

## University of Michigan School of Social Work 2022 Virtual Open House Questions Log

Question Asked	Answer Given
As an international student, am I allowed to work to make use of what we have been taught after graduation before leaving back home?	Please feel free to browse through OPT information at <a href="https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/students/f1-students/opt">https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/students/f1-students/opt</a>
How are our preferences taken into account for field placement?	On the field application you'll communicate goals, populations of interest, skills you want to learn. You can talk with the Field Office about interest areas and potential sites.
If a student receives a GSI or GSSA position, whom do they contact?	Our office at <a href="mailto:ssw.oss@umich.edu">ssw.oss@umich.edu</a>
Is there a set date for orientation?	Fall Orientation Week will run August 23 through 26 with activities each day.
What times is orientation for each day?	A tentative schedule will be available later this spring. Most days run from morning to afternoon.
Will students receive information about how to register for classes? When do students register for Fall courses?	Registration information will be emailed out this summer. Registration will occur online via Wolverine Access this summer.
Will students be notified if any documents that are needed are missing from their file?	If we require any information, we will reach out via email
When will the field education webinar take place?	It is scheduled for April 27, 2022
For field placement, we stay with the one agency for the 4 semesters that field is required?	That is correct, unless you are in a special program
How is our performance in our field placement evaluated?	Field Placement is graded as Satisfactory / Unsatisfactory
If we get accepted into a special program do we also stick with one agency for the semesters that field is required or do we complete multiple placements at different agencies?	One placement, unless that program requires two such as Global Activities and National Communit Scholars.
When do decisions for special programs roll out for admitted students?	Decisions are sent at the earliest date possible.
Do you still pick a pathway if you are completing a dual degree program/how does the MSW curriculum shift when you are doing a dual degree?	You will still have a pathway as a dual degree student. As a dual-degree student, you will work with the MSW Program Director and the program director from your other program to create a schedule for your programs.
I am starting the part time online MSW in the fall. I noticed in the May 2022 cohort, I would be taking three mastertrack classes at a time. Is it still possible to balance these classes with work?	MasterTrack courses are designed to take 3-5 hours a week. Depending on how many courses you enroll in that can be anywhere from 6-15 hours a week. You can find more information here: <a href="https://www.coursera.org/mastertrack/social-work-umich">https://www.coursera.org/mastertrack/social-work-umich</a>

Will we have the opportunity to connect with other admitted students in our class prior to orientation?
For Advanced Standing (AS) students, are they exempt from certain courses for pathways? Are there any resources to help determine courses for AS students compared to what is posted on the website?
Within the curriculum, is there often overlap between these pathways?
Are you able to change pathways after you choose one, or have two?
I live out of state and would like to enroll in the online MSW. How would placement work for me?
Are there tuition assistance programs/opportunities for students? (E.g., assistantships)
Is help available to develop a resume for the field work applications?
How many hours of Field Work is required each week?
What time are the live sessions for online part time each week ? Also Is the online part time program designed for a full time working adult that may work 8-5 full time ?

Hello, you will be able to connect with other students during orientation. Typically students connect with each other by starting admitted student groups on social media prior to orientation weekend.
Advanced standing students are exempt from foundation courses. Here is a link to the course planning sheet ( <a href="https://ssw.umich.edu/assets/course-planning-worksheets/">https://ssw.umich.edu/assets/course-planning-worksheets/</a> ). Select your "Curriculum Schedule" as Advanced Standing and look at the different courses you will take depending on your pathway.
Hello, this is possible depending on your pathway. You can also take courses in different pathways through your elective course credits
Yes, you can change pathways. If you do decide to change pathways, contact our Office of Enrollment Management to reflect the change. You can also have a primary and secondary pathway, such as courses focused on both micro and macro social work
The office of Field Education will work with you to find a placement in your area.
You can search for Graduate Student Instructor (GSI) and Graduate Student Staff Assistant (GSSA) positions that cover tuition, provide health insurance, and a monthly stipend at: <a href="https://careers.umich.edu/">https://careers.umich.edu/</a> . These positions can be a great way to cover education costs and gain great experience. GSSA positions are posted throughout the semester.
Our Career Services Office helps students with resumes for field placement.
It depends on your plan and status in the program. It's typically 16-24 hours/week.
The classes will take place from 6-8pm EST, 7-9pm EST, or 8-10pm EST. This program was designed with working professionals in mind. If you would like more information please email <a href="mailto:ssw.msw.info@umich.edu">ssw.msw.info@umich.edu</a> to request an appointment with an admissions counselor, The live sessions take place in the evening - the classes meet for 2 hours, MF, in the evening after 5 pm.

