



Course title:	Advanced Field Instruction	
Course #/term:	SW691, Section 360, Fall 2021	
Time and place:	Individualized for each student	
Credit hours:	Individualized for each student	
Prerequisites:	SW515 or Advanced Standing	
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1. Course Statement

Course description

This advanced field instruction course will build on the prerequisite SW515 foundation field instruction or BSW field experience. Students will engage in tasks and assignments that reflect a higher level of mastery and independence than at the foundation level. Acquisition of such development occurs through experiential learning and professional supervision at the student's field site and will be supplemented by other educational resources.

Advanced Field Instruction: Community Change Pathway

Advanced field instruction (SW691) builds on the prerequisite SW515 Foundation field instruction course. Students can enroll in advanced field instruction with a grade of Satisfactory ("S") or a grade of Marginal ("M") in SW515 Foundation field instruction. Students who have chosen the Community Change Pathway will engage in tasks and assignments that reflect a higher-level mastery of knowledge and increased independence during Advanced Field (SW691). The development of field-based assignments will be designed to help students become proficient in the CSWE social work competencies by developing professional practice behaviors

to facilitate growth as a social work practitioner. Students in this course will focus on learning Community Change skills through experiential learning opportunities, licensed supervision, supplemental readings, case-based discussions/conferences, meetings, and other learning opportunities available in the assigned fieldwork setting. These skills will be enhanced through direct service responsibilities with individuals, families, groups and the service environment. Student assignments will be evaluated through the CSWE practice behaviors related to the social work competencies found on the Education Agreement. These assignments will be rated at the end of each term using the established scale. The goal for students in Advanced Field is to apply skills in a greater variety of circumstances, with greater depth and breadth over a sustained period of time, while increasing the rigor, complexity in assignments, and independence. The social work competencies for advanced field instruction are listed below..

Advanced Field Instruction: Interpersonal Practice in Integrated Health, Mental Health, & Substance Abuse

Advanced field instruction (SW691) builds on the prerequisite SW515 Foundation field instruction course. Students can enroll in advanced field instruction with a grade of Satisfactory (“S”) or a grade of Marginal (“M”) in SW515 Foundation field instruction. Students who have chosen the Interpersonal Practice in Integrated Health, Mental Health, & Substance Abuse Pathway will engage in tasks and assignments that reflect a higher level mastery of knowledge and increased independence during Advanced Field (SW691). The development of field-based assignments will be designed to help students become proficient in the CSWE social work competencies by developing professional practice behaviors to facilitate growth as a social work practitioner. Students in this course will focus on learning Interpersonal Practice skills through experiential learning opportunities, licensed supervision, supplemental readings, case-based discussions/conferences, meetings, and other learning opportunities available in the assigned fieldwork setting. These skills will be enhanced through direct service responsibilities with individuals, families, groups and the service environment. Student assignments will be evaluated through the CSWE practice behaviors related to the social work competencies found on the Education Agreement. These assignments will be rated at the end of each term using the established scale. The goal for students in Advanced Field is to apply skills in a greater variety of circumstances, with greater depth and breadth over a sustained period of time, while increasing the rigor, complexity in assignments, and independence. The social work competencies for advanced field instruction are listed below.

Advanced Field Instruction: Welfare of Children & Families Pathway

Advanced field instruction (SW691) builds on the prerequisite SW515 Foundation field instruction course. Students can enroll in advanced field instruction with a grade of Satisfactory (“S”) or a grade of Marginal (“M”) in SW515 Foundation field instruction. Students who have chosen the Welfare of Children & Families Pathway will engage in tasks and assignments that

reflect a higher-level mastery of knowledge and increased independence during Advanced Field (SW691). The development of field-based assignments will be designed to help students become proficient in the CSWE social work competencies by developing professional practice behaviors to facilitate growth as a social work practitioner. Students in this course will focus on learning Welfare of Children & Families skills through experiential learning opportunities, licensed supervision, supplemental readings, case-based discussions/conferences, meetings, and other learning opportunities available in the assigned fieldwork setting. These skills will be enhanced through direct service responsibilities with individuals, families, groups and the service environment. Student assignments will be evaluated through the CSWE practice behaviors related to the social work competencies found on the Education Agreement. These assignments will be rated at the end of each term using the established scale. The goal for students in Advanced Field is to apply skills in a greater variety of circumstances, with greater depth and breadth over a sustained period of time, while increasing the rigor, complexity in assignments, and independence. The social work competencies for advanced field instruction are listed below.

