

SSW New Student Webinar Questions Log 6/22/2020

Question Asked	Answer Given
I'm a dual MSW/MPH student starting in PH this fall but still taking some SSW classes. Can I still be assigned an advisor for this fall if my SEED orientation isn't until August 2021?	Yes, you will still be assigned an SSW advisor
As a part of my financial aid package work study was offered and I wanted to apply for positions. Is work study still available or going to be offered in the fall?	Yes, work study will be offered and positions on campus will be available.
Is there a way that incoming students can work on those task forces at all?	Often, yes students may be able to work on task forces. If you are referring to the DEI taskforce, reach out to ssw.studentunion@umich.edu
Hello! I have seen two different emails for setting up a course planning meeting, which email should we contact?	Email: oss.appt.schedule@umich.edu
It has been several years since I have been in academia, and I definitely learn best by experiential, hands-on learning for the Macro-focused MSW programs. What are the main educational formats of our courses? (Ex. Experiential, Lecture-based, Tests & grading, Service, Small group work, other...)	All of these are potential forms of engagement. It does depend on the course/ instructor especially for the fall (introductory) courses
What is a SEED orientation?	SEED- Share, Explore, Engage, Discover- is our orientation experience :) Here is more information regarding this https://ssw.umich.edu/events/list/2020/08/25/60560-fall-2020-seed-orientation
Is it possible to take courses & trainings outside of the U of MI that are relevant to our MSW specialization, and get credit for them?	Students have taken classes in other units that aligns with interest. On the course catalog page there are some generally list yet it is best to discuss this during a advising session(https://ssw.umich.edu/courses?keywords=course%20catalog)
Some of this may have been touched on before but I didn't catch it. At this time, what On Campus student services, spaces and organization will be available? Thank you	We are working on a org fair where students can get connected. It will be virtual during Sept.
If things are still remote at the time we are meant to be doing our field placement, would we be allowed to do our field work out of state, or would it still have to be local as if things were regular?	You can work with the Office of Field Education to develop a remote field plan. You can set up a meeting with a Field Educator by calling 734/764-5331.
How do you know if you qualify for exemption from Foundation Field Education?	Field education is not generally an exemption unless the student holds a BSW and was excepted. Do you have BA in Social Work?
Are students assigned an advisor and how do we receive that info? Thank you!	You can meet with a Course Planning Specialist this summer in the Office of Student Services. Your faculty advisor will be assigned at SEED/Orientation in August. You may contact our Office of Student Services now to schedule a course planning meeting: ssw.msw.info@umich.edu , Faculty advisors will be assigned during orientations in August.
On our field materials: should we specify if we want in-person or not? Thank u!	Sure. You can note this on your application.
I'm a dual MSW/MPH student and interested in doing a certificate program in Injury Science (or Global Health if available again). Is this possible and what contact info is there to help with course planning?	Hello, please feel free to reach out Deb Mattison (debmatt@umich.edu) for questions about course planning with the dual MPH program

Is there or will there be a Facebook page or some platform for incoming SSW students to connect/exchange info? I'm really excited to connect with people especially since covid will create some barriers with the community development aspect of the program. Thank you!	Students are welcome to create a Facebook page for their cohorts. The School of Social Work is unaffiliated with these groups.
Will drinking fountains also be closed off in regard to facilities in the building?	They will be turned off. We are working on a means to supply water while in session.
Is SEED (Orientation) going to be in person again then?	Hello, SEED (Orientation) will be virtual :)
If we filled out a course exemption application, when should we expect to hear a decision by? Thanks!	Exemption requests will probably begin to be reviewed beginning in July (closer to registration occurring). We hope to have decisions to you before you will need to register for courses
Just to clarify, each course that is not specified as a hybrid or online class (just regular courses which would have been in-person) will be hybrid courses?	Yes. Some totally online courses have not been identified on the listing of courses as of yet.
How do I know if I qualify for a payment plan?	Hello. Please feel free to reach out to Cerise Carrington, at cmcar@umich.edu and I can talk to you more about the payment plan.
I am in the 20-month program planning on starting in fall 2020. I understand that I am only going to have one field placement, that will last for three months beginning in winter 2021. If my field placement starts in-person/hybrid but then at some point it gets moved to virtual only, will I be able to switch to a new field placement that is not online?	This may be possible. You would need to work with your field faculty member to discuss the best option for you depending on the current circumstances and state mandates.
If we end up going remote in the fall/winter semester, will we get a reduction in tuition? if not, why not?	It is not anticipated that there will be a reduction in tuition and fees. These rates are set by the University Regents and not the School of Social Work. The understanding is that the level of instruction and course content will still be the same even if it is delivered in a different format. Students are always welcome to reach out to us should they have concerns with how their courses are being taught
Do MicroMasters MSW have the option to change their pathway?	Yes, you may. You should do so prior to applying for field instruction which will be happening this week for full time MicroMasters students.
For the Community Based Initiative, is there a list of potential field placements available?	You can set up a meeting with a field educator to discuss CBI options: 734/764-5331. Please feel free to contact the Field Education office at ssw-fieldoffice@umich.edu as there are identified CBI placements.
Thank you for this opportunity to connect! I'm pondering the remote option for fall but I am fearful that being a remote student would put me at a social disadvantage when it comes to building community/connections. You mentioned some social opportunities for us, could you talk more about that? Thanks again!	Much of the activity of the co-curricular type will be done online and be available to all students. This would include workshops, presentations, Career Services Office presentations etc.
Will there be an update on what classes may look like (hybrid, in-person, etc.) before we register for our classes? This may help inform my choices.	Yes, we should have updated information over the next few weeks. We will try our best to keep you as updated as possible. Please keep in mind that all of this may change depending on what happens with the pandemic.
How many dual MSW/MPH students does the school have this year?	We currently have 8 MSW/MPH students in the incoming class.

