



## **Virtual Open House Chat Log (3/28/14)**

**Q: What is the percentage of international students of MSW?**

A: You may view the 2013 MSW Class Profile on our website at <http://ssw.umich.edu/admissions>. Please note that the student demographics vary from year to year.

**Q: Do grad PLUS loans require a cosigner?**

A: They do not always require a cosigner. It will be dependent upon your credit history.

**Q: Are Segal Education Awards matched for people that served in AmeriCorps?**

A: No, we do not match AmeriCorps awards. However, your previous experience may make you competitive for other forms of scholarship aid.

**Q: How does financial aid work for students that are not residents from Michigan**

A: The process is the same. The difference is the cost.

**Q: Are international students eligible for loans & work-study opportunities?**

A: International students are not eligible for need-based aid. However, F-1 status allows on-campus employment. Please visit the UM International Center website for more information at [http://internationalcenter.umich.edu/intlstudents/new\\_index.html](http://internationalcenter.umich.edu/intlstudents/new_index.html)

**Q: Has the final deadline for special programs applications already passed?**

A: The following special programs are still accepting applications for fall 2014: Geriatric Scholarship Program, Jewish Communal Leadership Program, and National Community Scholars Program.

**Q: Is it too late to apply for scholarships for the 2014-2015 school year and if not where can information about those be found at?**

A: You can still apply for grant and scholarship aid by completing this form:  
<http://ssw.umich.edu/sites/default/files/documents/msw-apply/financial-aid-application-form.pdf>

**Q: Do students who already have out direct loans from undergrad typically need a cosigner with the grad PLUS loans?**

A: As a graduate student, you are considered an independent so it can vary for each student depending on their credit history.

**Q: I thought the webinars were the 8th and 23rd?**

A: The webinars that will be held on April 8th and 23rd are Field Webinars. Students should plan to attend one of these sessions, which will provide information on applying for a field placement.

**Q: Can you do an international/national field placement in the advanced placement program?**

A: Advanced standing students can complete special studies or field outside of Michigan. You'll need to work with the Office of Global Activities and the Office of Field Instruction to do so.

**Q: When will we hear back if we have applied for National Community Scholars?**

A: Response time depends upon when you applied. For specifics regarding your application, please call our office at 734-936-0961.

**Q: Is there any way to learn about class exemptions prior to enrolling?**

A: All matriculated students will be reviewed and receive notification regarding exemptions prior to enrollment.

**Q: Are advanced standing students eligible for work-study?**

A: Yes, you can be eligible for work-study as an advanced standing student. However, work study awards are sometimes not available or limited in the spring/summer term.

**Q: When does field begin for full-time, 16-month students?**

A: Typically, 16 month students begin field in winter term.

**Q: If I'm doing the Peace Corps Master's International Program, do I still apply for a field placement?**

A: Yes, you would still need to apply for your local placement for the fall/winter terms.

**Q: For advanced standing students, when do interviews with potential field placements take place?**

A: This will take place from June - August. They can be in person, by Skype or phone dependent on the agency.

**Q: If we are eligible for merit-based scholarships/financial aid through the School of Social Work, when would we be notified? If we haven't heard prior to our enrollment date, then, do we assume we didn't get anything? Would we be notified about this over email?**

A: If you applied for financial aid, please expect to receive a separate decision email.

**Q: What if we are unable to attend the 8th or 23rd Field Webinar?**

A: We plan to record one of the sessions and have it available on our website.

**Q: What is the size of a class?**

A: Our total incoming class is approximately 360 students. Individual classes have about 25 students each.

**Q: I am enrolled in the 20 month program, when will I need to apply for field placement?**

A: Students beginning field in the fall should join the webinar April 8, 2014 and complete required paperwork by May 16, 2014.

**Q: if you haven't received a decision yet, is it possible to receive admission and enrollment information at the same time?**

A: All students who are admitted receive enrollment information at the same time. We provide information regarding important dates and deadlines.

**Q: Are course exemptions offered to advanced standing students?**

A: We review all advanced standing students for exemptions from two of our foundation courses, SW 502 and 560. Anyone who qualifies for advanced standing will automatically be exempted from all other foundation courses.

