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## MasterTrack Information Session

# Session Housekeeping



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- Session is being recorded and will be sent to all registrants and posted at:  
<https://ssw.umich.edu/admissions/msw/mastertrack>

# Webinar Agenda

- **MasterTrack Information/Options**
  - **Barb Hiltz, MSW Program Director and Clinical Assistant Professor of Social Work**
- **MasterTrack Course Information**
  - **Jamie Mitchell, Assistant Professor of Social Work**
  - **Kristin Seefeldt, Associate Professor of Social Work**
- **MSW Program Options/Admissions Information**
  - **Erin Zimmer, Director of Student Services**

# Social Work: Practice, Policy and Research MasterTrack Certificate



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**Social Work: Practice,  
Policy and Research  
MasterTrack Certificate**

# What is the MasterTrack Certificate?

- Graduate level certificate on Coursera
- New (formally on edX)
- Series of 5 classes plus MOOC
- Foundation graduate level social work courses
- Stand alone
  - Career development
  - Credential

OR

- 1st step to UM-MSW

# MasterTrack Certificate Courses

The MTC consists of **1 MOOC and 5 courses\***:

- SWMT 101: Social Work Practice: Advocating Social Justice & Change (MOOC)
- SWMT 505: Diversity and Social Justice in Social Work
- SWMT 506: Social Work Practice with Individuals, Families & Small Groups
- SWMT 507: Social Work Research
- SWMT 508: Social Welfare Policy & Services
- SWMT 560: Social Work Practice in Community Organization & Management

\*Course names subject to change.



# MasterTrack Certificate Course Structure

- 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 optional synchronous office hour (about mid-point)
  - assignments and activities (applied/practice based)
  - quizzes

# MasterTrack Certificate Course Timeline

- Various start times for the MTC
- First start
  - September 7, 2020 (before October 12, 2020)
  - Will allow MSW start in Spring 2021 (online)
  - Will allow MSW start in Fall 2021 (online or residential)

	September 7	September 14	September 21	September 28	October 5	October 12	October 19	October 26	November 2	November 9	November 16	November 23	November 30	December 7	December 14	December 21	December 28	January 4	January 11	January 18	January 25	February 1	February 8	February 15	February 22	March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29	April 5	April 12	April 19	April 26	May 3		
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# What is Next?

- MasterTrack Certificate only
- Transition to online (part-time) MSW program at Michigan
- Transition to residential (part-time or full-time) MSW program at Michigan

# SWMT 505: Diversity and Social Justice in Social Work



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# SWMT 505: Diversity and Social Justice in Social Work

- Major topics:
  - Housing Inequality and Intersectionality
  - Social and Cultural Determinants of Health
  - Crime, Policing and Communities
  - Environmental Justice and Economic Inequality
  - Resources on being an ally
- Format -mini lectures, podcasts, news articles & interviews
- Sample Assignments - Reflections, Peer engagement & discussion
- Social Work is committed to understanding and addressing privilege, oppression, diversity and social justice!

# SWMT 508: Social Welfare Policies & Services



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## SWMT 508: Social Welfare Policies & Services

- Major topics Covered:
  - Foundations and Structure of U.S. Government
  - History of Social Work and Social Welfare Policies
  - Social Welfare Policy Issues (including poverty and inequality; health care delivery and reform; juvenile justice)
- Class format - mini-lectures, interviews, and interactive activities
- Sample Assignments - Reflections, policy workbook, policy memo
- Social workers need to understand the major policies that affect their clients so that they can be effective advocates, whether through helping navigate complex programs or by advocating for policy change.

# MasterTrack MSW Program



# **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

# Curriculum Schedules For MasterTrack Students

- Full Time Residential
- Part Time Residential  
(Day or Evening)
- Online Part Time



**MasterTrack MSW  
Application  
Process**

# When to Apply to the MSW Program?

## Online Program

- Application available now for May or Fall Start
- <https://ssw.umich.edu/programs/msw/online/mastertrack>

## Residential Program

- Early Decision Deadline: December 1
- Priority Deadline: March 1

## **Step 1: Experience Review for MasterTrack MSW Program**

- Significant post-bachelors human service-related experience required
- Send **Eligibility Review Request Form** and **Resume** with to [ssw.msw.info@umich.edu](mailto:ssw.msw.info@umich.edu)

## 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
  - 3 (Academic/Professional)
- Supplementary Statement
  - 3 Page Statement
- Human Services/SW Experience
  - Resume & Application
- Personal Characteristics
  - Application, Recommendations, Statement, Resume



# **Financial Aid for MSW Courses**

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- No financial aid for MasterTrack courses
- 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
- Special Program Applications (due Dec. 1, Feb. 1., Mar. 1)
  - Child Welfare Scholarship, Community-Based Initiative, Detroit Clinical Scholars Program, Geriatric Scholarship, Global Activities Scholarship Program, Integrated Health Scholarship Program, Jewish Communal Leadership Program, National Community Scholars, New Leaders in African-Centered Social Work Program
- FAFSA ([www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov))
- Graduate Student Instructor/Graduate Student Staff Assistant ([careers.umich.edu](http://careers.umich.edu))


# MasterTrack Webpage:

<https://ssw.umich.edu/admissions/msw/mastertrack-online>

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## Admissions

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## MasterTrack™ Online Certificate

Explore fundamental concepts of social work and social justice with the #1 School of Social Work. The MasterTrack certificate provides three options for you to explore and study social work. You can earn the MasterTrack certificate only or combined with the MSW program. Learn about your options below.

**Option 1: Earn a social work certificate online** »

- The MasterTrack certificate provides you with advanced critical analysis, problem solving and research skills in preparation for various types of social work.

**Option 2: Start online — finish your degree on campus** »

- Complete the MasterTrack certificate online and finish your MSW in Ann Arbor.

# Questions?

## **Office of Student Services**

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9-4pm (EST)



**Chat with MSW Admissions**

**Thank you for joining us.**



**We hope to connect with you soon!**