

SOCIAL WORK, ADVANCED STANDING PROGRAM, MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK (MSW)

The Master of Social Work (MSW) is a professional degree offered in the EWU School of Social Work (SSW) accredited social work program. The Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) sets the national standards for social work education included in the *2015 Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards*. (<https://www.cswe.org/accreditation/standards/2015-epas/>)

The advanced standing MSW Programs (full-time and part-time) are specifically for individuals with an undergraduate degree in social work (a BASW or BSW), with a 3.0 GPA, from a CSWE accredited social work program, and earned within the past seven years. There are no exceptions to these criteria. For a review of the Admission Requirements for the advanced standing MSW Program, visit the Social Work-Graduate catalog page.

The advanced standing MSW Program allows graduates of a CSWE accredited BASW or BSW undergraduate program to complete the MSW Program with 51 credits of (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/ps/sw/social-work/#graduatetext>)required and elective Coursework. A portion of those credits include (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/ps/sw/social-work/#graduatetext:~:text=MSW%20Practicum%20Experience>)practicum experience in government agencies, non-profit/profit agencies, and community organizations. The required coursework is delivered fully in-person for the full-time program and in a hybrid format for the part-time programs (partial online and partial in-person). Locations of classes are outlined in the Program Options section of the Social Work-Graduate (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/ps/sw/social-work/#graduatetext>) catalog page. A required summer *Advanced Standing Seminar* prepares students for the Specialized Curriculum.

Visit the SSW MSW Application Information (<https://www.ewu.edu/cpp/social-work/social-work/apply/#application-cycles>) webpage for deadlines and start of term dates.

- **Full-Time:** A cohort of students for the advanced standing curriculum begins each summer with a seminar on generalist social work curriculum. The cohort joins the current cohort of full-time students each fall quarter. The advanced standing curriculum is completed with the summer seminar and 3 quarters (fall, winter, and spring). The full-time program is designed using fully in-person courses for core curriculum and serving a specific area of Washington State and the panhandle of Idaho. Review service area under Graduate Program description.
- **Part-Time:** A cohort of students for the advanced standing curriculum begins with a summer seminar on the generalist social work curriculum and is joining a current cohort. The Everett PT MSW Program accepts students for the advanced standing curriculum on odd numbered years. The Spokane PT MSW Program accepts students for the advanced standing curriculum on even numbered years. The advanced standing curriculum is completed with the summer seminar plus 6 quarters (winter, spring, summer, fall, winter, and spring). The two part-time programs are designed using a hybrid format to serve specific areas of Washington State and the

panhandle of Idaho. Review service area under Graduate Program description.

For questions related to the advanced standing MSW Program, contact the Graduate Program Director at MSW@ewu.edu and visit the Social Work-Graduate (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/ps/sw/social-work/#graduatetext>) catalog page.

The course of study is a prescriptive outline of courses for each program option to be completed by students. Successful completion of each quarter is required to move to the next quarter with limited exceptions due to the prerequisite status for social work core courses including practicum and practicum seminar. The core Specialized courses listed below are only open to EWU enrolled graduate social work students. The EWU graduate courses have the 500- and 600-level course numbers. Undergraduate courses are not typically counted towards a graduate degree.

Advanced Standing Preparation

SOWK 561	ADVANCED STANDING SEMINAR	6
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Specialized Curriculum

SOWK 526	RESEARCH METHODS II	4
SOWK 568	PROSEMINARS IN SOCIAL WELFARE POLICIES AND PROGRAMS	4
SOWK 602	CLINICAL DIAGNOSIS AND EVIDENCE BASED TREATMENT	4
SOWK 603	LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT IN HUMAN SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS	4

Elective Courses		12
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Advanced Practicum/Seminar		17
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Total Credits		51
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Students who successfully earn an MSW degree in the advanced standing program from EWU should be able to do the following:

- demonstrate ethical and professional behavior;
- engage diversity and difference in practice;
- advance human rights and social, economic, and environmental justice;
- engage in practice-informed research and research-informed practice;
- engage in policy practice;
- engage with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities;
- assess individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities;
- intervene with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities; and
- evaluate practice with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.

(Council on Social Work Education, 2015)