**Q: What type of field placements do you offer for students that are studying clinical? social work say for example substance use disorders**

A: We do have placements that will allow you to work with clients around substance use. A few examples would be Home of New Vision and Dawn Farm.

**Q: When/how will I know if I have been accepted as an advanced standing student?**

A: If an applicant is offered admission, the acceptance letter will contain information on advanced standing status. A final determination is made once a final transcript with degree posted is received.

**Q: Are minors required?**

A: No, minors are optional.

**Q: Can students change their practice methods after entering the School of Social Work?**

A: Yes, there is a process to change concentrations. It's best to do this as soon as possible.

**Q: Are SSW students able to apply for funding through Rackham?**

A: No you would not be eligible for Rackham funding as an MSW student.

**Q: How many hours a week are 16month students required to begin field work?**

A: The typical 16-month student completes no field hours in the fall, 16 hours/ 2 days per week in the winter, 32 hours/ 4 days per week in the summer and 16 hours/ 2 days per week in the final fall term.

**Q: If I change my mind and want to switch over to health or mental health instead of children and families how difficult would that be?**

A: You can make a switch by emailing [ssw.msw.info@umich.edu](mailto:ssw.msw.info@umich.edu). Keep in mind that some special scholarships require a specific practice method/area.

**Q: For merit-based scholarships, will be notified by email by the school if we are eligible?**

A: Please expect to receive a decision letter via email.

**Q: Are all decisions emailed or are they received via mail as well?**

A: All decision letters are sent via email. Please be sure we have your current contact information.

**Q: If we would like to have courses reviewed for exemptions from MSW foundation courses, do we need to send any materials to have this done?**

A: No, the School will review all incoming students for possible exemptions. The School may ask for specific materials, such as a course syllabus if we need additional information.

**Q: If I listed my intended practice method and practice area, on my application, do I need to do anything to finalize these with the program?**

A: No.

**Q: Is it common/feasible for dual degree students to complete a minor or certificate as well?**

A: It's possible. It may depend on how many exemptions you receive. Sometimes you will need to complete extra credits to finish a minor or certificate.

**Q: Is course registration competitive? Are there limited spots for each class?**

A: All students will have a full schedule. We have a petitioning process that allows students to request entrance into closed courses and we can get students into the classes they need. We'll help you through the registration process.

**Q: Where will I find the final determination of my application?**

A: Admissions decisions are emailed out to each applicant. Information may also be found on Wolverine Access.

**Q: If we are in the 16 month program would you recommend doing the field placement webinar in April anyways?**

A: Any student is welcomed to attend the field placement webinar. There is a lot of useful information, but it is not necessary if you are not planning to start field in the fall.

**Q: Is it possible to have a minor if you're enrolled in the Jewish Communal Leadership Program?**

A: Yes, it may be possible. It will be dependent upon how many exemptions you have. You may have to complete extra coursework if you want to complete a minor.

**Q: Will there be a notification if we did/didn't get the GSSA position?**

A: An email will be sent to all GSSA applicants.

**Q: Is it possible to initiate a dual degree with Business Administration in the second year of a 16 month plan?**

A: Yes. You'll need to apply to the MBA program in the Fall of your first year.

**Q: What type of field placements are available for Community Organization and Mental Health concentrators?**

A: Some are at the county community mental health department, some at local community health clinics or hospitals.

**Q: If we are considering changing our program length from 20m to 16m AND our practice area, how soon should we plan on making these changes?**

A: You'll want to make this change before the field placement deadline (May 16th).

**Q: Are we paid during our field placement work?**

A: Most are unpaid, but some sites offer stipends.

**Q: How many students apply and how many are accepted?**

A: We have received nearly 1500 applications and will have an incoming class of approximately 360.

**Q: If I want to get a certificate in social work in public schools, how many extra classes would I have to take?**

A: The School Social Work certification requires three classes and direct contact working with children. You can utilize electives to count towards this certification.

