Social Change/Clinical students should take an SWCL Methods Course

3.5-Year Clinical Plan of Study (with one summer)

Spring—Year One (6 Credits)

SOWK 600 – Social Welfare and Social Policy (3)

SOWK 610 – Structural Oppression and Its Implications for Social Work Practice (3)

Fall—Year One (6 Credits)

Advanced Policy (See Course Offerings for a list of options) (3)

SOWK 631 – Social Work Practice with Communities and Organizations (3)

Spring—Year Two (10.5 Credits)

SOWK 670 – Social Work Research (3)

SOWK 645 – Human Behavior and the Social Environment (3)

Fall—Year Two (6 Credits)

SOWK 630 – Social Work Practice with Individuals (3)

SOWK 635 & 637 – Foundation Practicum Seminar I (3)

Spring—Year Three (6 Credits)

SOWK 632 – Social Work Practice with Groups and Families (3)

SOWK 636 & 638 – Foundation Practicum Seminar II (3)

Summer—Year Two (6 credits)

SWCL 700 – Advanced Clinical Interventions (3)

SWCL Methods (any course with an SWCL prefix) (3)

Fall—Year Two (12 credits)

SWCL 794 – Advanced Clinical Practicum I (6)

SWCL 744 – Assessment, Diagnosis, and Intervention Planning (3)

Elective (Any advanced level course) (3)*

Spring—Year Three (12 credits)

SWCL 795 – Advanced Clinical Practicum II (6)

Core Clinical Methods (SWCL 703, 711, 715, 722, 756, or 773) (3)

Elective (Any advanced level course) (3)**

** Clinical/Leadership, Policy, & Social Change students should take SWOA 701 (Advocacy)*

***Clinical/Leadership, Policy, & Social Change Students should take any SWOA course*

3.5-Year LPSC Plan of Study (with one summer)

Students should consider taking at least one clinical course during their time in the program if interested in advanced clinical licensure in the future.

Spring—Year One (6 Credits)

SOWK 600 – Social Welfare and Social Policy (3)

SOWK 610 – Structural Oppression and Its Implications for Social Work Practice (3)

Fall—Year One (6 Credits)

Advanced Policy (see **Course Offerings** for a list of policy options) (3)

SOWK 631 – Social Work Practice with Communities and Organizations (3)

Spring—Year Two (6 Credits)

SOWK 645 – Human Behavior and the Social Environment (3)

SOWK 670 – Social Work Research (3)

Fall—Year Two (6 Credits)

SOWK 630 – Social Work Practice with Individuals (3)

SOWK 635 & 637 – Foundation Practicum Seminar I (3)

Spring—Year Three (6 Credits)

SOWK 632 – Social Work Practice with Groups and Families (3)

SOWK 636 & 638 – Foundation Practicum Seminar II (3)

Summer—Year Two (6 credits)

One LPSC Methods Course (Any course with an SWOA prefix) (3)

Elective (Any advanced level course) (3)*

Fall—Year Two (12 credits)

SWOA 794 – Advanced LPSC Practicum I (6)

SWOA 701 – Advocacy (3)

One LPSC Methods Course (Any course with an SWOA prefix) (3)

Spring—Year Three (9 credits)

SWOA 795 – Advanced LPSC Practicum II (6)

One LPSC Methods Course (Any course with an SWOA prefix) (3)

Elective (Any advanced level course) (3)**

*Leadership, Policy, & Social Change/Clinical students should take SWCL 700 or SWCL 744

**Leadership, Policy, & Social Change/Clinical students should take an SWCL Methods Course

36-Credit Hybrid Advanced Standing Program

2026-2027 Curriculum Overview

*The University of Maryland Baltimore's 36-credit Hybrid Advanced Standing Program integrates in-person, hybrid, and online coursework with in-person practicum experience. Coursework and practicum are tailored to a concentration of **Clinical** or **Leadership, Policy, and Social Change**.*

CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS:

Advanced Standing students typically transfer the 24 credits of the Foundation curriculum listed below from their BSW program, which fulfill the corresponding pre-requisites for advanced coursework. However, if the corresponding course was not offered in the BSW program, or if the student earned a grade lower than a "B" in that course, they must enroll in that MSW Foundation course successfully complete the MSW program.