How does international experiences like studying in a different state or county work if you have a full time job ? Does school excuse work?
How long does it take to get an admissions decision after applying?
Are there classes and/or placements in non-traditional therapy practices? As well as classes in or that address trauma and neuroscience?
If you are doing a dual degree program do you apply for both at the same time or space the application out?
How long does it take to complete the mastertrack certification?
When will students be notified regarding financial information? will this information be sent to the email the applicant used in their application?
What does licensure look like for a global social work practice setting?
How does a full-time on campus student's schedule look?
As a Full-Time student on-campus w/ a special program, would I be expected to be on campus every day ?
Are special program classes consisted of the same people? Which means it will all be a fairly small group for each course?

You would want to work with your supervisor/job to see what was possible for you related to your job
Typically it takes 4-8 weeks to get your admissions decision after applying!
There are some classes that address trauma - especially within the IP and Child Welfare Pathways. Other therapy courses outside of traditional ones are elective courses and are offered depending upon guest faculty. Some in the past have been in adventure therapy, animal therapy, etc.
You can apply for both programs at the same time
It takes 4-6 months to complete. <a href="https://ssw.umich.edu/admissions/msw/mastertrack">https://ssw.umich.edu/admissions/msw/mastertrack</a>
Yes, an email will be sent to the student at the email address listed on their MSW application at the earliest date possible
We work with students on what state they wish to practice in and what the requirements are and then we plan your coursework or field work. Contact <a href="mailto:micwoods@umich.edu">micwoods@umich.edu</a> for more info.
Students typically manages 15 credits a semester. 3 of the 4 semesters include field placement with classes. Typically classes are held from 9 am-12 pm, 2-5 pm, and 6-9 pm. Some students like to have all their classes in one day. Others may spread their classes over 2 days. You can take a look at how classes are for this current semester here: <a href="https://ssw.umich.edu/courses/winter-2022/20223?ll=All&amp;sort=number&amp;direction=asc">https://ssw.umich.edu/courses/winter-2022/20223?ll=All&amp;sort=number&amp;direction=asc</a> if you press "Search Options" you can look up classes by days and times. Our courses for Fall 2022 are currently being finalized and will be published in the next few weeks!
Yes, you would be expected to be on campus for your classes, depending on your course schedule.
The specialized courses will include students in the cohort, however, some students may opt to take the course as an elective. Classes are not typically larger than 25. Many are smaller.

Do we get assigned advisors or do we have to reach out to get some assistance?
Where can we apply to other scholarships to help for financial aid?
If you didn't choose the option of living on campus during application, can you change that and look at housing options?
If I submit a re-review request for my financial aid do I also need to submit a separate request to extend the deadline for accepting the aid package?
Is there an average travel time for field placements? Is it necessary to have a car for this program?
Do we need to attend every day of orientation?
Is there be guidance on becoming licensed after graduating from the program?
Will we know if our field site offers a stipend or transportation reimbursement when applying?
Would we return to the same field placement in the fall after an international placement in the summer?
Are there usually multiple students at each field site?
When is the earliest enrolled students can be considered eligible for the graduate student health insurance plans? Do we need to wait until August?

Incoming students will be assigned to a faculty advisor for fall term. If you have questions before then, please feel free to contact our office at <a href="mailto:ssw.msw.info@umich.edu">ssw.msw.info@umich.edu</a> or (734) 936-0961
You can email <a href="mailto:ssw.msw.info@umich.edu">ssw.msw.info@umich.edu</a> with questions about additional funding.
You can reach out to Michigan Housing (734) 763-3164 to learn more about housing options for grad students. Here is a link to more information as well: <a href="https://housing.umich.edu/graduate-housing-basics/%20734-763-3164">https://housing.umich.edu/graduate-housing-basics/%20734-763-3164</a>
Yes, if you need a deadline extension
A car can certainly widen your options. Most field placements are within a 40 mile radius around Ann Arbor. This includes Detroit and the suburban Detroit area.
Incoming students should plan to attend activities each day. If you have a conflict in schedule, feel free to let us know at <a href="mailto:ssw.msw.info@umich.edu">ssw.msw.info@umich.edu</a>
Yes! You will have support through your classes and through Career Services <a href="https://ssw.umich.edu/offices/career-services">https://ssw.umich.edu/offices/career-services</a>
You can talk with your Field Educator about this. Most field placements aren't in a position to offer stipends or funds for students.
You would be done with field by the second fall term. You'll have two terms of a Michigan based placement and 1 term of an international based placement. Field happens in the first three semesters.
It depends on the field site, sometimes there are multiple students at one placement, some students are the only ones at their field placement
Yes the coverage will align with the start of your program. <a href="https://uhs.umich.edu/healthinsuranceplans">https://uhs.umich.edu/healthinsuranceplans</a>