<http://ssw.umich.edu/programs/msw/specialization-and-certification-programs/social-work-in-school-settings>

**Q: I am still waiting to hear back from one of the special programs I applied to. Is there any way to check and ensure that they received my application?**

A: If you submitted your special program application with your MSW online application, then we have received it.

**Q: I received a scholarship a few days ago the National Scholars Scholarship. I am still waiting to hear back about the Global scholarship but there is a deadline to accept the National scholars scholarship by April 4. The e-mail says if you receive any other scholarship you cannot accept this one. I'm not sure what to do. I want to accept this scholarship but I have not heard about Global scholarship.**

A: You could accept the second scholarship if it was offered to you. We would send you a letter letting you know both options. You can only accept one.

**Q: Do we send our final transcripts to the school after we graduate in May or should we be completing that process now?**

A: Admitted students should have final transcripts sent to the Office of Student Services once degrees are posted.

**Q: How many hours do students need for field placement if they are attending the 16 month or 20 month program?**

A: You will complete a total of 912 hours total over the duration of the MSW program.  
<http://ssw.umich.edu/programs/msw/program-length>

**Q: Are all social work classes held in one building?**

A: The majority of your classes will be held in the School of Social Work building.

**Q: If we are interested in completing a minor and a school social work certificate as an advance standing student is that possible?**

A: Usually you can, however it sometimes means graduating with a few extra credits (ex 48 rather than 45 credits). It will be dependent upon exemptions.

**Q: Is it often that students want to change their curriculum schedule? (For example, from the 20-month to the 16-month?) Also, is this difficult?**

A: Some students do request a change in curriculum schedule. Prior to fall, this request, including the reason for the request, may be emailed to [ssw.msw.info@umich.edu](mailto:ssw.msw.info@umich.edu).

**Q: If I'm interested in pursuing a dual-degree program with public health or public policy, would that impact whether I could finish my degrees in 16 months? What would be my next step if I haven't applied to the second program already?**

A: This would require you to postpone graduation. You can plan to apply to another program in the fall. If accepted you'll need to have a meeting about with the Office of Student Services to make plans for the dual degree.

**Q: How many hours a week does an advanced standing student complete?**



A: Most advanced standing students will complete 16 hours/week in their field placement. Some students are in field placements that require 24 hours/week.

**Q: Is the Geriatric Scholarship Program open to applications because it hasn't filled the ten scholarship spots yet?**

A: Each committee decides how long they will keep their application open.

**Q: How does student advising work? Are we each assigned to a specific advisor to go to throughout the entire program?**

A: Each incoming MSW student is assigned a faculty advisor for the time they are in the MSW program. Students will receive the name of their faculty advisor at fall orientation.

**Q: I'm interested in both interpersonal practice and social policy & evaluation. What is your advice on how I should choose to major in one and minor in the other? Does that impact the kind of field opportunities I'll have access to? Does it influence whether I'll be able to pursue licensure as a clinical social worker?**

A: If you want to practice clinical work after graduation, it is best to focus on IP and gain the theory and field work experience to best prepare you for those types of jobs. Any minor selection impacts what field placement options you can select because your field placement has to provide you with the opportunity to gain experience in your major and minor concentration. Having a minor in policy does not restrict you from gaining licensure.

**Q: Is there a list or database that includes the various field placement sites that are available?**

A: Yes. You can see this when you are going through the field placement process. You'll be sent more information on how to access this soon.

**Q: Can you apply for GSSA for your second year?**

A: No, the GSSA positions are only for incoming, first year students. You may be interested in considering Graduate Student Instructor (GSI) positions in other departments on campus. Those positions are offered each semester.

**Q: If we get into the program, do we find our own field placements, or is there a field coordinator?**

A: You'll work with the Office of Field Instruction to set up your field placement(s).

**Q: is it possible to do both a social work in public schools certificate and a practice method minor?**

A: It takes 9 credits to complete the school social work certificate and 6 credits to add a minor. In the program design there are 9 elective credits and it would depend on if you receive exemptions if you would be able to do both.

**Q: Are dual degree students technically 16 or 20 month students?**

A: Dual degree students can select the curriculum schedule that they want. Many dual degree students often select the 16 month schedule so that they can reduce the amount of time that it takes them to complete the dual degree programs.

