



SCHOOL OF
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Virtual Open House



The session will begin at 12pm

Session Housekeeping



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Today's Agenda

- **Welcome**
 - Barb Hiltz, Director of MSW Programs and Clinical Associate Professor
- **MSW Curriculum and Upcoming Timelines**
 - Erin Zimmer, Director of Student Services
- **Helpful Field Education Information**
 - Erin Khang, Director of Field Education and Clinical Assistant Professor
- **Global Social Work Options**
 - Greta Kaempf, Global Opportunities Coordinator

Today's Agenda Continued

- **Michigan Title IV-E Child Welfare Fellowship**
 - Marla Garmo, Title IV-E Program Coordinator
- **Current Student Experience**
 - Tessa Ballard & Grace Musielewicz, Current MSW Students
- **Career Service Resources for New Students**
 - Michelle Woods, Director of Career Services
- **Wrap Up and Q&A**
 - Send Us Questions!

After the Session

- Recorded Session and Slides will be posted at:
<https://ssw.umich.edu/r/openhouse2026>
- All registered students will be emailed a recording of the session.

Welcome!



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Curriculum Options & New Student Timeline



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On-Campus MSW Program (Full Time)

- 60 or 45 Credits
- All Pathways Possible
- Advanced Standing
- 16-Month
- 20-Month
- U-M Sociology & Social Work Sub-Plan
- UM-Dearborn Health & Human Services
- CASC Minor & Social Work
- Social Work Essentials/MasterTrack MSW
- Masters International Volunteer Program

On-Campus MSW Program (Part Time)

- Day Program
 - All pathways possible
 - 45 or 60 credit programs
 - 7 or 9 semesters to complete

Online MSW Program

- Part-Time (7 semesters, 6 semesters beginning W27)
- Full Time (3 semesters)
- Advanced Standing
- Social Work Essentials/MasterTrack MSW
- U-M Sociology & Social Work Sub-Plan
- UM-Dearborn Health & Human Services
- CASC Minor & Social Work
- Interpersonal Practice in Integrated Health, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse
- Children, Youth and Families

MSW Pathway Options

- Community Change
- Global Social Work Practice
- Interpersonal Practice in Integrated Health, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse (On-Campus & Online)
- Management and Leadership
- Policy and Political Social Work
- Program Evaluation and Applied Research
- Social Work Practice with Older Adults and Families from a Lifespan Perspective
- Children, Youth and Families (On-Campus & Online)

Explore Program Deeper

- Course Planning Worksheets:

<https://ssw.umich.edu/assets/course-planning-worksheets/>

- Course Catalog

<https://ssw.umich.edu/courses>

- Pathway Connects to Field Competencies

<https://ssw.umich.edu/assets/ssw-pathway-competencies/>

Special Programs

- Child Welfare Scholarship Program
- Community Scholars: Community-Based Initiative in Detroit
- Community Scholars: National Community Scholars Program
- Detroit Scholars Program
- Geriatric Scholarship Program

Special Programs Continued

- Global Activities Scholarship Program
- Jewish Communal Leadership Program
- Masters International Volunteer Program
- Michigan Title IV-E Child Welfare Fellowship (still accepting applications)
- New Leaders in African-Centered Social Work
- Trauma Informed Programs and Practices for Schools Scholars Program

Dual Degree Programs

- Social Impact Leadership - NEW!
- Social Work and Business Administration
- Social Work and Information
- Social Work and Law
- Social Work and Public Health
- Social Work and Public Policy
- Social Work and Urban Planning
- Student-Initiated Dual Degree Program (ex. Higher Education)

Questions About Your Pathway?