Advanced Field Instruction: Global Social Work Practice Pathway

Advanced field instruction (SW691) builds on the prerequisite SW515 Foundation field instruction course. Students can enroll in advanced field instruction with a grade of Satisfactory (“S”) or a grade of Marginal (“M”) in SW515 Foundation field instruction. Students who have chosen the Global Social Work Practice Pathway will engage in tasks and assignments that reflect a higher-level mastery of knowledge and increased independence during Advanced Field (SW691). The development of field-based assignments will be designed to help students become proficient in the CSWE social work competencies by developing professional practice behaviors to facilitate growth as a social work practitioner. Students in this course will focus on learning Global Social Work Practice skills through experiential learning opportunities, licensed supervision, supplemental readings, case-based discussions/conferences, meetings, and other learning opportunities available in the assigned fieldwork setting. These skills will be enhanced through direct service responsibilities with individuals, families, groups and the service environment. Student assignments will be evaluated through the CSWE practice behaviors related to the social work competencies found on the Education Agreement. These assignments will be rated at the end of each term using the established scale. The goal for students in Advanced Field is to apply skills in a greater variety of circumstances, with greater depth and breadth over a sustained period of time, while increasing the rigor, complexity in assignments, and independence. The social work competencies for advanced field instruction are listed below.

Advanced Field Instruction: Policy & Political Social Work Pathway

Advanced field instruction (SW691) builds on the prerequisite SW515 Foundation field instruction course. Students can enroll in advanced field instruction with a grade of Satisfactory (“S”) or a grade of Marginal (“M”) in SW515 Foundation field instruction. Students who have

chosen the Policy & Political Social Work Pathway will engage in tasks and assignments that reflect a higher-level mastery of knowledge and increased independence during Advanced Field (SW691). The development of field-based assignments will be designed to help students become proficient in the CSWE social work competencies by developing professional practice behaviors to facilitate growth as a social work practitioner. Students in this course will focus on learning Policy and Political skills through experiential learning opportunities, licensed supervision, supplemental readings, case-based discussions/conferences, meetings, and other learning opportunities available in the assigned fieldwork setting. These skills will be enhanced through direct service responsibilities with individuals, families, groups and the service environment. Student assignments will be evaluated through the CSWE practice behaviors related to the social work competencies found on the Education Agreement. These assignments will be rated at the end of each term using the established scale. The goal for students in Advanced Field is to apply skills in a greater variety of circumstances, with greater depth and breadth over a sustained period of time, while increasing the rigor, complexity in assignments, and independence. The social work competencies for advanced field instruction are listed below.

Advanced Field Instruction: Program Evaluation and Applied Research Pathway

Advanced field instruction (SW691) builds on the prerequisite SW515 Foundation field instruction course. Students can enroll in advanced field instruction with a grade of Satisfactory (“S”) or a grade of Marginal (“M”) in SW515 Foundation field instruction. Students who have chosen the Program Evaluation and Applied Research Pathway will engage in tasks and assignments that reflect a higher-level mastery of knowledge and increased independence during Advanced Field (SW691). The development of field-based assignments will be designed to help students become proficient in the CSWE social work competencies by developing professional practice behaviors to facilitate growth as a social work practitioner. Students in this course will focus on learning Program Evaluation and Applied Research skills through experiential learning opportunities, licensed supervision, supplemental readings, case-based discussions/conferences, meetings, and other learning opportunities available in the assigned fieldwork setting. These skills will be enhanced through direct service responsibilities with individuals, families, groups and the service environment. Student assignments will be evaluated through the CSWE practice behaviors related to the social work competencies found on the Education Agreement. These assignments will be rated at the end of each term using the established scale. The goal for students in Advanced Field is to apply skills in a greater variety of circumstances, with greater depth and breadth over a sustained period of time, while increasing the rigor, complexity in assignments, and independence. The social work competencies for advanced field instruction are listed below.

