

Master of Social Work Department of Children, Youth, and Families Curriculum Snapshot

The Master of Social Work (MSW) degree requires completion of **60 graduate level academic units** within the USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work, including **15 units** of generalist coursework and **45 units** of department coursework. The following course sequence represents the requirements for the **Children, Youth, and Families** department.

2-Year Program (4 Semesters)

Year 1

First Semester (Fall)

SOWK 506: Human Behavior and the Social Environment (3 units)
SOWK 536: Policy and Advocacy in Professional Social Work (3 units)
SOWK 544: Social Work Practice with Individuals, Families and Groups (3 units)
SOWK 546: Science of Social Work (3 units)
SOWK 589A: Applied Learning in Field Education (3 units)
Total Semester Units: 15

Second Semester (Spring)

SOWK 608: Research and Critical Analysis for Social Work (3 units)
SOWK 609: Introduction to Social Work Practice (3 units)
SOWK 610: Social Work Practice with Children and Families Across Settings (3 units)
SOWK 630: Diversity, Social Justice, and Culturally Competent Practice (3 units)
SOWK 588: Integrative Learning for Social Work Practice (2 units)
SOWK 589B: Applied Learning in Field Education (3 units)
Total Semester Units: 17

Year 2

Third Semester (Fall)

SOWK 613: Social Work Practice with Children and Families (3 units)
SOWK 627: Policy and Macro Practice in Children, Youth, and Family Service (3 units)
SOWK 6XX: Elective or Track Course* (3 units)
SOWK 698A: Integrative Learning for Advanced Social Work Practice (1 unit)
SOWK 699A: Advanced Applied Learning in Field Education (4 units)
Total Semester Units: 14

Fourth Semester (Spring)

SOWK 621: Social Work Practice with Adolescents and Young Adults (3 units)
SOWK 6XX: Elective (3 units)
SOWK 6XX: Elective or Track Course* (3 units)
SOWK 698B: Integrative Learning for Advanced Social Work Practice (1 unit)
SOWK 699B: Advanced Applied Learning in Field Education (4 units)
Total Semester Units: 14

Total Program Units: 60

3-Year Program (6 Semesters)

Year 1

First Semester (Fall)

SOWK 506: Human Behavior and the Social Environment (3 units)
SOWK 536: Policy and Advocacy in Professional Social Work (3 units)
Total Semester Units: 6

Second Semester (Spring)

SOWK 546: Science of Social Work (3 units)
SOWK 6XX: Elective (3 units)
Total Semester Units: 6

Year 2

Third Semester (Fall)

SOWK 544: Social Work Practice with Individuals, Families and Groups (3 units)
SOWK 589A: Applied Learning in Field Education (3 units)
Total Semester Units: 6

Fourth Semester (Spring)

SOWK 608: Research and Critical Analysis for Social Work (3 units)
SOWK 609: Introduction to Social Work Practice (3 units)
SOWK 610: Social Work Practice with Children and Families Across Settings (3 units)
SOWK 588: Integrative Learning for Social Work Practice (2 units)
SOWK 589B: Applied Learning in Field Education (3 units)
Total Semester Units: 14

Year 3

Fifth Semester (Fall)

SOWK 613: Social Work Practice with Children and Families (3 units)
SOWK 627: Policy and Macro Practice in Children, Youth, and Family Service (3 units)
SOWK 6XX: Elective or Track Course* (3 units)
SOWK 698A: Integrative Learning for Advanced Social Work Practice (1 unit)
SOWK 699A: Advanced Applied Learning in Field Education (4 units)
Total Semester Units: 14

Sixth Semester (Spring)

SOWK 621: Social Work Practice with Adolescents and Young Adults (3 units)
SOWK 630: Diversity, Social Justice, and Culturally Competent Practice (3 units)
SOWK 6XX: Elective or Track Course* (3 units)
SOWK 698B: Integrative Learning for Advanced Social Work Practice (1 unit)
SOWK 699B: Advanced Applied Learning in Field Education (4 units)
Total Semester Units: 14

Total Program Units: 60

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***Military Social Work Track**

The Military Social Work Track offers the opportunity for students to customize their education by selecting two electives in the area of military social work. **The Military Social Work Track is not required to earn the MSW degree.** However, students who choose this track will substitute two of their three electives for two of the courses below during their final academic year of the MSW program:

SOWK 633: Theories and Concepts of Military Social Work
SOWK 640: Clinical Practice with Military Families
SOWK 656: National Military Immersion in Washington, DC (optional)
SOWK 6XX: Global Military Immersion Course (optional)

***School Social Work Track**

The School Social Work Track offers the opportunity for students to earn two credentials in order to work in California school settings, including a Pupil Personnel Services Credential (PPSC) in School Social Work and a Pupil Personnel Services Credential (PPSC) in Child Welfare Attendance. **The School Social Work Track is not required to earn the MSW degree.** However, students who choose this track will substitute two of their three electives for SOWK 614: Social Work Practice in School Settings and one of the courses below:

SOWK 623: Social Work in Early Care and Education Settings
SOWK 688: School Violence

Sample Electives

SOWK 612: Assessment and Diagnosis of Mental Disorders
SOWK 615: Brief Therapy and Crisis Intervention
SOWK 617: Substance Related and Behavioral Addictive Disorders
SOWK 620: Social Work Practice with Transitional Youth
SOWK 624: Social Work in Juvenile Justice Settings
SOWK 666: Domestic Violence
SOWK 668: Social Work and the Law
SOWK 674: Human Sexuality in Clinical Social Work Practice
SOWK 677: Mental Health Practice with Children and Adolescents
SOWK 696: LGBT Psycho/Social/Political Issues