What does the application process look like for field placement?
What does the goal statement consist of for field? How can students prepare for this?
I chose the 16-month track while completing my application. Is it possible to change it to the 20-month track?
In what semester do students start the field placement?
What type of mental health support is there for students?
How is the MSW program addressing implicit bias, racism, inclusivity and diversity?
Are there special programs offered within the integrated health pathway during the advanced standing curriculum?
Is there an estimated amount of students in the advanced standing cohort?
Who do we reach out to in order to extend the deadline for admissions or financial aid?

Students submit an online application which includes a goal statement and resume to the Office of Field Education. Your materials are reviewed by staff and submitted to approved agency sites to see if they are interested in interviewing you. Students are offered the field placement after a successful interview.
In your goal statement, you address questions about your career goals, what skills you want to learn, what setting you are interested in, etc. The field education webinar will discuss more about this and how to prepare.
Email <a href="mailto:ssw.msw.info@umich.edu">ssw.msw.info@umich.edu</a> to request a curriculum schedule change.
This depends on your program schedule. Many students begin field in their second semester, but if you're in a program that will allow you to graduate in 3 semesters, you'll begin in the first semester. Part time students begin about a year after they start the program.
The School of Social Work has an embedded counselor who works exclusively with our MSW students. Additionally, the university has Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) which is open to all Michigan students. You can learn more about CAPS here: <a href="https://caps.umich.edu/">https://caps.umich.edu/</a> . Also, there is Wolverine Support Network which is a peer-to-peer support network that is specially designed for graduate students.
Please learn more about our commitment to keeping justice at the center of all we do here: <a href="https://ssw.umich.edu/privilege-oppression-diversity-and-social-justice">https://ssw.umich.edu/privilege-oppression-diversity-and-social-justice</a>
All of our special programs follow the 16-month pathway. If you are admitted to a special program and accept the offer, you will switch to the 16-month pathway!
We typically have about 130 advanced standing students in our on-campus program.
Email our office at <a href="mailto:ssw.msw.info@umich.edu">ssw.msw.info@umich.edu</a>

If you have two pathways, will you have the chance to have a field placement or do a specific project within the second pathway?
Do I apply for field placements during my first semester if I am in the 16 month pathway since I start my field placement during my second semester? Or do I apply during the summer?
Can you change your pathway once you start classes, such as wanting to change your pathway during the 1st semester since you haven't started your field placement?
Does career services provide job or career fairs?
What precautions is the university taking now in regards to COVID 19? Are there mask mandates on campus? Is testing readily available?
What do you mean when you say 45 or 60 credits?
Where can we find other resources for financial aid? Does the SSW offer other scholarship options?
Hi how does one know that they have been granted financial aid or not after applying for a merit based scholarship as well as scholarship offered in their pathway
If one deferred their studies into 2022 can they be able to defer again into the next year?
Do MasterTrack MSW students have enough credits to become an LMSW?
When do students need to apply for field placements?
As a MasterTrack student, will I start placements in the fall semester?

Field placements are based on the primary pathway
Yes you will apply for field placement in October.
Yes! This can be discussed with your faculty advisor for course planning purposes
Career Services will assist with finding job opportunities to apply for and assist throughout the application and interview process
Feel free to take a look at COVID information on our website at <a href="https://ssw.umich.edu/about/covid-19">https://ssw.umich.edu/about/covid-19</a>
If you have a BSW or complete the MasterTrack before the MSW program you'll have 45 credits remaining for the degree. Without either of these, the degree requires 60 credits.
Yes, you can find more information about grants and scholarships here: <a href="https://ssw.umich.edu/programs/msw/financial-aid">https://ssw.umich.edu/programs/msw/financial-aid</a>
If an applicant indicated their interest in being considered for financial aid, if offered admission, they will receive a financial aid decision letter via email.
We accept requests for deferment up to two years. Please email our office at <a href="mailto:ssw.msw.info@umich.edu">ssw.msw.info@umich.edu</a>
Anyone who graduates from our MSW program is eligible to become an LMSW., MasterTrack studnets who graduate with the MSW are eligible for licensure. Licensure rules for the LMSW require completion of a MSW degree from an accredited program. We are that.
It depends on your program length. For the 12 month program you will start field in your first semester. For 16 and 20 month students they start in their second semester. Part-time students start field in their fourth or fifth semester
Yes, MasterTrack students begin in the first semeser.

