

# Master of Social Work

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## Degree Requirements Master of Social Work

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

Our flexible curriculum includes outstanding research opportunities, real-world learning experiences through practica (<https://brownschool.wustl.edu/academics/master-of-social-work/pages/MSW-practicum.aspx>), and the opportunity to personalize their MSW. If students have earned a Bachelor of Social Work from a school accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, they may also be eligible for advanced standing (<https://brownschool.wustl.edu/academics/master-of-social-work/curriculum/pages/advanced-standing-curriculum.aspx>) credit.

## Required Courses

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

Requirements	Units
<b>Foundation</b>	<b>21 credit units</b>
Research Methods with Statistical Applications (SWCR 5007)	3
Human Behavior (SWCR 5011)	3
Social Justice and Human Diversity (SWCR 5015)	3
Social, Economic & Political Environment (SWCR 5012)	3
Social Welfare Policies and Services (SWCR 5040)	3
Social Work Practice with Individuals, Families, and Groups (SWCR 5038)	3
Social Work Practice with Organizations and Communities (SWCR 5039)	3
<b>Foundation Practicum</b>	<b>4 credit units</b>
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Foundation Practicum Integrative Seminar	1
<b>Concentration</b>	<b>21 credit units</b>
Theory, Problems, and Issues	3
Social Policy	3

Practice Methods	9
<b>Concentration Practicum</b>	<b>5 credit units</b>
<b>Evaluation</b>	<b>3 credit units</b>
<b>Leadership and Management</b>	<b>3 credit units</b>
<b>Electives **</b>	<b>9 credit units</b>
Elective I	3
Elective II	3
Elective III	3

\* Specific course options vary according to the concentration (<https://brownschool.wustl.edu/academics/master-of-social-work/pages/default.aspx#concentrations>) that a student pursues. Students have the opportunity to choose from a variety of courses offered within each category.

\*\* Students use elective credits during years one and two to earn an optional specialization (<https://brownschool.wustl.edu/academics/master-of-social-work/pages/default.aspx#specializations>) or to take other graduate course work. They can choose from a wealth of social work and public health electives, or they can pursue relevant courses from other Washington University graduate programs.

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

*Curriculum and required credit units are subject to change.*