**Q: If we are in the geriatric scholarship program (which is 16 months), do we start field placement in the fall? Also, will we work with someone from the program to arrange our field placements?**

A: Geriatric scholars begin field placement in the fall, and you will work with the Office of Field Instruction to arrange your field placement. You may want to attend one of the upcoming field webinars to learn more about the process.

**Q: Is it possible for advanced standing students to be part-time students if it is financially not feasible to attend full time?**

A: Yes, however part-time study is most costly. I would recommend speaking with an admissions counselor about your options.

**Q: Are there field placement opportunities that provide international experience around Ann Arbor?**

A: Yes, there are local globally focused placements in some practice method/area combos.

**Q: are field placements first come first served?**

A: It's important to apply by the deadline. Field placements are set up based upon best fit rather than first come, first served.

**Q: What are some of the field placements available to those who chose aging as a concentration? If you chose the interpersonal practice method, but social policy and evaluation as your minor, how difficult would it be to find a placement with aging as your concentration?**

A: It can be somewhat limiting to have an IP method and Policy minor. I recommend contacting Warren Clark in the Office of Field Instruction.

**Q: What is the coursework load like for the first semester/year?**

A: I highly encourage you to take a look at the course planning worksheet to determine the course plan based on your practice method/area and curriculum schedule.

<http://archive.ssw.umich.edu/studentguide/course-planning-worksheets/#>

**Q: How many MSW students does the PhD program generally admit from the School of Social Work?**

A: MSW students are welcome to apply to the PhD program; however, there is no guarantee of admission.

**Q: Once accepted, is everyone guaranteed a field placement?**

A: Yes, Field is a required component of our curriculum so every student will have a field placement.

**Q: If you are employed in family preservation, which takes place in the field, could you use hours worked within your career for hours added to field experience within the SSW program?**

A: You cannot use prior experience to count toward your field experience. You can complete employment based fieldwork. You will need to make arrangements (early) with our Office of Field Instruction. There are stipulations to make this possible.

**Q: I am doing the Interpersonal Practice/Mental Health concentration and practice area. Would I be able to apply for the Geriatric Scholarship program?**

A: Yes, you may apply; however, note that those accepted into the Geriatric Scholarship Program must have an Aging in Families and Society practice area. Those that do not meet this criteria would be required to change if accepted.

**Q: What would be the most beneficial practice method concentration area to choose if you plan on doing school social work?**

A: It is required that you concentrate in children and youth to complete the certificate. Here is the link to acquire more details <http://ssw.umich.edu/programs/msw/specialization-and-certification-programs/social-work-in-school-settings>.

**Q: Should one apply for a field site if they are waiting to hear back from National Community Scholars?**

A: If you are not currently accepted into the National Community Scholars program and are not scheduled to start field in the fall otherwise, you do not need to apply for a field placement.

**Q: Are Social Work students allowed to take electives from other graduate programs if a similar course is not offered in Social Work (for example, a psychology elective)?**

A: Our students have the ability to take any graduate level course in a different professional school to be used toward their electives.

**Q: If an individual is interested in the Integrated Health Track within the Interpersonal, Mental Health Concentration, please explain the flow of courses and flexibility in scheduling. Are you restricted to taking the courses with a group cohort?**

A: If you are in the Integrated Health Scholarship program you'll follow a specific course plan. If you're not in this program you can opt. to take some of these specialized courses.

**Q: Is the Goal Statement for 16-month students due in September/October?**

A: Yes, it will be due in October.

**Q: I'm unable to drive. Are there options for field placements that do not require driving to site?**

A: Yes, many field placements are located in Ann Arbor and accessible by bus route.

**Q: When it comes to field placement will there be a mid-term or final evaluation for placement students regarding to the progress on their placement?**

A: Yes, you'll complete an educational agreement. Then your field liaison will visit you in field and assign a grade. This will be based upon feedback that you give in a self-evaluation and the evaluation that your field supervisor provides.