FOUNDATION COURSEWORK	Cr.
SOWK 600: Social Welfare and Social Policy	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	6
SOWK 637 and SOWK 638: Foundation Practicum Seminar I & II	0
SOWK 645: Human Behavior and the Social Environment	3
SOWK 670: Social Work Research	3
TOTAL CREDITS: 24	

ADVANCED CURRICULUM:

Advanced Standing students are required to take 36 credits based on their selected concentration. Requirements include an advanced policy course, four 3-credit methods courses in a selected concentration and three 3-credit electives.

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		
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 Advanced Level Course)	SWOA 701: Advocacy	3
Elective (Any 3-Credit Advanced Level Course)	LPSC Methods (Any Course with a SWOA prefix)	3
Elective (Any 3-Credit Advanced Level Course)	Elective (Any 3-Credit Advanced Level Course)	3
SWCL 794, then SWCL 795: Advanced Practicum I & II	SWCL 794, then SWCL 795: Advanced Practicum I & II	12
TOTAL CREDITS: 36		

LPSC Concentration Requirements		
LPSC	LPSC/CLINICAL*	Cr.
Advanced Policy	Advanced Policy	3
SWOA 701: Advocacy	SWOA 701: Advocacy	3
Choose Three: SWOA 703, SWOA 704, SWOA 707, SWOA 708, or three designated 1-Credit Courses	Choose Three: SWOA 703, SWOA 704, SWOA 707, SWOA 708, or three designated 1-Credit Courses	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 a SWCL prefix)	3
Elective (Any 3-Credit 700-Level or SOWK 699)	Elective (Any 3-Credit Advanced Level Course)	3
SWOA 794, then SWOA 795: Advanced Practicum I & II	SWOA 794 then SWOA 795: Advanced Practicum I & II	12
TOTAL CREDITS: 36		

*LPSC 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

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 Seminar I- taken concurrently with SOWK 630, SOWK 631, & 635 (0 credits, fall only)
SOWK 638	Foundation Seminar II- taken concurrently with SOWK 632 & SOWK 636 (0 credits, spring only)
SOWK 645	Human Behavior and the Social Environment
SOWK 670	Social Work Research

ADVANCED POLICY COURSES (prerequisite SOWK 600)

SOWK 704	Social Work and the Law
SOWK 708	Integrated Behavioral Health
SOWK 715	Policy Children and Social
SOWK 725	Services Policy Work, Well-being and Social Policy

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

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
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 – <i>additional prerequisite: SWCL 700</i> (meets core clinical methods requirement)
SWCL 775	Clinical Social Work Practice with Immigrants and Refugees
SWCL 779	Interprofessional Collaboration in Healthcare Delivery [1 credit]

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

SWOA	701	Advocacy
SWOA	703	Program Development
SWOA	704	Community Organization
SWOA	707	Social Policy and Social Change
SWOA	708	Supervision and Leadership – <i>prerequisites: SOWK 632, 636, & 638</i> (spring only)
SOWK	699.p	Results-Based Accountability for Evaluation (spring only)
SOWK	699.q	Budgeting for Success and Sustainability (spring only)
SOWK	699.r	Strategic Thinking, Strategic Planning, & Strategic Actions for Strategic Results (spring only)

ADVANCED FIELD INSTRUCTION (prerequisite of 27 credit Foundation curriculum)

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

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

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 798	Independent Study [1-3 credits]