- Pathways are selected on the MSW application and become final when you submit your field application (May or October) or when you accept most special program offers.
- To speak with an admissions counselor about the best program plan for your career goals, email: ssw.msw.info@umich.edu
- To change pathway, complete form at: <https://ssw.umich.edu/assets/change-in-pathway/>

Timeline for Online Students Beginning in May 2026

- Social Work Essentials MSW Students
 - Finish all courses prior to start of semester

All Students:

- Submit final transcripts if required
- Submit [Educational Requirements for Licensure Form](#)
- Submit [Technical Standards Form](#)
- Submit [Online Disclosure Form](#)
- Review [Online Student Toolkit](#)
- Register for online MSW course soon
- Complete MSW pre-coursework
- Complete Orientation: April 25, 2026
- SW 590: May 16 & 17, 2026
- Live Courses begin on May 5, 2026

Timeline for Online Students Beginning in Fall 2026

- **Social Work Essentials MSW Students:**
 - Finish courses prior to start of semester
- **Full-Time Students:**
 - Watch for field placement info. & application
- **All Students:**
 - Submit final transcripts if required
 - Submit [Educational Requirements for Licensure Form](#)
 - Submit [Technical Standards Form](#)
 - Submit [Online Disclosure Form](#)
 - Review [Online Student Toolkit](#) (coming soon!)
 - Register for classes the second week in July
 - Complete Orientation: **August 29, 2026**
 - **SW 590: September 12 & 13, 2026**
 - Live MSW courses begin on September 8, 2026

Timeline for Fall 2026

On-Campus Students

As Soon As Possible:

- Submit final transcripts if required
- Submit [Educational Requirements for Licensure Form](#)
- Submit [Technical Standards Form](#)

- April 27: Introduction to Field Education Webinar (for Fall online full time also)

- May 11- May 22: Field Application for students starting field in Fall 2026 term

- May – August: Review incoming [student toolkit](#) & weekly emails - Coming Soon!

- June: Registration and course planning information is sent via UM e-mail

Timeline for On-Campus Students Cont.

- Mid-June: View course advising information online
- June/July: Optional individual course planning (by phone or zoom)
- July: Registration
- September 1-3: Attend SEED Orientation for On-Campus Students

Field Education



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What Will I Do In Field?

Develop CSWE Social Work Competencies and Skills

Practice and apply classroom theories and concepts in a real-world setting

Practice navigating ethical concerns according to the NASW Code of Ethics

Practice skills and behaviors that lead to core competency development

Practice adherence to our Technical Standards

Communication

Intellectual & Cognitive Skills

Emotional & Behavioral Readiness

Field Examples

- Justice system / Re-entry programs
- School based SW
- Hospital based placements
- Partial hospitalization and Inpatient Psychiatry Units
- Community Centers
- State Legislator Offices
- Legal and Policy Advocacy organizations
- Substance Use and Recovery organizations
- Private practices *state specific
- Various non profit organizations

Timelines for Field

- Students who are approx 60 miles or more from Ann Arbor will begin the placement process 2 semesters ahead
- Students < 60 miles from Ann Arbor will begin the placement process 1 semester ahead
- Part time students begin field 12-16 mos into the program
- The Field Office will contact you via your Umich email in advance of your placing semester

Planning for Field

- Create a weekly schedule to consider how you will incorporate 16-24 hrs of field along with classes and other responsibilities
 - *Field placements are completed during normal business hours (M-F 8a-5p)
 - *Full time students are strongly discouraged from plans to work full time while in school
- Hospitals and Private Practices do not accept 20 mo students
- If you are interested in a school based placement you must be a 20 mo student
- Transportation Plan / Resources are the responsibility of the student

Employment Based Placements

Those working in social service agencies/non profits may want to consider completing their field hours in their current place of employment

- Internship hours must align to the MSW competencies
- A qualified MSW field instructor as defined by UM SSW is required
- Your employer must approve
- Your EBP application must be approved by the Director of Field Education
- More information will be provided once you begin the placing process

Thank you and Go Blue!