**Q: If we have no minor, are there a certain amount of electives that are required for the advanced standing MSW?**

A: There are 9 credits of electives in the program design which can be used in a variety of areas from advanced level courses, doctoral courses and/or in other graduate departments.

**Q: How is work study incorporated into the curriculum and field placement hours?**

A: Work study opportunities vary. Most students will work about 10-15 hours per week. The times are based on your schedule and availability.

**Q: What if your decision is postponed, how would you be able to complete a field application if the form is due May 16th?**

A: May 16th is the initial deadline. Students will continue to matriculate after the May 16th deadline and will submit their field application at the earliest date possible after matriculation.

**Q: Can students opt to do the dual degree program after their first semester or year? Or does that decision need to be made before enter the MSW program?**

A: It is possible to pursue the dual degree after starting the MSW program. There would need to be an overlap between both programs, so you will typically need to apply within the first or second semester of the MSW program.

**Q: This all sounds so great. However, is deferment an option if we have already been admitted?**

A: We accept requests to defer for up to two years. Please email any such requests, including the reason for your request, to [ssw.msw.info@umich.edu](mailto:ssw.msw.info@umich.edu). Expect to receive a decision via email.

**Q: Can field placement interviews be done remotely via Skype for those of us who will not be able to make it to Ann Arbor before the fall?**

A: Yes, some field sites are fine with this. Some site may want to wait to conduct your interview until you can come in person.

**Q: Do many students live in Detroit and commute to Ann Arbor?**

A: Yes. We have many students who commute to Ann Arbor to complete the program.

**Q: Is there any orientation available/required prior to August?**

A: We will hold summer sessions, which are optional. Please expect to receive an email in May with information on course planning webinars, registration, and summer sessions.

**Q: How many placements do you offer for graduate students studying for mental health?**

A: Mental health is the second most popular area, so there are many placements in this area. The Office of Field Instruction can provide more info.

**Q: What are the percentages of students in each of the practice method?**

A: You may view our 2013 MSW Class Profile at <http://ssw.umich.edu/admissions>. Information on the 2014 MSW class will be available in September.

**Q: If you receive the CBI scholarship and/or your field placement is in Detroit, how many days per week should you expect to spend in Detroit (if Advanced Standing)?**

A: CBI students are in field 2 days/week in the winter and fall, and 4 days/week in the spring/summer term. Please note that advanced standing students accepted into CBI would need to decline their advanced standing status and become 16 month students.

**Q: How can we apply to be a GSI or a GSSA and what are the criteria you're looking for?**

A: Our GSSA position deadline has past while other GSI/GSSA positions may be available through other graduate departments. It would be best to contact the graduate department in which you seek possible opening. Feel free to review this link: <http://www.rackham.umich.edu/jobs>

**Q: I would like to dual major in Public Health and also get a certificate and a minor. Is this possible? How long would that take?**

A: The MSW/MPH typically requires 6 terms of study (93 credits). A certificate and minor may extend your time out further. It will depend on your exemptions. Your certificate and minor will need to align so the field placement requirements are possible to do together.

**Q: How do we access the geriatric scholarship program application if we have already completed our application to the school and been admitted?**

A: Feel free to request the application by emailing us at [ssw.msw.info@umich.edu](mailto:ssw.msw.info@umich.edu)

**Q: Are people ever denied a switch from 16-month program to 20-month?**

A: This is not usually denied, however, we'll need to see if your financial aid award can be shifted. Some concentrations align better with particular areas of study. If you're changing to 20-month you'll want to do this before the field deadline (May 16).

**Q: Is it possible for 20 month students to receive international field placements?**

A: Field is not possible for 20-month students as this requires summer enrollment. You can complete a special studies during the spring/summer term.

**Q: I have experience conducting research on foster care. Are there research opportunities while in the MSW program?**

A: Many students will be involved in research opportunities on campus. They may work with a faculty member or one of the many research departments on campus. You will also have opportunities to incorporate your research interests into the projects that you conduct in some of your MSW classes.