I am an admitted student. How do we find out who our academic advisors are?
Will classes be in person or online in Fall 2022?
What is the difference between SW515 Foundation Field Education and SW691 Advanced Field Education?
For licensure in Michigan, it requires "100 hours of supervised work under a fully licensed social worker (LMSW) who has their license in the same area of practice you are seeking". Does our field placements count towards the 100 hours?
Is a master's thesis or capstone project required toward the end of the degree?
Is the online part-time program independent work (like the MasterTrack certificate)? Or is it synchronous with scheduled online meetings? Or a combination of both?
What are the opportunities for online students to build community and get to know their cohort?
How many people is a typical online part-time cohort?
Is there an academic calendar available for the advanced standing program for the 22-23 academic year?
I applied to the MSW program and was asked to schedule an interview before learning my admissions status. Any tips on how to prepare for that interview?
When applying for field placements, is it random based on your pathway or do you work with someone and get placed depending on your personal interests?
I do not have advanced standing - Is MasterTrack MSW a prerequisite to Online Part-Time program?
For those without advanced standing, is MasterTrak MSW a prerequisite to applying to Part Time Online program, or is it a prerequisite to enrolling? I'd like to know if it is possible to receive an admission decision before committing to the MasterTrak costs

You will receive the name of your academic advisor at Fall Orientation
Classes will be on-campus in the Fall
The level of responsibility changes in advanced field and you also receive more credit for the number of hours you complete in field.
No. The hours are completed post master's. Your hours for supervision (4000 employment hours) begin once you receive your limited licence after you graduate.
There is a MSW capstone course in the last semester. No thesis is required.
It is a combination. You'll have asynchronous work as well as 2 hour live sessions each week (in the evening EST).
Yes! You will meet with your cohort in classes weekly and you are also more than welcome to join/start student organizations
Typically 30-45 students
Here is a link to all of Michigan's academic calendars: <a href="https://ro.umich.edu/calendars">https://ro.umich.edu/calendars</a>
You'll want to be prepared to discuss your career goals, past experience, and why you think you are a strong applicant for the MSW program. I also recommend reviewing the mission of the School of Social Work prior to the interview.
Your field placement will align with your pathway selection and the competencies connected to that pathway.
Correct, if you do not have a BSW you'll need to complete the MasterTrack before entering the online program.
Hello, the MasterTrack is required before the start of the MSW program not before applying to the program. If you submit your MSW application in the next couple of weeks you should receive an admissions decision before the start of the next MasterTrack cohort which will be May 2

Can you briefly touch upon or highlight some top initiatives that the UM is engaging in with the community? What are some unique examples or trends in thought leadership that UM boasts?
Are there any states whose licensure coursework requirements cannot be fulfilled by the breadth of courses that UM offers?
When should Sociology and Social Work subplan students apply for special programs?
Can you have on campus jobs in addition to work-study?
Can field placements turn into full time positions after graduation?
For students interested in interpersonal practice, how does U of M differentiate itself in this area? What aspects of the interpersonal practice track are unique as compared to other schools of social work? Thank you!
Is there a way for prospective students to connect with current students / alums? Thanks!
As a person with a White presenting identity, do you currently have a White Privilege Accountability Group, or a related student run organization where White students can discuss White Privilege, racial issues, and opportunities for ally-ship with other student organizations? If not, is there a process by which students could start such an organization?

Here is some info. regarding the SSW's community engagement: <a href="https://ssw.umich.edu/assets/community-engagement/">https://ssw.umich.edu/assets/community-engagement/</a>
A MSW here can prepare you for licensure in all states. You just have to plan to take specific courses if a state requires it. Most are our IP/Clinical Courses.
They will apply in the fall of their senior year. We will email you to let you know the deadline.
Yes, it's possible to do this. We find that 20 hours is often the upper amount that full time students can balance with classes and field placement.
Absolutely, this happens often.
The IP Pathway allows students to take intro and advanced courses in clinical work from the perspective of health, medical, mental and substance abuse servicing settings. Many programs do not have that combination.
Yes! Please fill out the request form here: <a href="https://ssw.umich.edu/admissions/connect/speak-with-a-current-student">https://ssw.umich.edu/admissions/connect/speak-with-a-current-student</a>
We have a student org, Showing Up For Racial Justice - SURJ. SURJ UMich is a local chapter of a national network of Showing Up For Racial Justice group organizing white people to radical justice. You can learn more about SURJ here: <a href="https://maizepages.umich.edu/organization/surjumich">https://maizepages.umich.edu/organization/surjumich</a> . You can also start student organizations while in the program!