



SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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Audience Question

Q: Regarding the MicroMasters degree I noticed that it mention that a student can complete the MSW degree in 3 semester as a full time student can you please explain that versus the part-time student?

A: Students completing the full time MicroMasters MSW are registered for 3 semesters averaging approx. 15 credits per semester. Part-time students are averaging 5-7 credits per semester. MicroMasters students complete 6 courses through online learning and complete the remaining 45 credits in residence (full or part time).

Audience Question

Q: Hello, is there anything recommended to bring for international students when coming to Ann Arbor?

A: We will have an incoming student checklist on our website under the Admitted Student section. Any other questions and concerns should be directed to the Office of Student Services.

Audience Question

Q: I am currently a 1st year MPH students starting as a dual degree this fall. I am interested in medical/geriatric social work. As a dual degree would I be able to complete the aging specialist certificate even though we cannot be in the special programs?

Ultimately, I would love to work in a hospital/primary care setting so I am not sure if the aging in families practice area or health would be my best option.

A: Thank you so much for your inquiry. Unfortunately, we no longer offer the aging certificate. We recommend taking a look into the Aging Pathway to see how you might take some of those courses to fulfill requirements or electives.

Audience Question

Q: How long does it take to get a feedback on my application? Submitted two weeks ago

A: Decisions are sent at the earliest date possible, typically 4-6 weeks.

Audience Question

Q: Hello! If we have already been admitted to the MSW program is there an advisor we can make an appointment with to come to campus and discuss pathways, registration for classes, etc.?

A: Absolutely! Please call 734-936-0961 to schedule an appointment with an advisor.

Audience Question

Q: Hi, thank you for organizing this. I have chosen mental health pathway. Will it allow me to become and practice as a counselor?

A: Yes, that is the correct pathway for therapy.

Audience Question

Q: Will the coronavirus affect school agenda of Fall term?

A: Hello, we are not entirely sure at this point how future semesters will play out but we will do our best to keep you updated as soon as possible with information.

Audience Question

Q: Can we change pathways after we begin? If we don't do special program?

A: You have until you apply for field to declare your pathway. This is in June for advanced standing and micromasters students and October for most other students.

Audience Question

Q: If you are in a dual degree program are you limited in the pathways you can choose from?

A: Not at all! You can select any pathway.

Audience Question

Q: Is the August 1, 2020 application deadline for a Fall 2020 start?

A: Yes, the fall 2020 MSW application deadline is August 1st; however, we strongly encourage application submission at the earliest date possible. Note that the international applicant deadline was March 1st.

Audience Question

Q: Is school certification extra classes or can it be fit into graduation requirements?

A: The school certificate will require 2 courses and a required amount of field placement hours working directly with children and youth. It can fit into graduation requirements and it is recommended that students interested in the certificate choose the Welfare of Children pathway.

Audience Question

Q: If we've been accepted through the Interpersonal Practice pathway but are interested in elements of Global Social Work (i.e. resettlement/immigration and work with immigration in Detroit), is it possible to do a dual focus or "mini concentration?"

A: You are able to use your electives to take classes in the Global Pathway. As far as field, you can speak with the Office of Field Education to see if you can have a placement that incorporates both a Global and an Interpersonal Perspective :)

Audience Question

Q: I am a US citizen but I go to school abroad. Will I be treated as an international applicant or not. I had a problem with that while filling out the applications.

A: If you are a U.S. citizen, then you would not be considered an international applicant.

Audience Question

Q: What is the average class size?

A: 25-30 students are in a class

Audience Question

Q: I was accepted for the Advanced Standing program in Fall 2020. I might need to postpone attending graduate school for a year...is there a way to do this with the School of Social Work at U of M?

A: Yes, should you wish to defer, you are welcome to email the request to our office at ssw.msw.info@umich.edu. We allow deferment for up to 2 years.

Audience Question

Q: Do MSW students have the time to be a Resident Advisor to cover the cost of housing?

A: Yes, many of our students serve as resident advisors.

Audience Question

Q: How many hours of practicum are required for mental health pathway

A: If you are an Advanced Standing Student you have to complete 684 hours of field. If you are a 16 or 20 month student you are required to complete 912 hours.

Audience Question

Q: How do roommates work with the dorms/apartments on campus for graduate students? What's the meal plans, how many meals a day?

A: My first semester I lived in Martha Cook, which is an all female dormitory for undergrad and grad students. I did have one roommate it also has a dining hall, which was a big plus. I currently live in Munger Hall which is an on campus graduate apartment maybe 7 min walking from the school of social work. I do have 6 other roommates however we have our own rooms and bathroom and we share a huge common space living room, dining area and kitchen which has double appliances for example two stoves and etc., it also comes with a washer and dryer and many study rooms, a gym and much more. More details can be found at housing.umich.edu

Audience Question

Q: When will we be able to pick our classes if we start in the fall?

A: Registration will be held this summer in July. In May, we will have online tools available with information on registration, course planning, etc. Be sure to watch your email for information!

Audience Question

Q: Are we able to contact any locations we might be interested in for field placement before the field office reaches out to us, or do we need to wait?