**Q: How long should the goal statement be?**

A: The goal statement should not be longer than 2 pages. Please feel free to review some of the guidelines for writing your goal statement:

<http://archive.ssw.umich.edu/programs/msw/ofi/resume.html>

**Q: Are the orientation days full-day (8 hr) days?**

A: Please plan on full days. Be sure to watch our website for updated information at

<http://ssw.umich.edu/programs/msw/admitted-students/new-student-orientation>

**Q: If I defer do I still have to put down the deposit?**

A: Yes, an enrollment deposit is required to hold space in the incoming class.

**Q: If I am an advanced standing student currently intended to fulfill the interpersonal practice method with children and families and am also interested in completing a minor as well as the school certificate, what type of field placements are available? Since the field placement application is due before exemption emails are sent how will this affect me?**

A: Usually a placement that will allow you to work 500 hours with children will meet the requirement for school certification. You do not need to be placed in a school to become certified for most states. You'll want to communicate your goals to the field office. Both can be accomplished.

**Q: How many students applied this year?**

A: We have received nearly 1,500 applications.

**Q: Can you have your resume reviewed by the Career Center if are not a current student at UM?**

A: You must be an incoming student, current student, or MSW alumni to use Career Services.

**Q: If am working at a private agency that has many different programs, could I use my employer agency just work in a different program?**

A: Sometimes this is possible. You would need to work with our Office of Field Instruction if it is not already an approved site with the School and to setup a work based field placement. There typically needs to be a licensed MSW that could provide supervision as well.



**Q: Generally are field placements fairly close to campus?**

A: There are many placements that are close to campus and in the Ann Arbor area. But several of our field sites can fall within about a 40 mile radius of the School.

**Q: Do all special programs require an interview?**

A: No.

**Q: When is the goal statement and resume due for 20 month students**

A: May 16, 2014. Please attend one of the field webinars to gain further details:  
<http://ssw.umich.edu/programs/msw/admitted-students/incoming-student-information>

**Q: How do potential students find out about potential work study or research assistant opportunities?**

A: Workstudy and Research Opportunities are posted on the University of Michigan webpage - [www.studentemployment.umich.edu](http://www.studentemployment.umich.edu). Postings for fall do not occur until the summer.

**Q: Would a student still be notified if they did not receive any grants or scholarships from the School of Social Work?**

A: Yes. Financial aid decision letters are emailed to all admitted students that applied for financial aid.

**Q: Does the mock interview apply to the field instruction interviews?**

A: Yes you can do mock interviews to prepare for your field interview.

**Q: Who would I contact to schedule a visit to the campus?**

A: Please email us at [msw.visits@umich.edu](mailto:msw.visits@umich.edu)

**Q: What grade point average must be maintained at the School of Social Work?**

A: You must have a B average in order to graduate.

**Q: Announcements of Loans and Scholarships come out separately, correct?**

A: Correct.

**Q: If a final transcript is pending from the University of Michigan, do I need to specifically request it to be sent or will the school automatically receive it after this semester?**

A: Please request that it be sent.

**Q: If I plan on commuting about 45 minutes away from Ann Arbor (Detroit), how many options for field exist outside of the greater Ann Arbor area?**

A: Many field placements are in the Detroit/metro Detroit area.

**Q: Is it required to pay for health insurance through the UMICH?**

A: It is not required but highly recommended especially if one has health concerns that will need continued care. We also recommend the tuition insurance as protection if a student is unable to complete a term: <http://www.uhs.umich.edu/tri>

**Q: I was accepted into the Community Organization, but I am very interested in international field placements. Could I do that with a global studies concentration?**

A: There is a possibility to complete an international field placement with a concentration in CO.

**Q: How much is the cost for global field placements?**

A: It would be best to chat with Katie Lopez ([kalopez@umich.edu](mailto:kalopez@umich.edu)) to inquire about this.

**Q: Would choosing to live on-campus provide more financial aid through the school than those who choose to live off campus?**

A: The budget is the same whether you plan to live on-campus or off-campus. Off-campus housing can be more affordable, especially if you share housing.