Clinical Concentration Checklist

CLINICAL CONCENTRATION			
✓	COURSES		Cr.
	Select One Advanced Policy	Any advanced policy course will meet this requirement. Please see The Course Offerings Webpage for a complete list of advanced policy courses. Common options include SOWK 704, SOWK 708, or SOWK 715.	3
	SWCL 700: Advanced Clinical Interventions		3
	SWCL 744: Assessment, Diagnosis, and Intervention Planning		3
	Select One Core Clinical Methods	SWCL 703: Family Therapy <u>or</u> SWCL 711: Clinical Social Work with Children and Adolescents <u>or</u> SWCL 715: Clinical Applications of Mindfulness and Stress Reduction <u>or</u> SWCL 722: Cognitive-Behavioral Therapies (<i>pre-requisite: SWCL 700</i>) <u>or</u> SWCL 756: Motivational Interviewing in Social Work Practice <u>or</u> SWCL 773: Adult Trauma and Clinical Social Work Practice (<i>pre-requisite: SWCL 700</i>)	3
	Clinical Methods (Any course with an SWCL prefix)		3
	Elective (Any 700-level course or SOWK 699)		3
	Elective (Any 700-level course or SOWK 699)		3
	Elective (Any 700-level course or SOWK 699)		3
	SWCL 794: Advanced Clinical Field Practicum I (Fall)		6
	SWCL 795: Advanced Clinical Field Practicum II (Spring)		6
	TOTAL CREDITS		36

Clinical/Leadership & Social Change Concentration Checklist

CLINICAL/LEADERSHIP, POLICY, & SOCIAL CHANGE			
✓	COURSES		Cr.
	Select One Advanced Policy	Any advanced policy course will meet this requirement. Please see The Course Offerings Webpage for a complete list of advanced policy courses. Not all courses are offered each semester.	3
	SWCL 700: Advanced Clinical Interventions		3
	SWCL 744: Assessment, Diagnosis, and Intervention Planning		3
	Select One Core Clinical Methods	SWCL 703: Family Therapy <u>or</u> SWCL 711: Clinical Social Work with Children and Adolescents <u>or</u> SWCL 715: Clinical Applications of Mindfulness and Stress Reduction <u>or</u> SWCL 722: Cognitive-Behavior Therapies (<i>pre-requisite: SWCL 700</i>) <u>or</u> SWCL 756: Motivational Interviewing in Social Work Practice <u>or</u> SWCL 773: Adult Trauma and Clinical Social Work Practice (<i>pre-requisite: SWCL 700</i>)	3
	Clinical Methods (Any course with an SWCL prefix)		3
	SWOA 701: Advocacy		3
	LPSC Methods (Any course with an SWOA prefix)		3
	Elective (Any 700 level course or SOWK 699)		3
	SWCL 794: Advanced Clinical Field Practicum (Fall)		6
	SWCL 795: Advanced Clinical Field Practicum (Spring)		6
	TOTAL CREDITS		36

Leadership, Policy, & Social Change Concentration Checklist

LEADERSHIP, POLICY & SOCIAL CHANGE			
✓	COURSES		Cr.
	Advanced Policy	Choose any advanced policy of your choice. Some common options include SOWK 708 (Integrated Behavioral Health Policy), SOWK 704 (Social Work and the Law), and SOWK 715 (Children and Social Services Policy).	3
	SWOA 701: Advocacy		3
	Choose Three from the Following	SWOA 703: Program Development SWOA 704: Community Organization SWOA 707: Social Policy and Social Change SWOA 708: Supervision and Leadership (spring and summer) Three 1-Credit Designated Courses	9
	Elective (Any 700-level course or SOWK 699)		3
	Elective (Any 700-level course or SOWK 699)		3
	Elective (Any 700-level course or SOWK 699)		3
	SWOA 794: Advanced Macro Field Practicum I (Fall)		6
	SWOA 795: Advanced Macro Field Practicum II (Spring)		6
	TOTAL CREDITS		36

Leadership, Policy, & Social Change/Clinical Concentration Checklist

Leadership, Policy, & Social Change/Clinical			
✓	COURSES		Cr.
	Advanced Policy	Choose any advanced policy of your choice. Some common options include SOWK 708 (Integrated Behavioral Health Policy), SOWK 704 (Social Work and the Law), and SOWK 715 (Children and Social Services Policy).	3
	SWOA 701: Advocacy		3
	Choose Three from the Following	SWOA 703: Program Development SWOA 704: Community Organization SWOA 707: Social Policy and Social Change SWOA 708: Supervision and Leadership (spring and summer) Three 1-Credit Designated Courses	9
	Choose One	SWCL 700: Advanced Clinical Interventions <u>or</u> SWCL 744: Assessment, Diagnosis, and Intervention	3
	Clinical Methods (Any course with an SWCL prefix)		3
	Elective (Any 700-level course or SOWK 699)		3
	SWOA 794: Advanced LPSC Practicum (Fall)		6
	SWOA 795: Advanced LPSC Practicum (Spring)		6
	TOTAL CREDITS		36