A: The Office of Field Education has over 500 field placements in the southeastern Michigan area and further afield (Lansing, Flint, Toledo, etc.). We would be happy to schedule an appointment to talk with you about your interests in types of placements, but we ask that you contact our office and not reach out to agencies individually.

Audience Question

Q: How does the curriculum look at trauma?

A: We do offer a few courses surrounding trauma and students are also able to engage in our trauma focused set of classes that offer interdisciplinary learning with other departments.

Audience Question

Q: What is the deadline for submitting the financial re-review form? (Assuming it's sometime before the 3/30 enrollment deposit deadline)

A: There is no set deadline for the Re-Review Application. However, we strongly recommend submitting this as soon as possible.

Audience Question

Q: Would deferring admission for a year affect scholarship/aid? If so? How?

A: Financial aid does not defer; however, students approved for deferred admission will have the opportunity to reapply for financial aid for their year of entrance.

Audience Question

Q: If you start a practicum you do not like, do you have to stick it out or can you change?

A: There are rules and procedures established by the field office to switch placements. You would work with a team on issues and concerns. Sometimes students do change their field placement sites.

Audience Question

Q: Are classes discussion-based or more lecture-based?

A: Different types of classes are taught in different ways, but they typically offer a combination of lecture and discussion.

Audience Question

Q: I have been accepted for MSW program for Fall 2020. How long does it take to receive an admission letter?

A: Decisions are sent electronically via email at the earliest date possible. Typically 1-2 weeks from the time you are informed that you are admitted.

Audience Question

Q: Also another dual degree questions. School of public health told us that they are changing their credit hour requirements for students that are dual with SW beginning in the fall and they told us that SW is doing the same. Is this true for the fall and if so what are the new credit requirements for dual MPH from SW?

A: The SSW will need to conduct individualized planning with dual degree public health students in order to determine credit requirements. Students usually meet with the MSW Program Director and an advisor in Public Health to discuss your degree requirements.

Audience Question

Q: When will someone reach out to us to help us find field placement?

A: We will be holding the Introduction to Field Education webinar on April 29 at 5:00 PM, to answer questions focused on field placements and the field application process.

Audience Question

Q: I have been accepted for Fall 2020 but I will not graduate until August. Will I have to submit my transcripts for this semester as soon as I receive them and then submit another one in August?

A: Yes, you should plan to send at least an unofficial transcript after each term's grades are posted. You will also need to request a letter be sent to our office from the Registrar/Dept. Chair of your school verifying completion of your degree requirements if your final transcript with degree posted will not be available prior to the start of classes. In addition, we will need an official final transcript once your degree is conferred.

Audience Question

Q: I have chosen the mental health and substance abuse pathway. I am from Minnesota, will this allow me to pass licensure there to become a counselor? Or will I have to stay in Michigan?

A: It is best to review the licensure rules for MN (i.e. specific courses) and make sure to take those courses here. Generally, we offer courses that will allow to gain licensure in other states. Our Career Services office can assist with these questions.

Audience Question

Q: If you do not have a BSW, how many semesters will the program be? Do you still have to have decided on a Pathway by October of your first semester?

A: The 16 month and 20 month programs are both four terms of enrollment. Yes students who do not have a BSW typically apply for field in October and need to declare a pathway at that time.

Audience Question

Q: On what premises the University of Michigan reject an application?

A: Hello, please feel free to contact our office at 734-936-0961 to inquire about application requirements and reasons as to why an applicant may be denied as there could be a variety of factors.

Audience Question

Q: Are you able to live off campus and do most graduate students choose this option?

A: Yes students are able to live off campus and many choose to do so because it is cheaper. There is also a link where students can find housing close by the school and even have an option to have someone in the same field interest as a roommate. More info. about off campus housing can be found at housing.umich.edu

Audience Question

Q: Can you take classes from other pathways even if your selected pathway is different. For example, can I take classes from the child welfare pathway even though I am enrolled in the integrated health one?

A: Yes, you will be able to use electives to take courses in any pathway. In some instances you may use a course from a different pathway to satisfy a requirement.

Audience Question

Q: I submitted my Integrated Health special program application back in October and was told I would hear of my acceptance or rejection in February but still have not heard anything. Do you know when I can expect to hear the results?

A: Decisions will be emailed at the earliest date possible. Thank you for your continued patience!

Audience Question

Q: I think I accidentally selected the wrong curriculum schedule. Is it possible to change the schedule before the fall?

A: Yes, please send us an email at ssw.msw.info@umich.edu

Audience Question

Q: The Pathway chosen during application can it be changed after admission?

A: Hello, students will have until they begin the field placement process in order to change their pathway. Changing after your placement is made may be an option but perhaps more difficult to make happen later in the program.

Audience Question

Q: Hello, I would like to know if there is any courses or organizations related to LGBTQ group and can we do our field placement in those organizations?

