

## **Advanced Standing Course Planning Webinar Chat Log**

**Q: The PowerPoint stated that we are automatically exempted out of 500, 521, 522, 530, and 515/531 if we have advanced standing. Does this mean that we do not need the b or better in those classes?**

A: Yes, you are automatically exempted from those courses due to your advanced standing status, so the grade that you received in your undergraduate courses is not a factor.

**Q: Is it recommended for Interpersonal Practice students to choose two of the non-required classes as electives?**

A: You can choose your electives. Some students take classes in the other concentrations, other units on campus or more within their own area. You can be creative.

**Q: We will be emailed which courses we are exempt from prior to our registration appointment?**

A: Correct. However, if there are outstanding course grade(s) you may receive an email requesting an updated and/or final transcript.

**Q: If I enroll in 6 credit hours of field placement during fall and winter semester to complete a public school placement how does this affect my course load?**

A: Typically a student who is completing a school social work field placement would take fewer classes since they are using more credits towards their field hours. However, this could depend on what your academic goals are and can be discussed during a course planning appointment.

**Q: Is our advising meeting one we are required to schedule or when we come on July 9?**

A: These are separate events. You can schedule an advising appointment prior to your registration appointment/attendance at a summer new student program session.

**Q: What was the requirement for classes to complete a minor?**

A: You will need to take two upper level courses in the minor method and 25% of your field hours in the minor method.

**Q: If you picked a minor while applying, can you opt out of it?**

A: Yes. You need to email our office requesting to drop the minor at: [ssw.oss@umich.edu](mailto:ssw.oss@umich.edu).

**Q: To take advantage of the 1 credit mini courses and meet credit requirements, do students enroll in multiple mini courses the same semester?**

A: Some do or they take mini courses in other semesters.

**Q: Do specializations and certifications require students to utilize all their electives for the specialization or certification?**

A: This varies for each student, and is dependent on the specialization or certification that they are pursuing and how many exemptions that they have received.

**Q: What are the requirements to receive the Child Welfare Certification?**

A: Please review the following link for more details and feel free to phone our office if you have further questions: <http://ssw.umich.edu/programs/msw/specialization-and-certification-programs/child-welfare>, 734/936-0961

**Q: Who do we contact to setup a course planning advising session?**

A: You can contact the Office of Student Services at (734) 936-0961.

**Q: How do I know when my registration appointment is?**

A: Please phone our office at 734/936-0961 to verify.

**Q: Who can we talk to in regards to the benefits of having a minor?**

A: You can contact an admissions counselor in the Office of Student Services at (734) 936-0961.

**Q: Will we have 4 credits of field placement per semester correct?**

A: This will depend on how many days that you are in field per week. You would typically register for 4 credits of field per semester if you are in a 2 day per week placement. Student enrolled in a 3 day/week field placement register for 6 credits of advanced field instruction.

**Q: Would we pay for outside classes through U of M?**

A: If you are taking graduate courses in other UM units on campus, it would be included in your tuition costs for the MSW program.

**Q: How large are foundation classes?**

A: Foundation courses usually have about 30 students per class. Advanced courses are smaller with an average of about 25 students.

**Q: Are advising appointments available over the phone?**

A: Yes!

**Q: If I change my concentration/practice area at this point, how hard will it be to secure field placement in new area by fall?**

A: I would encourage you to speak with the Office of Field Instruction at (734) 764-5331 to discuss what your options might be.

**Q: If we signed up for the new student summer session and to register on the 9th, will we register on site that day?**

A: Yes

**Q: How is the number of days I spend at the field placement determined?**

A: Once your field placement is confirmed, you would discuss your days/time with the field placement supervisor.

**Q: Just for clarification: I have to register before July 9th and will be working with a advisor at the new student day to help finalize my schedule?**

A: You will register on July 9th. There will be staff on site that can take a look over your backpack before you register and to answer any last minute questions if you attend a summer new student program session.

**Q: Where can I find a list of the electives and mini course options available??**

A: In general there is not listing of elective courses. They can be different for different students and can be outside of the school of social work. Mini course are listed under 790 and 799 and vary each term. Feel free to phone our office and make an advising appointment with an admissions counselor at (734) 936-0961.

**Q: Question: If the official transcript is on the way, can we send an electronic copy for the purpose of knowing our exemptions early?**

A: Yes, please feel free to send an unofficial copy to [ssw.oss@umich.edu](mailto:ssw.oss@umich.edu).

**Q: Is it still recommended that we have the courses set up in the backpack prior to visiting on the 9th?**

A: If your registration date is the 9th, it is better to show up with your courses in the backpack. That way you can spend time confirming your choices and you are ready to go as soon as your registration time hits.

**Q: Are there recommended days that students usually do field, say Mon/Wed or Tues/Thurs?**

A: Advanced standing students are typically in field placement early in the week since most advanced courses are offered Wednesday-Friday.

**Q: When will the student guide for 2014-2015 be up?**

A: Usually the Guide is updated in July.

**Q: If we are placed at a school should we sign up for 6 credits of field?**

A: This is usually the case. You will be notified by your field liaison once your placement is secured about this.

**Q: Are all of the Fall 2014 available classes on Wolverine Access now? Because for CO it is recommended to take one of 650, 651 or 652 in the first semester, however I could only find 652 as an option for Fall 2014. 650 and 651 didn't seem to be offered.**

A: Not all courses offered for each practice method are offered every semester. The other CO courses will be offered in other semesters before you graduate.

**Q: Do IP/MH students ever take electives in the Psychology Department?**

A: Yes, you can take course outside of the school. It is important to know that they must graduate courses 500 level and above. You will need to pay close attention to scheduling since we are on block scheduling and other departments may offer varying schedules.

**Q: At an individual appointment would I be able to setup my backpack with an advisor before the 9th.**

A: Your advisor can help you with course selections and show you how to backpack them.

**Q: What should we do before coming in for an advising appointment?**

A: Make sure you know your concentration choices, read any emails about exemptions from our office, and review the course planning worksheets for your concentration choices. Also make note of any certificates or specializations that you want to add.