Fall-Admit Full-Time Clinical Advanced Standing Plan of Study

Fall—Year One (15 Credits)

SWCL 794 – Advanced Clinical Practicum I (6)

Advanced Policy (see **Course Offerings** for a list of policy courses) (3)

SWCL 700 – Advanced Clinical Interventions (3)

SWCL 744 – Assessment, Diagnosis, and Intervention Planning (3)

Spring—Year One (15 Credits)

SWCL 795 – Advanced Clinical Practicum II (6)

Core Clinical Methods (SWCL 703, 711, 715, 722, 756, or 773) (3)

SWCL Methods (Any course with an SWCL prefix) (3)

Elective (Any advanced level course) (3)*

Summer—Year One (6 Credits)

Elective (Any advanced level course) (3)**

Elective (Any advanced level course) (3)

** Clinical/Leadership, Policy, & Social Change students should take SWOA 701 (Advocacy)*

***Clinical/Leadership, Policy, & Social Change Students should take any LPSC course (with an SWOA prefix)*

Fall-Admit Part-Time Clinical Advanced Standing Plan of Study

Fall—Year One (6 Credits)

SWCL 700 – Advanced Clinical Interventions (3)

SWCL 744 – Assessment, Diagnosis, and Intervention Planning (3)

Spring—Year One (6 Credits)

SWCL Methods (Any course with an SWCL prefix) (3)

Core Clinical Methods (SWCL 703, 711, 715, 722, 756, or 773) (3)

Fall—Year Two (12 Credits)

SWCL 794 – Advanced Clinical Practicum I (6)

Advanced Policy (see **Course Offerings** for a list of policy courses) (3)

Elective (Any advanced level course) (3)*

Spring—Year Two (12 Credits)

SWCL 795 – Advanced Clinical Practicum II (6)

Elective (Any advanced level course) (3)**

Elective (Any advanced level course) (3)

** Clinical/Leadership, Policy, & Social Change students should take SWOA 701 (Advocacy)*

***Clinical/Leadership, Policy, & Social Change Students should take any LPSC course (with an SWOA prefix)*

Fall-Admit Full-Time LPSC Advanced Standing Plan of Study

The following is an example of a plan of study for a Fall-Admit in the Advanced Standing Program who is completing the program full-time.

Fall—Year One (15 Credits)

SWOA 794 – Advanced LPSC Practicum I (6)

SWOA 701 – Advocacy (3)

Advanced Policy (see **Course Offerings** for a list of policy options) (3)

One LPSC Methods Course (Any course with an SWOA prefix) (3)

Spring—Year One (15 Credits)

SWOA 795 – Advanced LPSC Practicum II (3)

SOWK 702 – Public Policy for Social Justice II (1.5)

One LPSC Methods Course (Any course with an SWOA prefix) (3)

One LPSC Methods Course (Any course with an SWOA prefix) (3)

Elective (Any advanced level course)* (3)

Summer—Year One (6 Credits)

Elective (Any advanced level course)* (3)

Elective (Any advanced level course)** (3)

*Leadership, Policy, & Social Change/Clinical students should take SWCL 700 or SWCL 744

**Leadership, Policy, & Social Change/Clinical students should take an SWCL Methods Course

Fall-Admit Part-Time LPSC Advanced Standing Plan of Study

The following is an example of a plan of study for a Spring-Admit in the Advanced Standing Program.