Since most of our coursework will be online, are there any tips that can be offered on how to manage time and tackle assignments wisely?	Please be on the look out for resources to be sent to you!
Is there a job board available for students who would like to work part time at the university?	Yes, please visit studentemployment@umich.edu for available work-study/non-work study options
Is there a list of field agencies available for us to look at before submitting the application?	It is best to review materials online and/or discuss with the office. https://ssw.umich.edu/programs/field-education . Please also review the admitted student page for more details on Field and other items https://ssw.umich.edu/admissions/msw/admitted-students
Greetings... I'm still waiting to apply for my intership. Please advise...	Assitant Dean for Field Education Dan Fischer will be speaking to this issue. You may also set up a meeting with a Field Educator by calling 734/764-5331.
I'm still finishing up a few summer classes at EMU. I want to make sure U of M has recived all my pertinent info assuring them I will be graduating in August.	Please send an email to msw.info@umich.edu to verify.
When/where can I pick up my Mcard?	Mcards are distributed in the Student Activities Building. Usually students are able to pick this up during orientation or the beginning of the first semester. You can find more information regarding Mcards here: http://finance.umich.edu/treasury/mcard
Hi, I'm an advanced standing MSW student who's supposed to start in the fall. I would be moving from out of state for this program. Would deferring admission until next year be an option?	Hi there! Yes, please send a request for deferment to ssw.msw.info@umich.edu
Sorry for another question! How does deferment affect scholarships?	Scholarships typically do not defer and you will have to re-apply for scholarships.
How long will classes be that are part in person? I know that before they were 4 hours once a week from what I understand	Most classes were 3 hours once a week. We are still working on finalizing the schedules given the email that came out from the President this morning. Stay tuned to our website for updated information
Will student organizations still meet in person?	They have been meeting remotely and it has been advised that they follow the social distancing policy so we will inform how they engage. We are still working on best practice for student leadership
How has the school been supporting students' mental health given the social distancing changes. Many struggle with isolation, just curious what therapy and mental health support is available to students during this time?	We have a member of the University Office of Counseling and Psychological Services staff who works with our students only and has an office in the school: Alejandro Rojas. Nyshourn Price works in the Office of Student Services and works on providing programming and also works with students on referral for health and mental services.
Okay, is CAPS the only service available? I will look up Wolverine Wellness. I'm reading about CAPS online now	They are the main source. They can also connect students with a local therapist if needed.
Will libraries be open at all during the fall? I hope so.	Good questions, since we just received the President's message we do not have the details. We do have our own Social Work Librarian and the UM library does offer online support.