Advanced Field Instruction: Social Work Practice with Older Adults & Families from a Lifespan Perspective Pathway

Advanced field instruction (SW691) builds on the prerequisite SW515 Foundation field instruction course. Students can enroll in advanced field instruction with a grade of Satisfactory (“S”) or a grade of Marginal (“M”) in SW515 Foundation field instruction. Students who have chosen the Social Work Practice with Older Adults & Families from a Lifespan Perspective Pathway will engage in tasks and assignments that reflect a higher-level mastery of knowledge and increased independence during Advanced Field (SW691). The development of field-based assignments will be designed to help students become proficient in the CSWE social work competencies by developing professional practice behaviors to facilitate growth as a social work practitioner. Students in this course will focus on learning Social Work Practice with Older Adults & Families from a Lifespan Perspective skills through experiential learning opportunities, licensed supervision, supplemental readings, case-based discussions/conferences, meetings, and other learning opportunities available in the assigned fieldwork setting. These skills will be enhanced through direct service responsibilities with individuals, families, groups and the service environment. Student assignments will be evaluated through the CSWE practice behaviors related to the social work competencies found on the Education Agreement. These assignments will be rated at the end of each term using the established scale. The goal for students in Advanced Field is to apply skills in a greater variety of circumstances, with greater depth and breadth over a sustained period of time, while increasing the rigor, complexity in assignments, and independence. The social work competencies for advanced field instruction are listed below.

Advanced Field Instruction: Management & Leadership Pathway

Advanced field instruction (SW691) builds on the prerequisite SW515 Foundation field instruction course. Students can enroll in advanced field instruction with a grade of Satisfactory (“S”) or a grade of Marginal (“M”) in SW515 Foundation field instruction. Students who have chosen the Management & Leadership Pathway will engage in tasks and assignments that reflect a higher-level mastery of knowledge and increased independence during Advanced Field (SW691). The development of field-based assignments will be designed to help students become proficient in the CSWE social work competencies by developing professional practice behaviors to facilitate growth as a social work practitioner. Students in this course will focus on learning Management & Leadership skills through experiential learning opportunities, licensed supervision, supplemental readings, case-based discussions/conferences, meetings, and other learning opportunities available in the assigned fieldwork setting. These skills will be enhanced through direct service responsibilities with individuals, families, groups and the service environment. Student assignments will be evaluated through the CSWE practice behaviors related to the social work competencies found on the Education Agreement. These assignments will be rated at the end of each term using the established scale. The goal for students in Advanced Field is to apply skills in a greater variety of circumstances, with greater depth and breadth over a sustained period of time, while increasing the rigor, complexity in assignments, and independence. The social work competencies for advanced field instruction are listed below.

Course content

In Advanced field instruction, students will engage in tasks and assignments that reflect a higher level mastery of knowledge and increased independence in functioning which is designed to facilitate growth as a social work practitioner while strengthening professional identity. Students in this course will focus on learning skills in their pathway through experiential learning opportunities, professional, credentialed supervision, supplemental readings, case-based discussions/conferences, meetings, and other learning opportunities available in the assigned fieldwork setting. Students will develop, in conjunction with their field instructor, behaviorally specific and measurable field-based assignments.

Course objectives and competencies

The social work competencies for social work education are indicated below:

1. Demonstrate Ethical and Professional Behavior
2. Engage Diversity and Difference in Practice
3. Advance Human Rights and Social, Economic, and Environmental Justice
4. Engage in Practice-informed Research and Research-informed Practice
5. Engage in Policy Practice
6. Engage with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities
7. Assess Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities
8. Intervene with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities
9. Evaluate Practice with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities

Students will be expected to demonstrate proficiency in the competencies by adding justification of practice behaviors they have participated in and/or completed. Practice behaviors are defined as a blend of activities, knowledge and skills. Students in Advanced field instruction have opportunities to apply their skills in a greater variety of circumstances, with greater depth and breadth over a sustained period of time with the goal of increasing the rigor and complexity in the assignments as well as independence. The student's proficiency on the practice behaviors will be evaluated each term by their assigned field instructor(s) and themselves as these relate to the specific competency and field-based assignment.