Fall—Year One (6 Credits)

SWOA 701 – Advocacy (3)

One LPSC Methods Course (Any course with an SWOA prefix) (3)

Spring—Year One (6 Credits)

One LPSC Methods Course (Any course with an SWOA prefix) (3)

Elective (Any advanced level course) (3)*

Fall—Year Two (12 Credits)

SWOA 794 – Advanced LPSC Practicum I (6)

Advanced Policy (see **Course Offerings** for a list of policy options) (3)

One LPSC Methods Course (Any course with an SWOA prefix) (3)

Spring—Year Two (12 Credits)

SWOA 795 – Advanced LPSC Practicum II (6)

Elective (Any advanced level course) (3)**

Elective (Any advanced level course) (3)

*Leadership, Policy, & Social Change/Clinical students should take SWCL 700 or SWCL 744

**Leadership, Policy, & Social Change/Clinical students should take an SWCL Methods Course

Spring-Admit Part-Time Clinical Advanced Standing Plan of Study

Spring—Year One (6 Credits)

SWCL 700 – Advanced Clinical Interventions (3)

Elective (Any advanced level course) (3)

Fall—Year One (15 Credits)

SWCL 794 – Advanced Clinical Practicum I (6)

SWCL 744 – Assessment, Diagnosis, and Intervention Planning (3)

Advanced Policy (see **Course Offerings** for a list of policy courses) (3)

Core Clinical Methods (SWCL 703, 711, 715, 722, 756, or 773) (3)

Spring—Year One (15 Credits)

SWCL 795 – Advanced Clinical Practicum II (6)

SWCL Methods (Any course with an SWCL prefix) (3)

Elective (Any advanced level course) (3)*

Elective (Any advanced level course) (3)**

** Clinical/Leadership, Policy, & Social Change students should take SWOA 701 (Advocacy)*

***Clinical/Leadership, Policy, & Social Change Students should take any LPSC course (with an SWOA prefix)*

Spring-Admit Part-Time Clinical Advanced Standing Plan of Study

Spring—Year One (6 Credits)

SWOA 701 – Advocacy (3)

One LPSC Methods Course (Any course with an SWOA prefix) (3)

Fall—Year One (15 Credits)

SWOA 794 – Advanced LPSC Practicum I (6)

Advanced Policy (see **Course Offerings** for a list of policy options) (3)

One LPSC Methods Course (Any course with an SWOA prefix) (3)

Elective (Any advanced level course)* (3)

Spring—Year Two (15 Credits)

SWOA 795 – Advanced LPSC Practicum II (3)

One LPSC Methods Course (Any course with an SWOA prefix) (3)

Elective (Any advanced level course)** (3)

Elective (Any advanced level course)* (3)

*Leadership, Policy, & Social Change/Clinical students should take SWCL 700 or SWCL 744

**Leadership, Policy, & Social Change/Clinical students should take a Clinical Methods Course (with an SWCL prefix)

60-Credit Online MSW (OMSW) Program

2026-2027 CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

The University of Maryland Baltimore's 60-credit Online MSW (OMSW) 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. Exact days may vary depending on agency needs and student schedules. 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	3
SOWK 632: Social Work Practice with Groups and Families	Co-Requisites: SOWK 636 & 638	Spring	3
SOWK 635: Foundation Practicum I	Co-Requisites: SOWK 630, 631, & 637	Fall	3
SOWK 636: Foundation Practicum II	Pre-Requisite: SOWK 635 Co-Requisites: SOWK 632 & 638	Spring	3
SOWK 637: Foundation Seminar I	Co-Requisites: SOWK 630, SOWK 631, & 635	Fall	0
SOWK 638: Foundation Seminar II	Pre-Requisite: SOWK 637 Co-Requisites: SOWK 632 & SOWK 636	Spring	0
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 632, 636, and 638	Fall	3
SWCL 705: Clinical Social Work with Addictive Behavior Patterns	SOWK 632, 636, and 638	Fall	3
SWCL 722: Cognitive Behavioral Therapies	SOWK 632, 636, 638, and SWCL 700	Spring	3
SWCL 773: Adult Trauma and Clinical Social Work Practice	SOWK 632, 636, 638, and SWCL 700	Spring	3
SWCL 794: Advanced Clinical Practicum I	SOWK 632, 636, and 638	Fall	6
SWCL 795: Advanced Clinical Practicum II	SWCL 794	Spring	6
Total Credits: 33			

Optional Course Flexibility

While the 60-credit OMSW plan of study is designed to meet all Clinical concentration requirements through a structured curriculum, students may request approval 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 up to 9 credits (one Advanced Policy course and two electives) from outside the OMSW:
 - o 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.
 - o 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:
 - o Students may not request to take a course outside the OMSW program if that course is already offered within the OMSW curriculum.
 - o Enrollment in at least one OMSW course is required during each fall and spring semester.
 - o 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.