**Q: What are new student summer sessions?**

A: We will offer incoming MSW students the opportunity to attend an on-campus Summer New Student Program session prior to Fall Orientation to learn more about the School and curriculum, and meet other incoming students. Attending students will also have the opportunity to speak with current MSW students and ask questions. The sessions are optional and will be held at the School of Social Work. Please expect to receive detailed information in May.

**Q: If you are interested in doing Peace Corps international as an advance standing student, how long will you be out of the country?**

A: All Peace Corps volunteers complete 27 months of service. You'll only need to complete one semester of the MSW program after finishing Peace Corps.

**Q: I'll have an opportunity to visit the area in July, will there be faculty available to meet with?**

A: The School offers classes in the summer, so there may be some faculty available but it will be more limited. If you are interested in attending a class or meeting a faculty member, I encourage you to consider early July.

**Q: Does the enrollment deposit need to be submitted before or after acceptance into the program?**

A: After acceptance.

**Q: Is it common/possible for students to balance field work, classes and a GSI or GSSA in the 16-month, full time program?**

A: It depends on one's time management and organization skills. Field is generally two(2) eight hour days, course load is generally 15 credits per term and GSI/GSSA commitment varies.

**Q: do you have to be accepted to enroll into one of the certificate programs? If not, how long do the certificate programs last for?**

A: Yes, you would need to be an enrolled student.

**Q: Are there any arts-based or arts-oriented social work field placements, such as utilizing arts methods for organizing, or in some kind of creative setting or arts-oriented nonprofit? What kinds of major/minor combinations might best lead to such a site?**

A: Yes. One that comes to mind is Matrix Theatre Co., an organization that creates plays to address social issues for children. They often use puppets created by students and staff. The organization often accepts students with several different concentrations.

**Q: Is the deadline for Global special studies funding in one's first year, or can one also apply on Dec. 1 on their second year?**

A: The deadline is usually in Oct. Contact Katie Lopez (kalopez@umich.edu) for specific info.

**Q: When is the deadline for enrollment deposit if my acceptance deadline is May 1?**

A: Your enrollment deposit would be due by May 1st.

**Q: Global Special Studies: Can this count toward your field placement hours?**

A: A global special studies is generally counted for academic credit, not field placement hours.

**Q: How long after graduation is the degree posted on the transcript? I graduate at the end of April, so when should I expect my transcript to be ready to send for final review?**

A: Each school is different. It is typically 6-8 weeks. However, you will want to check with your school's Registrar's Office.

**Q: If I want to have my Practice Method in IP, and my Practice Area in Mental Health, am I still able to get the Certificate in School Social Work? (Since I wouldn't be concentrating in children/youth)**

A: Yes. You would still complete the course requirements and your mental health field placement just has to provide services to children.

**Q: Is it possible to be accepted into the Fall 2014 program if you will be doing your BSW internship during Summer and have otherwise completed all required courses?**

A: Yes, as long as you will complete all undergraduate degree requirements prior to the start of fall term.

**Q: When are exemptions emailed?**

A: Exemptions will be mailed late June-August.

**Q: If you were given deferred admission from last year and have already paid enrollment deposit, when should your SSW grants and scholarships decision come through?**

A: It is best to contact our office about the status of your financial aid - 734-936-0961.

**Q: Could you expand more on the curtis research center and what opportunities are available from there?**

A: Opportunities vary please refer to the following link: <http://ssw.umich.edu/research/curtis-center>

**Q: If we are a community organization practice method, upon graduating with our MSW will be still be qualified to do interpersonal practice? Or vice versa?**

A: Yes, you can still practice in other areas outside of your chosen practice method. Your MSW license will depend on your post MSW experience.

**Q: What major changes should students anticipate in their curriculum plans if they decide to change from the 16-month to the 20-month program?**

A: Please feel free to look over the information on our MSW Program Length webpage <<http://ssw.umich.edu/admissions/msw/program-length>> where you may view 16 month and 20 month schedules.

**Q: Can an Advanced Standing student elect to complete the 16 month track instead if they want to complete a global field placement?**

A: Yes. You can decline your advanced standing status. Decisions about this should be discussed with the Office of Global Activities and the Office of Student Services.