Can we specify that we want a field placement that is in person if it is available? I am starting field in January of next year. That is my preference but I understand I'm working with older adults in the Geriatric Pathway.	I would suggest setting up a meeting with a field educator to discuss this issue. You can set up a meeting by calling 734/764-5331.
Will the office of student services be open in person in the fall?	Our meetings will still be virtual, however, we will have a small staff available each day to assist students.
Last question I promise- when is the earliest we can register for classes?	OSS will send a letter this week with your specific registration date.
Can you speak to what WorkStudy might look like?	Hello. Please feel free to reach out to me at cmcar@umich.edu and we can discuss a bit about work-study
I am a dual MPH/MSW student starting in PH in the fall. Should I register for SEED orientation now? Or wait until next fall?	Hello. Dual MSW/MPH students will engage in SEED orientation in Fall 2021
I have applied for a petition to enter SW 590 in the fall. When can I expect to hear back on that decision? I applied June 2nd.	All students are required to take SW 590 so there may not be a need to petition that course (you would only need to petition if that particular course is closed). You would register for the course during your registration day/time
Hello. When do dual MSW/MPH students register for the social work portion of their classes? If we are starting PH in fall 20.	We will be sending you your registration appointment date and time this week. You will register for social work courses in early July.
If I would like to change my pathway when/how do I do this? I am doing a dual MSW/MPH degree starting in PH. Will it make a difference when it comes to registering for classes?	Please find this request form at https://ssw.umich.edu/assets/change-in-pathway/ . This should not affect course registration for your public health courses
Will our advisors offer virtual appointments?	Yes, you will be able to have virtual meetings with advisors
I am going into part-time advanced standing nights and weekends. When do I sign up for field?	You would not begin field until your 2nd year in the program so you have some time before anything will be needed regarding that
Hi, where on the website would I be able to view the currently available social work courses for fall 2020? Thank you!	You can find all classes here: https://ssw.umich.edu/courses
Will the office offer any type of disability accommodation for immunocompromised students to register for online classes first? Showing up in person is a huge risk for me right now and I want to make sure immunocompromised folks get access to online classes first?	You can register with the Office of Students with Disability now. here is the link to the intake form which is the starting point: https://ssd.umich.edu/ . You may need to review the courses and discuss this during the advising session that will begin later in the month. A message will be shared with all student students to make an appointment for course planning.
Hello! Where can we find a list of student organizations in the school of social work?	https://ssw.umich.edu/studentorgs . Please also feel free to reach out to Nyshourn Price (ndp@umich.edu)
Will there be more scholarships opportunities?	We will send a list of scholarship opportunities in August and applications for them will be due in September. If you have concerns about funding, reach out to Cerise Carrington (cmcar@umich.edu).
When will I find out who my advisor is?	You should find out who your advisor is in August. To schedule an individual course planning appointment after you view the online resources please email oss.appt.schedule@umich.edu

<p>Where can I find information on the classes that are being offered?</p>	<p>You can find the catalog here https://ssw.umich.edu/courses?keywords=course%20catalog. I also suggest you review the Admitted Student sections and review the info there. https://ssw.umich.edu/admissions/msw/admitted-students</p>
<p>If you are on the waitlist for a Special Program, is it possible to know before registration so I know what classes to register for?</p>	<p>Hello, we will try our best to have a decision to you before registering for classes but unfortunately we cannot guarantee. Some students may remain on the waitlist for these special programs throughout the summer and may not be notified about a final decision until a few weeks before classes begin. We will work with you to change your schedule if needed should you be selected at a later time for a special program</p>
<p>What is the difference between Special Programs and the pathways?</p>	<p>The pathway is the curricular interest that students choose. A special program is a program within the pathway/MSW program. You would have applied and been accepted to a special program when you applied to the program., https://ssw.umich.edu/admissions/msw/pathways & https://ssw.umich.edu/admissions/msw/financial-aid/special-programs</p>
<p>So what type of facilities are available for dining in the building? Is there a lounge, microwave, vending, etc.?</p>	<p>We do not have dining hall within the School of Social Work building. We do have lounges with microwaves, etc, however we are anticipating those to be closed at least for the Fall. I am not sure how vending will be handled. Our efforts are to limit traffic within the building for public health reasons. We will more than likely recommend bringing a bag lunch with ice packs, etc. for the time you will need to be in the building.</p>
<p>Is class scheduling on a first come first serve basis or are we each given a time and date to register?</p>	<p>Registration appointment times are based upon which classes are needed by groups of students. For example, advanced standing students need to register early as they need into advanced courses. Registration information including your appointment date/time will be sent out later this week, with registration beginning in July.</p>
<p>I completed the Intro to Social Work Modules however are we supposed to receive a certificate or something? I never got an email saying I officially completed it.</p>	<p>No there is not a certificate provided nor is there an email to show that you have completed it. We strongly encourage students to complete it in an effort to get them started and accustomed to our MSW program and how we approach instruction with a PODS framework</p>
<p>As of now, will we still have access to the SSW building such as the lounge/study area? Personally, I depend on the campus wifi very often as well as the quiet space to succeed in my courses.</p>	<p>The School is working on policies and procedures for the use of space. We are aware that some students will need access for technological needs. Stay tuned for more info., These are under discussion. More info will be shared since social distancing policy and procedures to maintain safety will be in place.</p>
<p>Who can we ask more about Michigan Medicine placements?</p>	<p>Please feel free to email the Office of Field Education at ssw-fieldoffice@umich.edu</p>