Course design

The course will use structured, experiential learning that is outlined in the student's Field Educational Agreement (FEA). Field placement learning experiences are developed in conjunction with the field instructor and are linked to the competencies and practice behaviors as outlined on the Advanced Educational Agreement. Students strive to develop field-based assignments that will exhibit that they have become proficient in the social work competencies

and corresponding practice behaviors. The field placement hours are logged at a fieldwork site and all student related activities are supervised by an approved, credentialed field instructor. The field placement is facilitated and monitored by OFE Field Faculty who are employed by the University of Michigan School of Social Work and work directly in the Office of Field Education. The Field Faculty provides continuity with students and the fieldwork site for the duration of the field placement and is in contact with the student and field instructor as needed. The Field Faculty reviews and approves the student's Educational Agreement each term, assigns the field grade, and provides support and problem solving to the student and field instructor.

For students in pathways, the course will use structured, experiential learning that is outlined in the student's field educational agreement (FEA). Field placement learning experiences are chosen in conjunction with the field instructor(s) and are linked to the competencies of the Advanced Educational Agreement. Students strive to write justifications that will exhibit that they have become proficient in the social work competencies. The field placement hours are logged at a fieldwork site and all student related activities are supervised by an approved, credentialed field instructor. The field placement is facilitated and monitored by OFE Field Faculty who are employed by the University of Michigan School of Social Work and work directly in the Office of Field Education. The Field Faculty provides continuity with students and the fieldwork site for the duration of the field placement and is in contact with the student and field instructor as needed. The Field Faculty reviews and approves the student's Educational Agreement each term, assigns the field grade, and provides support and problem solving to the student and field instructor(s).

One credit hour of field placement at the Advanced level equals 57 clock hours logged. Students are typically enrolled in 4 credits of SW691 Advanced Field Instruction which requires a total of 228 clock hours (4 credits X 57 hours per credit = 228 total hours for the term). Students are required to log a total of 684 hours in Advanced field instruction.

Relationship to social work ethics and values

Social work ethics and values will be addressed within the field education as they pertain to the delivery of services and the application of fieldwork setting policies and procedures. Both the field instructor and the field faculty will address social work ethics and values with field students. The NASW Code of Ethics and the School of Social Work Technical Standards will be used to inform students about professional conduct expectations and comportment as a student and social worker. Each social worker's ethical responsibility to clients, to colleagues, in practice settings, as professionals, to the social work profession, and to the broader society as a whole will be reviewed. Students are required to abide by the [NASW Code of Ethics](#) while enrolled in the program.

Intensive focus on PODS

This course integrates PODS (Privilege, Oppression, Diversity and Social Justice) content and skills through the use of content, activities and discussions of theories, practices, and policies. Students will develop their own awareness of both injustice and vision for socially just processes and practices. Students will use both a macro and micro lens to examine these issues in order to learn to recognize and reduce the social mechanisms that promote oppression and privilege through use of critical thinking, self-awareness, scientific knowledge, and self-reflection

2. Class Requirements

Text and class materials

Any required reading material will be assigned by the assigned field instructor at the field placement agency. This may include, but is not limited to, employee handbooks, manuals, articles, books, and reports. Students may also choose their own reading materials for Educational Agreement assignments.

Class schedule

Students will arrange their individual schedules for Field with their Field Instructors. This schedule will be arranged to accommodate student classes as well as agency need/requirements. The schedule will be reported through the Placement Verification Form. *Any changes to a student's field schedule must be approved by the field instructor(s) at the field placement site, as they will ultimately sign off on students' completed hours at the end of the term and communicate with field faculty.*

Assignments

Communication with Field Instructor:

At the beginning of the term, students set up an initial meeting with their assigned field instructor(s) to review the field instruction course requirements/assignments indicated in this syllabus. This includes the number of hours to be completed, placement verification form and educational agreement requirements, and due dates.

[Online Placement Verification Form](#)

Provides details on the student's field work schedule and gives accurate contact information for the student's field instructor. There are several checkboxes of important information that should be discussed by the field instructor (HIPAA as enacted by the fieldwork site, liability, safety, client transportation & stipend) and the student. An e-mail will be sent to the designated field instructor requesting that they review and approve this online form. Students should remind their field instructor to verify/validate their form upon receiving an email request from the OFE office. Students should also check to ensure their course registration for the term is accurate. Should students fail to meet the established deadline for submission of this course requirement, their

assigned Field Faculty may suspend their field hours until this requirement has been met. Students will not be able to access their Field Educational Agreement until their Placement Verification form has been validated. If students or field instructors encounter technical difficulties submitting and/or verifying this online form, they should contact the [Office Manager](#) (734-764-5331) or ssw-fieldoffice@umich.edu.