Office of Field Education

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Office of Global Activities



Greta Kaempf, LMSW
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Global Social Work @ SSW

Open to ALL students:

- Global Pathway cross-listed courses
- Global Independent Study Grant
- Global Course Extension (study abroad course)
- Peace Corps Coverdell Fellows
- Office of Global Activities Event Grant



Open to on-campus students only:

- Global Social Work Practice Pathway
- Global Activities Scholars Program (16-month or 12-month students)
 - National field placement
 - International field placement
- Masters International Volunteer Program (20-month or 12-month students)

Global Course Extension

Open to ALL students!

- Info session in the Fall
- Apply during your first Winter term
- Travel during Spring/Summer term
- Learn more on the [Global Course Extension webpage](#)



Peace Corps Programming

Coverdell & Masters International

- Apply within your MSW program application
- Tuition scholarships
- Masters International is on-campus only. Learn more on the [Masters International Volunteer Program webpage](#)
- Coverdell is open to all qualifying RPCVs. Learn more on the [Coverdell Fellows Program webpage](#)



Global Activities Scholars Program

Open to 12- and 16-month on-campus students

- Apply within your MSW program application
- International field placement *or* national field placement with a global focus
- Travel during Spring/Summer term



- Tuition scholarship
- Travel stipend
- Learn more on the [Global Activities Scholars Program](#) webpage

Application Deadlines

- **Global Activities Scholars Program** - apply within your MSW program application
- **Peace Corps Coverdell Fellows** - July 1 prior to entering program
- **Masters International Volunteer Program** - August 31 prior to entering program
- **Global Independent Study Grant** - due during your first Winter semester
- **Global Course Extension** - due during your first Winter semester
- **Global Event Grant** - ongoing; rolling deadline



Thank you!

We look forward to meeting you!

Office of Global Activities Website

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Greta Kaempf, Global Opportunities Coordinator;
Hilda Yu, International Student Assistant

Title IV-E Child Welfare Fellowship



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Title IV-E Child Welfare Fellowship

Special program for
students committed
to working in
Child Welfare -
CPS, Foster Care,
Adoption, Licensing



Title IV-E Child Welfare Fellowship Program Components

Stipends

\$15,000
for each eligible
semester

Courses

SW 621
SW 624
SW 627

Title IV-E Child Welfare Fellowship Program Components

Field
Placement
at a
Child Welfare Agency

Employment
Payback

TO APPLY:

<https://ssw.umich.edu/programs/msw/financial-aid/michigan-title-iv-e-child-welfare-fellowship>

The Current Student Experience



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- Pathway:
Interpersonal Practice
- Pre-MSW Student
Services Fellow
- Expected Graduation:
May 2026!

The Current Student Experience



Grace Musielewicz
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- Pathway:
Interpersonal Practice
- Pre-MSW Student
Services Fellow
- Expected Graduation:
May 2027

Career Services



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What are some of the services provided by the Career Services Office?

- Workshops
- Alumni Networking Opportunities
- Licensure Information and Test Preparation
- Writing Assistance
- ePortfolio Development
- Mock Interviews
- Resume and Field Application Support

Licensure Checklist

- Identify Jurisdiction/State
- Identify Your License Category/Name
- Requirements for your license category
- Note when you can apply
- Forms on Jurisdiction/State Website

<https://ssw.umich.edu/student-life/career-services/licensing-and-exam-preparation>

Thank You!

We look forward to supporting you as students and future alumni.

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Where can I find up-to-date info. for incoming students?

Admitted Student Resources Webpage:

<https://ssw.umich.edu/admitted-students>

Student Led Sessions for Admitted Students:

<https://ssw.umich.edu/r/studentssessions>

Visit the SSW

<https://ssw.umich.edu/connect/visit>

Questions?

Office of Student Services and Enrollment Management

(734) 936-0961

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 **Chat with Student Services**

<https://ssw.umich.edu/>

Mon-Thu 9am-6pm (EST)

Fri 10am-4pm (EST)

Thank you for joining Virtual Open House



We look forward to seeing you soon in
Ann Arbor and online!