**Q: Does the university offer on-campus housing for graduate students?**

A: Yes. Please view Housing information on our website at <http://ssw.umich.edu/student-life>

**Q: Are there housing options available specifically for MSW students?**

A: There is graduate student housing at the University, but nothing specific to the School of Social. Many MSW students live in houses or apartments off campus. You can view other housing options at [housing.umich.edu](http://housing.umich.edu). You can also connect with other MSW students through the School's Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/UMSSWPerspective>

**Q: How does the dual degree with the Ford Policy School in terms of internships/field placements?**

A: You complete a social work placement January - December (2nd - 4 semesters). In the second summer you complete a public policy internship.

**Q: Is it possible to opt to extend our study by a semester in order to complete both a minor and/or women studies certificate, as well as an individual special focus that requires elective coursework (such as integrating creative methods)?**

A: Yes this is an option. Please keep in mind that you'll pay an extra term of tuition as well.

**Q: How many credits is the advanced standing program?**

A: The advanced standing program is 45 credits.

**Q: Are there field placement options for those who want to work within the LGBTQ community?**

A: Absolutely. One example is UM's Spectrum Center.

**Q: Can/Do people that are in the SSW program play sports? If so, is it hard to find a balance between practices & school work?**

A: Sometimes students have found it a challenge to meet their obligations for school with being on a sports team. Careful course planning and follow up is vital to make it successful.

**Q: If I withdraw my application will that hurt me in the future if I decide to reapply for a PHD or post-doc?**

A: No, this will not be detrimental to future applications.

**Q: Is it common/acceptable for students to take back to back classes on the same day? Ex: Tuesday 9-12, 12-2, and 2-5**

A: Students are often taken multiple classes in one day and there is usually a small break in between classes. Three classes back to back can often be a long day, but it is possible.

**Q: When applying in May for a field placement (for an out-of-sequence 16 month student), are you applying only for a field placement for fall semester? Fall and winter semesters? Do you need to know already if you would like to apply for a global or national summer placement?**

A: You are applying for fall/winter if you're planning to complete a national/international placement. If this does not happen you'll stay in your local placement in the spring/summer term.

**Q: Does the social work school prefer 1-page or 2-page (or longer) resumes?**

A: We do not have a preference. Well edited and concise is best whether it is one or two pages.

**Q: Is it possible to have an international field placement?**

A: The Office of Global Activities and the Office of Field Instruction offer global field placements for Master of Social Work students interested in working with individuals, communities, and organizations in a global context as part of their MSW program. Please visit the Global Activities webpage at <http://ssw.umich.edu/offices/global-activities/global-field-placements>

**Q: Where can I read more about the international and national field placement sites that students have taken on through OGA?**

A: Feel free to browse through the OGA webpages at <http://ssw.umich.edu/offices/global-activities/overview>

**Q: Who could I contact if I'm interested in connecting with international MSW alums and current students in the program?**

A: Please email us at [ssw.msw.info@umich.edu](mailto:ssw.msw.info@umich.edu)

**Q: I understand Peace Corps is only for American nationals. What about other global activities?**

A: Please visit the Office of Global Activities webpage for information on global opportunities at <http://ssw.umich.edu/offices/global-activities/overview>

**Q: Will it be feasible to do the April 23 webinar and subsequently complete the paperwork by May 16, as well as get feedback on goal statements? If I visit the school in mid-May, would I be able to meet with someone about the paperwork/goal statement then?**

A: If you join the April 23rd webinar you'll have enough time to get feedback on your resume/goal statement by the May 16th deadline. The Field staff can speak with you before you submit your application. Unfortunately, they won't be able to speak with students about their field application until later in the spring/summer.

**Q: What kinds of field placements do students with CO/CSS focus and IP minor generally get?**

A: Contact Prof. Bill Vanderwill ([wmvand@umich.edu](mailto:wmvand@umich.edu)) to ask for some specific examples.

**Q: Are there any sports based social work field placements?**

A: Contact Prof. Bill Vanderwill ([wmvand@umich.edu](mailto:wmvand@umich.edu)) to chat about the intersection of social work and sports.