Field Faculty Site Visit:

After the field placement verification form is complete, the student will work with the field instructor(s) and field faculty to arrange a required fieldwork site visit to evaluate the student's progress to date.

It is optional for you to have an in-person site visit. Student will coordinate site visit with LMSW field instructor, task field instructor, field faculty, and student. Student is to send 3 separate 1-hour tentative days and times that will work with LMSW field instructor, task field instructor and student's field schedule via e-mail including address of site visit. Field Faculty will then schedule and send out a calendar invite to all involved.

For an on-line site visit, the Field Faculty will provide a google calendar link to the student to arrange a required fieldwork site visit to evaluate the student's progress to date. [SW 691 Zoom Site Visit Calendar](#)

To prepare for the site visit, students and field instructors discuss and reflect upon:

- (1) how their fieldwork site operates; how they have acclimated to the setting; and sharing some of their successes and challenges;
- (2) the fieldwork site assignments as related to skill development and proficiency with the corresponding practice behaviors;
- (3) how PODS issues impact their placement experience;
- (4) the progress they have made with regard to their personal and professional growth and overall skill development.

[Field Educational Agreement:](#)

The Field Educational Agreement is a collaborative effort between students and field instructors to outline the learning plan. It is a living document and should be reviewed with field instructor(s) at the beginning of the semester to choose assignments, throughout the semester to enter justifications, and at the end of the semester to complete the evaluation and feedback. Students must submit their Field Educational Agreement each term, and it becomes a contract for field placement. At the beginning of each term, students in conjunction with their field instructor, choose a specific fieldwork site assignment that addresses each competency and reflects developing proficiency.

Students should access their field educational agreement weekly to bi-weekly at the least monthly to add activities, projects, readings, reflections, etc. that were completed that justify how the competency is being practiced. Students can access their field Educational Agreement post-graduation when using their UM Unique Name and kerborized password.

Field Connections:

Field Connections is an opportunity for students in field to meet with their peers and Field Faculty to discuss their learning in Field. This may include peer consultation to address challenges; or how to manage students' fears, triggers, or difficult situations.

Mandatory: [1st Semester-Field Connections](#) to sign up at the beginning of the semester. And attend a second one below.

All field students, will attend 1 field connections on Wednesday's 4-5pm in-person (2660K) or via zoom (<https://umich.zoom.us/j/5967884617>) between 9/22/2021 through 12/1/2021.

Final Evaluation and Submission of the Educational Agreement for Grading:

The Field Educational Agreement also functions as the end of term evaluation to determine students' final grade in Field for the term. Due dates will be posted under Assignments in the course's Canvas site, and on the OFE [due dates calendar](#). See the Grading in Field Education section to learn more about how the Educational Agreement/evaluation components are graded.

In addition to the faculty site visit, the final evaluation has three required components:

Field Educational Agreement

The Field Educational Agreement also functions as the end of term evaluation. The completed Educational Agreement is due to the field faculty by the end of each term. See the Canvas site for the due date, and on the OFE [due dates calendar](#). See the Grading in Field Education section to learn more about how the Educational Agreement/evaluation components are graded.

Within the first few weeks of each term, students will choose **ONE** of 3-5 assignments **for each competency**, written to encompass the Pathway-specific advanced competencies and all of their practice behaviors. Students will end up completing nine assignments total for the semester (one per competency). By completing the assignment, students will inherently meet the competencies and practice behaviors. Advanced assignments are written to include the Knowledge, Values, Skills, and Cognitive-affective processes dimensions.

Justifications

Throughout each term, students should be writing justifications of their assignments, which include the work they have done, why it fulfills the assignment, and what they learned. It is required that 3-5 justifications be provided for each competency.

Key Learning Experience/Project Summary

A key learning experience is a reflection of a field experience (and you should have more than one). Your key learning reflection can be submitted either as a written assignment-no more than 2 pages or by creating a video-no longer than 5 minutes and uploading it. The Key Learning Experience will be due close to the end of the term. See your Canvas site for the exact date.

Students will write a key learning experience and upload it through Canvas to Portfolium. Students are encouraged to utilize the [Key Learning Experience/Project Worksheet](#) throughout the term to assist them in developing the required Summary at the end of the term.