For students who are weary of the in-person semester, particularly out-of-state students, are they able to opt into a completely virtual semester for Fall 2020?	We will have some online courses, so this may be a possibility. I suggest setting up a meeting with me to discuss this option. Please e-mail Mike McDermott at mitch@umich.edu to schedule a meeting with me. -Tim Colenback
I have asked this questions on other webinars, but I am wondering from a more program focused perspective specifically: How common is it that MSW students are involved in faculty research? Or how are we able to inquire about that?	Many of our students are involved in faculty research. It is recommended that you reach out to faculty whose research interests align with your own or those that you would like to work with. We also allow for independent study options where you can work with a faculty member to create your own research project. These are just a few options.
How/when do you apply for work study?	You can start applying now for Work-Study positions if you were deemed eligible via FAFSA. You can look for postings here: https://studentemployment.umich.edu/
If we are advanced standing MSW students and just filled our application out today, when should we expect to hear back? Thank you so much!	Are you referring to the field application? If so, I would expect that you would hear back within the next few weeks as they are continuing to work on the website as mentioned
Will the Social Work program allow for completely remote classes for fall?	Additional information regarding this will be forthcoming as the School of Social Work continues to finalize our plans based on the directive that was just issued from the President this morning. Please continue to check our website for updates
Is it safe to say we can do full remote classes for fall?	I would suggest setting up a meeting with Erin Zimmer or me as soon as possible if you want to pursue this option. You may contact our colleague, Mike McDermott to do so: mitch@umich.edu
Hello! Is there any guidance online for choosing electives, or should we work with an advisor individually on that? Thank you!	Please feel free to schedule a course planning appointment by emailing oss.appt.schedule@umich.edu to speak to a course planning specialist about electives :)
I understand that plans are still developing within the SSW, but is there a specific contact that we could get in touch with about potential options for navigating this Fall semester if you are a part of a higher-risk population?	Please feel free to set up a meeting with me (Tim Colenback) soon by e-mailing my colleague Mike McDermott at mitch@umich.edu Thanks.
What opportunity is there to be involved in DEI taskforces/efforts?	You are welcome to contact our DE&I office at ssw-dei-office@umich.edu
Is there any kind of guidelines you have regarding when to pull back due to a resurgence? For example, if cases get to 5k, ICU beds at 80% capacity, etc?	We will follow the University lead on this. I am sure they will be looking at the appropriate metrics.
And follow-up, what about if the University as a whole stays open? Would SSW move online if the rest of the college does not?	We will follow the University policies on this issue.
Hello, I have not heard back from a special programs decision. Is this required before sending a field application? Thank you!	Hello, no this is not required before sending a field application but you will want to update the field office once you hear back
This may be listed on the website already. Is there a part-time option for advanced standing students? Thank you!	Yes, there is a part-time option for advanced standing students. You can find more information at https://ssw.umich.edu/programs/msw/part-time

<p>Is an advanced standing student able to complete part-time, and then enroll full-time or near full-time? I see that that Plan A (45-credit program) lasts up to 7 semesters. Thank you!</p>	<p>Any changes to your program length/schedule would need to be approved by our program director. Students should be aware that switching programs lengths could have financial aid implications as financial aid is not guaranteed when switching. All of this would be addressed at the time of your request</p>
<p>Hello, I heard that there will be online or hybrid classes, and I realize this may be mentioned already. Will students be expected to visit/live on-campus this year?</p>	<p>Students are not expected to live on campus and there will be some level of in person instruction so you would want to be in a living situation in which you could get to campus easily. If you have personal concerns/reasons about being on campus for classes you are welcome to reach out to the Office of Student Services at ssw.msw.info@umich.edu</p>
<p>In the event that a student is unable to be on-campus, how will this affect field education, particularly for advanced standing students? Thank you. I realize this may be addressed already.</p>	<p>There are some remote options. I suggest setting up a meeting with a field educator to discuss this issue by calling 734/764-5331</p>
<p>In the event that a student is unable to find or afford housing on-campus, how can that student reach out for support or guidance? Thank you.</p>	<p>If you have trouble, please set up a meeting with a member of the Office of Student Services by e-mailing ssw.msw.info@umich.edu</p>
<p>During SEED Orientation can we expect to be in webinars for the full day? I'm a part time student who works full time, so I'd like to be able to plan my work schedule around the SEED schedule.</p>	<p>We do not anticipate that part time students will enroll in SEED mini courses. If you do not enroll in a SEED mini course, you will have several hours open that week. Most students do not have activities on Monday or Friday. There may be opportunities to view recorded sessions as well. Feel free to set up a meeting to discuss this with me by contacting my colleague Mike McDermott at mitch@umich.edu</p>
<p>I am a dual degree MSW/MPH student starting my MSW first. When would I start my field placement?</p>	<p>You will begin field instruction typically in Winter Term 2021. I suggest setting up a course planning meeting with Prof. Debbie Mattison <debmatt@umich.edu>. Prof. Mattison is the advisor for many MSW/MPH students.</p>