Master of Social Work (MSW)

USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work
Hybrid (5 semesters)

Curriculum Snapshot

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.

FIRST SEMESTER (In-person)
SOWK 506: Human Behavior and the Social Environment (3 units)
SOWK 510: Professional Self-Care in Integrative Social Work Practice (3 units)
SOWK 630: Self-Awareness and Intercultural Humility in Social Work (3 units)
Total Semester Units: 6-9
** students have the option to take SOWK 630 in their second semester

SECOND SEMESTER (In-person)
SOWK 523: Foundations of Integrative Social Work Practice I (3 units)
SOWK 591: Applied Learning in Practicum Education I (3 units)
Total Semester Units: 6-9

THIRD SEMESTER (In-person)
SOWK 511: Critical Decision-Making in Integrative Social Work Practice (3 units)
SOWK 525: Foundations of Integrative Social Work Practice II (3 units)
SOWK 536: Policy and Advocacy in Professional Social Work (3 units)
SOWK 546: Science of Social Work (3 units)
SOWK 593: Applied Learning in Practicum Education II (3 units)
Total Semester Units: 15

FOURTH SEMESTER (Online classes, in-person practicum site hours)
Integrative Practice I (3 units)*:
-SOWK 614: Advanced ISW Practice I: Schools and Educational Settings **or**
-SOWK 627: Advanced ISW Practice I: Children, Youth and Families **or**
-SOWK 639: Policy Advocacy and Social Change **or**
-SOWK 643: Advanced ISW Practice I: Adult Mental Health and Wellness **or**
-SOWK 686: Advanced ISW Practice I: Military and Veteran Social Work
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 691: Applied Learning in Practicum Education III (3 units)
Total Semester Units: 9

FIFTH SEMESTER (Online classes, in-person practicum site hours)
Integrative Practice II (3 units):
-SOWK 609: Advanced ISW Practice II: Schools and Educational Settings **or**
-SOWK 642: Advanced ISW Practice II: Children, Youth and Families **or**
-SOWK 647: Advanced ISW Practice II: Adult Mental Health and Wellness **or**
-SOWK 648: Management and Organizational Development for Social Workers **or**
-SOWK 689: Advanced ISW Practice II: Military and Veteran Social Work
SOWK 693: Applied Learning in Practicum Education IV (3 units)
SOWK 6XX: Elective* (3 units)
Total Semester Units: 9

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.