Here are the parts of the Key Learning Experience:

- What? - what was your experience, what was your role, where did it occur
- So What? - What tasks did you do; and what skills and lessons did you learn; and how did it impact you
- Now What? - How do you take these skills and lessons and integrate them into your professional identity?

Field Instructor(s):

Student and field instructor(s) must meet to discuss ratings. Following this, the field instructor(s) will submit their final ratings. We strongly recommend that field instructor(s) submit final ratings at the conclusion of the meeting with student.

The field instructor(s) will rate the student on their level of competency of the selected assignments, practice behaviors, and the documented justifications.

If there is a secondary task field instructor, both will complete the ratings.

End of term

1. Students will rate themselves on each competency toward the end of the term, per Field Faculty instruction. (see scale below)
2. Students will respond to the questions in the “Feedback” section. ***This section can only viewed by the Field Faculty at the School of Social Work and the student.***
3. Student approves the document, which automatically sends the form to the Field Instructor(s) at the field site for their ratings. Student should inform field instructor(s) of agreed upon process of communication/reminders for timely completion.

4. Student and Field Instructor(s) should confer regarding the ratings prior to the Field Instructor(s) submitting their final ratings.
- Students and Field Instructor(s) Together:
 - Student and field instructor(s) must meet to discuss ratings. Following this, the field instructor(s) will submit their final ratings. We strongly recommend that field instructor(s) submit final ratings at the conclusion of the meeting with student.

Rating Scale

Not Competent: (1) Student does not demonstrate command of basic knowledge and/or the ability to integrate and apply knowledge to practice, as evidenced by the student's performance of the competency's assignment and practice behaviors. Student does not appear to learn from supervision and coaching.

Limited Competence: (2) Student demonstrates limited and/or inconsistent understanding of basic knowledge, values and skills as applied to practice, as evidenced by the student's performance of the competency's assignment and practice behaviors. There is concern about the student's knowledge and practice level. More than usual amount of supervision may be required.

Emerging Competence: (3) Student demonstrates a beginning or growing ability to integrate basic knowledge, values and skills as applied to practice. This includes an understanding of what questions to ask and an awareness of how problems and solutions are connected, as evidenced by the student's performance of the competency's assignment and practice behaviors. The student has the ability to function semi independently with appropriate supervision and support.

Competence: (4) Student demonstrates a consistent understanding and routine ability to integrate basic knowledge, values and skills as applied to practice. This includes an understanding of the complexity of situations, the ability to manage their emotions, examine information, and recommend solutions, as evidenced by the student's performance of the competency's assignment and practice behaviors. The student has the ability to function independently with appropriate supervision and support.

Advanced Competence: (5) Student demonstrates exceptional depth of understanding and ability to integrate knowledge, values and skills to practice in a variety of ways. Student anticipates challenges and deals with complex situations holistically. Student displays sound judgment and problem-solves unusually well in novel, diverse and difficult practice situations, as evidenced by the student's performance of the competency's assignment and practice behaviors. The student functions independently and appropriately seeks supervision as consultation.

Attendance and class participation

Students in Advanced Field are required to be in field for 57 clock hours for each credit for which they are registered. For example, a student registered for 4 credits of SW 691 needs to attend field for at least 228 hours for the term. Students are required to discuss arrangements with their Field Instructor for making up missed time. Students who do not complete their hours within the allotted term may receive an Incomplete for the term; students should be communicating with their Field Faculty if they foresee an issue. In addition, students should refer to the [Policy on Class Attendance](#).

Health-Related Class Absences

Please evaluate your own health status regularly and refrain from attending class and coming to campus if you are ill. You are encouraged to seek appropriate medical attention for treatment. School of Social Work students who miss class due to illness of any kind will be given opportunities to access course materials online or provided with alternative learning opportunities. Please notify me by email about your absence as soon as practical, so that I can make accommodations. Please note that documentation (a Doctor's note) for medical excuses is not required.

Grading

For the grading policy, please refer to the [MSW Student Guide, Vol. 1, Chapter 7](#).

The grading system for all field education courses consists of S (satisfactory), M (marginal), and U (unsatisfactory). S is used when the quality of performance is acceptable and credit is granted for the course. M is used when the quality of performance is less than satisfactory, but short of failing. U is used when the quality of performance is inadequate and no credit is granted.

