Social Work: Practice, Policy and Research MasterTrack™ Certificate and MSW Informational Session
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Webinar Agenda

• **MasterTrack Information/Options**
  • Monica Sampson, MasterTrack Program Coordinator & LEO Lecturer

• **MasterTrack MSW Program Options & Admissions Information**
  • Erin Zimmer, Director for Student Services
MasterTrack Information

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What is the MasterTrack Certificate?

- Graduate level certificate on Coursera
- Launched in 2020 (formally on edX)
- Series of 5 classes plus MOOC
- Foundation graduate level social work courses
- Stand alone
  - Career development
- OR
- 1st step to UM-MSW
About the MasterTrack

- Cost: $2,000
  - one full payment
  - 4 month payment plan
- 4-6 months to complete
- Asynchronous courses with two optional live sessions
MasterTrack Certificate Courses

The MTC consists of 1 MOOC and 5 courses:

- SWMT 101: Social Work Practice: Advocating for Social Justice & Change (MOOC)
- SWMT 505: Engaging Social Justice, Diversity and Oppression in Social Work
- SWMT 506: Essentials of Interpersonal Practice
- SWMT 507: Research Basics for Social Work practice
- SWMT 508: Essentials of Social Welfare Policy
- SWMT 509: Essentials of Community and Organizational Practice
Major Topics

● Social work code of ethics and core mission
● Crime and policing in communities
● Environmental Justice
● How to identify potential solutions to poverty and growing inequality
● The importance of social welfare policy for social workers
● Using evidence-informed practices and interventions to promote positive change
● Ethics, diversity and inclusion in social work
● Leading communities and organizations through ethical and responsible engagement
● Application of research to practice
MasterTrack Certificate
Course Structure
4-6 month program

● 1 MOOC (4 weeks)
  ○ Totally asynchronous
  ○ Brief interactive activities
  ○ No assignments
  ○ Quizzes

● 5 Courses (8 weeks each)
  ○ Mostly asynchronous
  ○ 1 synchronous meeting at the beginning (orientation to course, community building)
  ○ 1 synchronous office hour (about mid-point)
  ○ Assignments and activities (applied/practice based)
  ○ Quizzes
MasterTrack Certificate
Course Timeline

- Various start times for the MTC
  https://ssw.umich.edu/programs/msw/mastertrack/certificate/cohorts

- Current Cohorts:
  - June 20, 2022 - December 11, 2022 (6 month)
  - August 22, 2022 - December 11, 2022 (4 month)

- Future Cohorts:
  - October 17, 2022 - April 30, 2023 (6 month)
  - January 2, 2023 - April 30, 2023 (4 month)
  - January 2, 2023 - June 25, 2023 (6 month)
  - March 6, 2023 - June 25, 2023 (4 month)
  - March 6, 2023 - August 13, 2023 (4 month)
What is Next?

- MasterTrack Certificate only
- Transition to **online** (part-time) MSW program at Michigan
- Transition to **on-campus** (part-time or full-time) MSW program at Michigan
Curriculum Schedules For MasterTrack Students

- Full Time On-Campus
  - 3 semesters

- Part Time On-Campus (Day or Evening)
  - 7 semesters

- Full Time Online
  - 3 semesters

- Part Time Online
  - 7 semesters
MSW Program Requirements

● 45 credits of total coursework
  ● 31 academic credits
  ● 14 field credits
    ● 912 hours of field practice
    ● Could be remote or employment-based in the U.S.
MSW Pathway Options

• Community Change
• Global Social Work Practice
• Interpersonal Practice in Integrated Health, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse (option for 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
• Welfare of Children and Families
MasterTrack MSW Application Process
Step 1: Experience Review for MasterTrack MSW Program

- Significant post-bachelors human service-related experience required

- Complete the **Eligibility Review Form** and upload a copy of your resume to be submitted to OSS: [https://ssw.umich.edu/assets/msw-eligibility/](https://ssw.umich.edu/assets/msw-eligibility/)
Step 2: Apply to MSW Program

- After experience is reviewed and approved, complete MSW program application:

https://ssw.umich.edu/admissions/msw/apply
MSW Program Criteria for Admission

- Academics
  - Transcripts & Recommendations
- Recommendations
  - 2 (Academic/Professional)
- Supplementary Statement
  - 3 Page Statement
- Human Services/SW Experience
  - Resume & Application
- Personal Characteristics
  - Application, Recommendations, Statement, Resume
When to Apply to the MSW Program?

Online Program
- **Winter 2023 Application**
  - Final Deadline: December 1, 2022
- **Spring 2023 Application**
  - Final Deadline: April 1, 2023
- **Fall 2023 Application**
  - Early Deadline: December 1, 2022
  - Priority Deadline: March 1, 2023
  - Final Deadline: August 1, 2023

More info at: [https://ssw.umich.edu/programs/msw/online/mastertrack](https://ssw.umich.edu/programs/msw/online/mastertrack)

On-Campus Program (Fall admission)
- Early Deadline: December 1, 2022
- Priority Deadline: March 1, 2023
- Final Deadline: August 1, 2023

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Financial Aid for MSW Courses
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● No financial aid for MasterTrack courses. Payment plans may be available through Coursera

● Approximately 75% of MSW students receive some form of grant and/or scholarship assistance from the School of Social Work

● SSW Financial Aid Form
  ○ Need & merit-based grants & scholarships
  ○ Need-based scholarships for part-time online students and tuition offsets.

● Special Program Applications (Full-time, On-Campus only)
  ○ Child Welfare Scholarship, Community-Based Initiative, Geriatric Scholarship, Global Activities Scholarship Program, Integrated Health with Medically Underserved Populations Scholarship, Jewish Communal Leadership Program, National Community Scholars, New Leaders in African-Centered Social Work Program

● FAFSA (www.fafsa.ed.gov)

● Federal Direct Loans
Questions?

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Chat with Student Services
Thank you for joining us.

We look forward to meeting with you soon!