Online MSW Program 60-Credit Plan of Study

Fall — Year One (6 Credits)

SOWK 610 – Structural Oppression and Its Implications for Social Work Practice (3)

SOWK 600 – Social Welfare and Social Policy (3)

Spring — Year One (6 Credits)

SOWK 645 – Human Behavior and the Social Environment (3)

SOWK 670 – Social Work Research (3)

Fall — Year Two (9 Credits)

SOWK 630 – Social Work Practice with Individuals (3)

SOWK 631 – Social Work Practice with Communities and Organizations (3)

SOWK 635 & 637 – Foundation Field Practicum and Seminar I (3)

Spring — Year Two (9 Credits)

SOWK 632 – Social Work Practice with Groups and Families (3)

SOWK 636 & 638 – Foundation Field Practicum and Seminar II (3)

SWCL 700 – Advanced Clinical Interventions (3)

Summer — Year Two (6 Credits)

Advanced Policy (3)

SWCL 744 – Assessment, Diagnosis, and Intervention Planning (3)

Fall — Year Three (12 Credits)

SWCL 794 – Advanced Field Practicum I (6)

SWCL 703 – Family Therapy (3)

SWCL 705 – Clinical Social Work with Addictive Behavior Patterns (3)

Spring — Year Three (12 Credits)

SWCL 795 – Advanced Field Practicum II (6)

SWCL 722 – Cognitive Behavioral Therapies (3)

SWCL 773 – Adult Trauma and Clinical Social Work Practice (3)

Program Notes: This plan emphasizes advanced clinical skill development across family therapy, addictions, CBT modalities, and trauma-informed practice. Students should consult advising for sequencing and availability of specialized SWCL electives and policy offerings.

36-Credit Advanced Standing Online MSW (OMSW) Program 2026-2027 CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

The University of Maryland Baltimore's 36-credit Advanced Standing Online MSW (OMSW) Program integrates online coursework with an in-person practicum experience. Advanced Standing OMSW students complete their 36 credits within the Clinical concentration, and those requirements are fully integrated into the following Plan of Study:

Semester	Course	Pre-Requisites	Credits
Fall 2026	SWCL 700 - Advanced Clinical Interventions		12
	SWCL 744 - Assessment, Diagnosis, And Intervention Planning		
	SWCL 794 - Advanced Practicum I		
Spring 2027	SWCL 722 - Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy	SWCL 700	12
	SWCL 773 - Adult Trauma & Clinical Social Work Practice	SWCL 700	
	SWCL 795 - Advanced Practicum II	SWCL 794	
Summer 2027	Advanced Policy (Usually either SOWK 708 – Integrated Behavioral Health Policy <i>or</i> SOWK 704 – Social Work and the Law)		6
	Elective (Any 3-credit course)	Varies	
Fall 2027	SWCL 703 - Family Therapy		6
	SWCL 705 - Clinical Social Work & Addictive Behavior Patterns		
TOTAL 36 CREDITS			

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.

Optional Course Flexibility

While the Advanced Standing 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 up to 9 credits (one Advanced Policy course and two electives) from outside the OMSW:
 - o 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.
 - o 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:
 - o Students may not request to take a course outside the OMSW program if that course is already offered within the OMSW curriculum.
 - o Enrollment in at least one OMSW course is required during each fall and spring semester.
 - o 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.