Field faculty are responsible for grading field education performance. Students are expected to adhere to the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Code of Ethics, to meet the University of Michigan School of Social Work Technical Standards, to follow field site policies and procedures and to conduct themselves in a professional manner. Failure to meet these expectations may be reflected in field instruction grades and/or other action taken by the school.

The final grade for field education is based on the following sources and documents:

- Field Site Visit
- Field Connections attendance (at least 1)
- Key Learning Experience
- Educational Agreement
 - Grading Rubric**
 - 29 or more points = satisfactory performance
 - 28-25 points = marginal performance

- 24 or fewer points = unsatisfactory performance
- **See explanations above for the definition of satisfactory, marginal and unsatisfactory.
- Timely completion of all field assignments.

Incomplete Grade

Students must request an Incomplete “I” grade from the Field Faculty if they are unable to complete their assignments, including completion of required field hours before the due date. Students must develop a plan for completing their work and review it with the Field Faculty and field instructor(s) before the end of the term. Once the work is completed the student will receive a permanent grade of Satisfactory (“S”) or Marginal “M” for this work and will be eligible to have the previous Incomplete (“I”) grade changed to a grade of “IS” or “IM”.

Marginal Grade

A student that does not complete their end of term Evaluation by the established [due date](#) will receive a Marginal (“M”) grade. Students receiving a grade of Marginal (“M”) who complete their educational agreement in a subsequent term and receive a grade of Satisfactory (“S”) for this work, will be eligible to have the previous Marginal (“M”) grade changed to a grade of “MS”.

Note: A grade of “MS” or “IM” or “IS” stays on the academic record permanently.

Unsatisfactory Grade

No student may receive credit for an unsatisfactory (U) grade in field instruction. Receiving a grade of U will require that the student repeat the course.

Please review the following relevant policies regarding grades:

[Grades in Academic Courses and in Field Instruction](#)

[Student Grievance procedures](#)

COVID-19 Statement

For the safety of all students, faculty, and staff on campus, it is important for each of us to be mindful of safety measures that have been put in place for our protection. By returning to campus, you have acknowledged your responsibility for protecting the collective health of our community. Your participation in this course on an in-person/hybrid basis is conditional upon your adherence to all safety measures mandated by the State of Michigan and the University, including maintaining physical distancing of six feet from others, and properly wearing a face covering in class. Other applicable safety measures may be described in the [Wolverine Culture of Care](#) and the [University’s Face Covering Policy for COVID-19](#). Your ability to participate in

this course in-person/hybrid may be impacted by failure to comply with campus safety measures. Individuals seeking to request an accommodation related to the face-covering requirement under the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the [Office for Institutional Equity](#). If you are unable or unwilling to adhere to these safety measures while in a face-to-face class setting, you will be required to participate on a remote basis. I also encourage you to review the [Statement of Students Rights and Responsibilities](#), which includes a COVID-related Statement Addendum.

Confidentiality and Mandated Reporting

As an instructor, one of my responsibilities is to help create a safe learning environment on our campus. I also have a mandatory reporting responsibility related to my role as a member of the faculty. It is my goal that you feel able to share information related to your life experiences in classroom discussions, in your written work and in our one-on-one meetings. I will seek to keep information you share private to the greatest extent possible. However, I am required to share information regarding sexual misconduct or information about a crime that may have occurred on UM's campus with the University. Students may speak to someone confidentially by contacting SAPAC's Crisis Line at (734) 936-3333.

Recording Class

Audio and video recording of in-class lectures and discussions is prohibited without the advance written permission of the instructor. Students with an approved accommodation from the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities permitting the recording of class meetings must present documentation to the instructor in advance of any recording being done. The instructor reserves the right to disallow recording for a portion of any class time where privacy is a special concern. If the instructor chooses to record a class, they will decide which classes, if any, are recorded, what portion of each class is recorded, and whether a recording is made available on the course management website. On days when classes are recorded, students will be notified a recording is occurring. Class recordings and course materials may not be reproduced, sold, published or distributed to others, in whole or in part, without the written consent of the instructor.

Additional School and University policies, information and resources are available here:

<https://ssw.umich.edu/standard-policies-information-resources>. They include:

- Safety and emergency preparedness
- Mental health and well-being
- Teaching evaluations
- Proper use of names and pronouns
- Accommodations for students with disabilities
- Religious/spiritual observances
- Military deployment
- Writing skills and expectations
- Academic integrity and plagiarism