MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK (MSW) CURRICULUM SNAPSHOT 8-SEMESTER ENROLLMENT



The Master of Social Work degree requires a minimum completion of 48-units within the USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work. The following course sequence represents the general requirements for the MSW degree.

8 semesters	
FIRST SEMESTER	 SOWK 506: Human Behavior and the Social Environment (3 units) SOWK 630: Self-Awareness and Intercultural Humility in Social Work (3 units) Total Semester Units: 6
SECOND SEMESTER	SOWK 536: Policy and Advocacy in Professional Social Work (3 units) SOWK 546: Science of Social Work (3 units) Total Semester Units: 6
THIRD SEMESTER	SOWK 510: Professional Self-Care in Integrative Social Work Practice (3 units) SOWK 511: Critical Decision-Making in Integrative Social Work Practice (3 units) Total Semester Units: 6
FOURTH SEMESTER	SOWK 523: Foundations of Integrative Social Work Practice I (3 units) SOWK 591: Applied Learning in Practicum Education I (3 units) Total Semester Units: 6
FIFTH SEMESTER	SOWK 525: Foundations of Integrative Social Work Practice II (3 units) SOWK 593: Applied Learning in Practicum Education II (3 units) Total Semester Units: 6
SIXTH SEMESTER	Integrative Practice I (3 units)*: SOWK 614: Social Work Practice in School Setting or SOWK 627: Practice and Policy with Children and Families Across Settings or SOWK 639: Policy Advocacy and Social Change or SOWK 643: Social Work Practice in Integrated Care Settings or SOWK 686: Integrative Practice in Military and Veteran Social Work I SOWK 691: Applied Learning in Practicum Education III (3 units) Total Semester Units: 6
SEVENTH SEMESTER	Integrative Practice II (3 units)*: SOWK 600: Practice with Service Members, Veterans and Families or SOWK 609: Social Work in Schools: Interventions Across Developmental Stage or SOWK 642: Integrative Interventions with Children, Youth and Families or SOWK 647: Advanced Practice with Complex Social Work Cases or SOWK 648: Management and Organizational Development for Social Workers or SOWK 689: Integrative Practice in Military and Veteran Social Work II SOWK 693: Applied Learning in Practicum Education IV (3 units) Total Semester Units: 6
EIGHTH SEMESTER	Assessment/ Evaluation/ Research (3 units)*: SOWK 608: Research and Evaluation in Integrative Social Work Practice or SOWK 665: Grant Writing and Program Development for Social Workers SOWK 6XX: Elective* (3 units) Total Semester Units: 6

Total Program Units: 48

This version of the curriculum snapshot is in effect for the fall 2025 semester. Any student beginning track courses in fall 2025 or later will follow this curriculum snapshot.

ADDITIONAL (*) INFORMATION FOR TRACKS

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