

## **16-month Course Planning Webinar Chat Log**

**Q: Where can we find the course planning worksheet?**

A: You can find it at: <http://archive.ssw.umich.edu/studentguide/course-planning-worksheets/>

**Q: I was told by a professor I might be able to delay taking 521 until second semester to take an elective in another unit. Is this true?**

A: Yes, it is possible to take 521 in the winter and take an elective instead.

**Q: When you say winter do you mean during December?**

A: When we speak of Winter term it refers to January through April.

**Q: Do we need to advise anyone if we are selecting a minor practice area or changing a minor?**

A: If you did not select a minor on your MSW application, or would like to change any of your concentration selections, you should contact the Office of Student Services (ssw.oss@umich.edu) to notify us of what changes you would like to make.

**Q: If Social Policy and Evaluation is your minor, do you need to take SW673?**

A: Yes, you would need to take SW 673 if your practice method or method minor is social policy and evaluation.

**Q: Is SW 673 required for all students or just students in the Social Policy minor?**

A: SW 673 is only required for anyone with a practice method or method minor in social policy and evaluation.

**Q: I was looking through the website for mini-courses, but could not find it. Where would I be able to see those classes?**

A: Mini courses are listed under 790 and 799. The 790 mini courses are interpersonal practice focused, and the 799 are macro focused mini courses.

**Q: I am minoring in Management of Human Services. How do I factor that into my field placement as far as choosing where to do my field placement, and how many hours would have to place an emphasis in a management position?**

A: When you submit your placement application, you would indicate your minor choice. You can also search for placements that can satisfy both your major and minor methods and indicate those as your top 6 selections. 25% of your field placements hours should reflect your minor.

**Q: How many classes are taken each semester for the 16 month track?**

A: In general, it is 15 credits, however people do take more. One would have to petition to take more than 18 credits.

**Q: So is graduation with a minor built into each of the course planning worksheets, or do we need to plan on taking more credits if we want to complete a minor**

A: The online course planning tool has drop down boxes where you can select your concentration choices and your minor.

**Q: When should we expect to hear about exemptions?**

A: You should be notified about your exemptions by email prior to your registration appointment.

**Q: So is graduation with a minor built into each of the course planning worksheets, or do we need to plan on taking more credits if we want to complete a minor**

A: Many students can complete their major and minor choice within the 60 credit hour program.

**Q: Is it possible to take undergraduate level language courses for your electives?**

A: Yes, it is possible to take undergraduate language courses with your electives, but you will only receive half credit for the course. It can sometimes be difficult to make language classes fit with your schedule, since they often meet multiple days throughout the week, and often conflict with your social work classes.

**Q: Where can we find more information on the LGBT Certificate?**

A: The LGBT certificate is offered within Women Studies. You can find out more here: <http://ssw.umich.edu/msw-student-guide/section/2.14.09/certificates-in-lgbtq-and-womens-studies>

<http://www.lsa.umich.edu/women/graduate/graduatecertificateprograms>

**Q: Is it possible to have a minor method if in the CBI program?**

A: Yes, it is possible but you are unable to have an interpersonal practice minor in the CBI program.

**Q: Can I apply for the Global Activities Scholarship Program after my first semester?**

A: Unfortunately not, this program is only for incoming students. You can consider a global special studies if you are interested in having an international experience while in the MSW program. I encourage you to contact the Office of Global Activities for more information about other global opportunities: <http://ssw.umich.edu/offices/global-activities>

**Q: Are there any study abroad opportunities?**

A: Our Global Activities Program has some international opportunities. Please contact them for details.

**Q: Can we wait until we have heard about any potential exemptions before we schedule an individual advising appointment?**

A: Of course! But you do not need to wait in order to setup an individual advising appointment.

**Q: Are classes typically held at night?**

A: Most classes are held during the day, with a few classes offered in the evening.

**Q: What are the dates that we register?**

A: You should contact the Office of Student Services if you are not aware of your registration date. (734) 936-0961

**Q: Do many students get GSI positions on campus? If so, which terms would be the best time to do this?**

A: It varies every year and students are offered GSI positions in varies terms.

**Q: Is it possible to complete your field requirements at your workplace (if you work at an appropriate agency)?**

A: It is possible to have a work-based field placement, but you would have to be completing your internship in a different area than what you are doing for your job. This would be something to discuss with the Office of Field Instruction.

**Q: Registration for courses occurs on campus during registration times, correct?**

A: You can register from home (or anywhere with internet access) at the assigned time if you will not be join us for the New Student session scheduled that day.

**Q: What is the grade point minimum for each foundation, practice area, and elective courses?**

A: We do not have GPA minimums for methods, practice areas, etc.

**Q: Can you explain what backpacking courses means? Is it like reserving a particular section of a course before registration?**

A: The electronic backpack is a way to have all of the courses that you want to register for in one location. This makes the process much faster when you have to register. It does not however reserve your spot in that particular course.

**Q: On the course planning worksheet it shows electives as being during the term II winter (3 credit hours) and the term IV fall (6 credit hours). Are these the only times that a student can take electives? (in general at least)**

A: The worksheets give general guidelines. Sometimes, you can decide to take an elective course in a different semester if it works with your schedule and you are not delaying taking a required class that may not be offered again.

**Q: Where do we find the substitution form to request entry into SW521 section 010**

A: You can find forms on the website under class related forms. You would need to fill in the form to coincide with specific information. Link: <https://ssw.umich.edu/my-ssw/class-related-forms>

**Q: Can we register for classes prior to the registration appointment date?**

A: No, the system will not allow. You can backpack courses you seek to register for.

**Q: Is it possible be in a special program and do a global special studies?**

A: The requirements of many of the special programs and certificates make it difficult to complete several specializations while in the program. If you are considering this option, discuss this during your academic advising session. The advisor can show you if your selections are doable.

**Q: Is it possible to be in the clinical scholars program and complete a dual degree?**

A: Yes.

**Q: I am planning on attending the On-Campus Summer New Student Program Session on July 9th, and I saw that it was recommended to attend this session if you have registration on this date. Will there be a set time for us to register for classes independently during this session?**

A: Registration is integrated into the Summer New Student session in the afternoon.

**Q: Are 16 month students in the Clinical Scholars Program required to start placement earlier than Winter 2015?**

A: No.

**Q: To pass a class what is the required grade?**

A: You must maintain a B average to maintain good academic standing in the program, but a C- is the lowest grade that you can receive to get credit for a course.

**Q: When do students in scholarship programs meet their cohort and begin special requirements towards their program?**

A: Depending on the program, some meet in the fall. Courses vary by program.

**Q: Will we be assigned an academic advisor, or will that just be available via the given phone number?**

A: You will learn who your faculty advisor is at orientation at the end of August.

**Q: If we submit the proper paperwork or get the instructor's approval, we can register for any course offered at UM, or only courses within the SSW?**

A: Outside of SSW, if you get permission to enter a course, you should be able to register for it. SSW Instructors cannot give permission to enter outside classes. You also want to make sure that you are taking graduate level courses, which are typically 500-level and higher.

**Q: Following up to a previous question: If we want to register for courses outside the SSW, can we just go on Wolverine Access and register, or do we need to contact that specific department before?**

A: You can backpack outside classes however you may need permission from the dept/unit based on their restrictions.