Online MSW (OMSW) Program 36-Credit Advanced Standing Plan of Study

Fall — Year One (12 Credits)

SWCL 794 – Advanced Field Practicum I

(6) SWCL 700 – Advanced Clinical
Interventions (3)

SWCL 744 – Assessment, Diagnosis, and Intervention

Planning (3) [Spring — Year One \(12 Credits\)](#)

SWCL 795 – Advanced Field Practicum

II (6) SWCL 722 – Cognitive Behavioral
Therapies (3)

SWCL 773 – Adult Trauma and Clinical Social Work

Practice (3) [Summer — Year One \(6 Credits\)](#)

Advanced Policy (3)

Elective (3)

Fall — Year Two (6

Credits) SWCL 703 –

Family Therapy (3)

SWCL 705 – Clinical Social Work with Addictive Behavior Patterns (3)

Program Notes: This plan emphasizes advanced clinical skill development across family therapy, addictions, CBT modalities, and trauma-informed practice. Students should consult advising for sequencing and availability of specialized SWCL electives and policy offerings.

Dual Degree Programs

The SSW offers six dual degree programs in partnership with other schools on campus and universities in the region. Students accepted into the MSW program and one of the participating dual-degree programs must meet with the designated SSW faculty coordinator and the academic advisor to develop an individualized plan of study.

MSW and Juris Doctor

The MSW/JD program is offered in collaboration with the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law and can be completed within four years, with study for one summer typically required. The 27-credit MSW Foundation Curriculum is the same for all students; however, the MSW Advanced Curriculum accepts 6 credits from the law school, selected with the SSW Faculty Coordinator. The MSW-JD program is valuable preparation for careers in advocacy, as well as in the administration of human service organizations and in executive, legislative or judicial arenas in all areas of social welfare and social policy including child welfare, family law, criminal justice, health, and well-being.

MSW and Master of Arts in Jewish Studies, Education, and Communal Leadership

The MSW/MA dual degree program is offered in collaboration with Towson University and can be concurrently completed in two years with summer classes or a mini-mester enrollment; however, a three-year program is recommended. UMSSW accepts 6 credits to be transferred from TU to apply to the Advanced Curriculum requirements. TU accepts 6 credits transferred from the UMSSW. This program prepares students to be skilled in social work, be knowledgeable about Judaism, and receive professional experience in the Jewish community. This program emphasizes the development of students' capacities for effective communication, critical analysis, and flexible thought.

MSW and Master of Business Administration

The MSW/MBA dual degree program is offered in collaboration with the University of Maryland College Park (UMCP) Robert H. Smith School of Business and can be completed within four years, excluding summers. This program requires 90 credits, with 39 taken at UMCP and 51 taken at the UMSSW. Each program accepts 9 credits in transfer. Students typically complete year one in the MSW, years two and three in the MBA, and year four in the MSW. Financial and business expertise combined with social work practice, knowledge, and experience is invaluable in nonprofit, public, and for-profit human service organizations. The MSW and MBA degrees complement each other and provide graduates with the combination of knowledge, skills, experience, and values necessary in business and the human services to effectively deliver quality services.

MSW and Master of Public Health

The UMSSW offers two MSW/MPH dual-degree programs. The first is a partnership with the University of Maryland School of Medicine, Department of Epidemiology and Public Health. The second is in collaboration with Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health. Both dual-degree options can be completed within three years. Students typically complete year one in the MSW, year two (including summer) in the MPH, and year three in the MSW. The School of Social Work allows 6 to 9 credits of its program to be completed in the MPH program; these may include 3 credits of research requirements and 6 credits of advanced policy or electives. This allows students to complete both the MSW and MPH programs with fewer courses than if they had to enroll in each program separately. The MSW/MPH dual degree program prepares graduates to assume leadership positions and program administration in health-related agencies and settings, to advance the science of health disparities research, and to deliver multi-level practice interventions for at-risk populations.

MSW and Master of Public Policy

Offered through University of Maryland School of Social Work and University of Maryland College Park (UMCP) School of Public Policy and can be completed in three years, including summers. This program requires 90 credits, with 51 credits taken in the MSW program and 39 credits taken in the MPP program. Students can complete year one in either program, year two in the alternate program, and year three is spent split between both programs. Each program accepts 9 credits in transfer. This program prepares graduates for practice in public policy and social service agencies and settings in which a combined expertise in social work and public policy would enable them to assume policy and leadership positions.

MSW and Medical Cannabis Science, Therapeutics, and Policy Certificate

This dual degree program is in collaboration with the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy. The Graduate Certificate in Medical Cannabis Science, Therapeutics, and Policy is a two-semester, 12-credit program that provides a foundation in cannabis pharmacology and clinical science, the history of medical cannabis, and the current political landscape for this rapidly expanding field. The MSW program accepts 6 credits of electives from the Certificate program, and both can be completed in two years if the student takes summer courses.

Applicants to any dual-degree program must apply separately to each program. Admission to one program does not guarantee admission to the other. Specific information on the dual-degree programs and faculty coordinators is available on the [Dual Degree Programs webpage](#).

VA Educational Benefits

Students attending the School of Social Work using Veterans Education and Training Benefits may receive assistance with enrollment certification at the SSW Office of Records and Registration. Newly admitted or continuing students who are eligible for VA education benefits and would like to use them at SSW must be certified each semester. You may contact the Office of Records and Registration at 410-706-6102 or sswregistration@ssw.umaryland.edu with any questions. Please visit the [SSW Veteran's Benefits page](#) for more information.

VA Educational Benefits and Title 38 USC 3679(e) Compliance

In accordance with Title 38 United States Code (USC) § 3679(e), the University of Maryland School of Social Work will not impose any penalty, including the assessment of late fees, denial of access to classes, libraries, or other 6 institutional facilities, or require a covered individual to borrow additional funds, on any covered individual because of the individual's inability to meet their financial obligations to the institution due to the delayed disbursement of funding from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) under Chapter 31 or Chapter 33.

A covered individual is any individual who is entitled to educational assistance under Chapter 31, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment, or Chapter 33, Post-9/11 GI Bill® benefits. The student must provide the institution with a Certificate of Eligibility or Statement of Benefits by the first day of class. Students may also be required to submit any additional information needed to properly certify enrollment. Learn more on the [UMB's Military and Veterans page](#).

Transfer Eligibility & Requirements

Transfer Credit

Students enrolled in a non-MSW graduate program can transfer up to 6 credits that will be considered elective credits. Transcript review occurs after students have been accepted into the program and are conducted by the Director of Registration with the consult of the School of Social Work Faculty. Any request for transfer credit must be submitted within the first semester. Coursework must be completed within the last 5 years and the student must have a "B" or better in the completed coursework.

Transfer Student

Students who are currently enrolled in an accredited MSW program can transfer up to 30 credits. Transfer students must complete a minimum of 30 credits at the UM School of Social Work MSW program.

36-Credit Hybrid Advanced Standing MSW

36-credit Advanced Standing Program builds on the foundation of BSW coursework and prepares students for social work practice. It is expected that Advanced Standing students have demonstrated a high level of competence in foundational social work principles and practices. Advanced Standing students can select the Baltimore campus or The Universities at Shady Grove campus location regarding the Leadership, Policy and Social Change (macro), Clinical, or combined concentrations. Students who are accepted into our full-time Advanced Standing Program will begin their advanced field placement in the fall semester.

Eligibility Requirements

- Completed an undergraduate program in social work accredited by the Council on Social Work Education within the five years preceding their enrollment at our School.
 - Earned a minimum cumulative 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale. Additionally, a 3.0 grade point average is required for the last 60 credits. Grades for field practicum, if assigned on a pass/fail basis by the applicant's undergraduate program, are not included in the grade point average calculation.
 - Course Grades: Applicants with a grade lower than a "B" in a Practice and Field Practicum class are not eligible for Advanced Standing. Advanced Standing credit is granted only for courses in which applicants earned a "B" or higher grade. Those who meet the requirements receive up to 24 semester hours of credit toward the MSW degree (this is referred to as our foundation curriculum).
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- Additional Program Requirements
 - BSW students beginning a block field placement in the Spring are NOT eligible for Fall.
 - Applicants with a "C" in any practice coursework (also called methods or interventions) are NOT eligible for Advanced Standing
 - Students accepted in the Advanced Standing Program must complete the program requirements within 2 years of initial acceptance.

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