A: All of our classes are going to be PODS intensive (Privilege, Oppression, Diversity, and Social Justice) So many classes will discuss topics around LGBTQIA populations. We do have many field placements that address this population. You will be working with The Office of Field Education to find the best placement for you :)

Audience Question

Q: I was admitted to the MSW program with the original intent of doing the 20-month format, can I now switch to the 16-month even though I have already been admitted?

A: Yes, you can absolutely change curriculum tracks. Please contact the Office of Student Services at ssw.msw.info@umich.edu to switch.

Audience Question

Q: Is there a facebook page for finding roommates in the Ann Arbor area for off campus housing, either solely for Grad Students at Michigan or just young people in the Ann Arbor area?

A: The School does not operate a facebook page, however you can find roommates once you pay your enrollment deposit through the school of social work roommate matching site.

Audience Question

Q: Do you have resources for students interested in pursuing a PhD following MSW? Specifically a clinical psych PhD program?

A: Yes! We encourage you to reach out to our PhD. Office at the School of Social Work. <https://ssw.umich.edu/offices/phd>. You can take doctoral level classes as an MSW students as well as increase your research experience.

Audience Question

Q: Can an applicant re apply for scholarship/grant after scholarship rejection?

A: Special program application decisions are final. If you have questions about SSW financial aid, please contact us at ssw.msw.info@umich.edu or (734) 936-0961.

Audience Question

Q: When we accept our offer of admission, what is the cost of the deposit?

A: We have a \$300 non-refundable enrollment deposit. This deposit goes toward your first term tuition/fees.

Audience Question

Q: Are Advanced Standing students eligible to apply for additional scholarships once the program starts this fall?

A: Yes :) There will be several donor funded scholarships that will be available in August for you to apply for. These applications will be sent to you via email. If you are concerned about your funding award you should contact the Office of Financial Aid now, to inquire about additional funding sources (ssw.msw.info@umich.edu).

Audience Question

Q: Some social work MSW programs offer a personalized field of study where an individual can create their own path of study. Do you at UofM offer this?

A: Our pathways program allows this. While you do choose a pathway, the curriculum allows you to use elective credits to take courses in other pathways and at other units on campus.

Audience Question

Q: Can we still apply to the special programs if we already have applied for Fall 2020?

A: Please send us an email at ssw.msw.info@umich.edu to request a link to the special program application(s). Please note that some special programs have an application deadline of March 15.

Audience Question

Q: When will you find out the status of your application for special programs?

A: Decisions will be emailed at the earliest date possible. Thank you for your continued patience!

Audience Question

Q: If we do the advance standing 12-month program, is our field placement only 2 semesters long?

A: No, typically Advanced Standing students complete 3 terms of field (with 2 days per week in field). The exception to this would be if an Advanced Standing student wishes to do a school-based K12 field placement, which must be completed in 2 terms (3 days per week of field) due to the public school calendar.

Audience Question

Q: Is there an option to complete a Masters thesis?

A: We do not require a thesis but you can elect to take an independent course and have a thesis/research project as part of it. This can be done under the supervision of a faculty member.

Audience Question

Q: I applied for Fall 2020 and am excited to have been accepted. I also applied for a program of study in global social work. Is there a separate acceptance process for that? Is the scholarship packaging separate as well? Will it be distinguished in the fin aid packaging?

A: Did you apply for the global activities scholarship program? If so, yes there is a separate application and review process for that. Students who are admitted that submitted an SSW financial aid application are reviewed for scholarships and grants at the time of admission. Students will receive an initial financial aid award notice from the SSW approx 2-3 after an offer of admissions is made.

Audience Question

Q: I noticed a lot of the special program applications have been closed, is there a way we can still apply? How? Do we have to apply for all of them?

A: Please feel free to email us at ssw.msw.info@umich.edu to inquire if a special program is still accepting application. If an application is still open, we can send you a link to the application. You are welcome to apply to any that are open in which you have an interest.

Audience Question

Q: If you are accepted within the 16-month program, is it possible to change to a part-time program, should "life happen?"

A: It may be possible. I recommend reaching out to our office at 734-936-0961 or emailing ssw.msw.info@umich.edu

Audience Question

Q: I may have misheard him, but did he just say something about evening/weekend classes? Is that only for the part-time advanced standing options? Or is that for all lengths?

A: Hello, evening/weekend only options are only available for part-time students. However, full-time students will have some course options during the evening as well.

Audience Question

Q: Can the additional term option be used if I wish to take more electives than the 16 month schedule usually fits?

A: Hello, no, the additional term option does not allow for students to take more than the required 60 credit hours (45 if advanced standing).

Audience Question

Q: How many semesters does the full time advanced standing program last?

A: Advanced Standing full time students will complete three semesters of courses and field hours in the program.

Audience Question

Q: With the changes of classes switching to online, are we able to go to the school to meet face to face with an advisor or has that moved online as well?

A: You are welcome to meet with an advisor via phone or BlueJeans (online).

Audience Question

Q: Are there parking passes for commuter students?

A: Yes, parking passes are available for purchase for commuter students (after hours). Most students use the free commuter lots and take a bus onto campus.

Audience Question

Q: How many students start in the fall?

A: Usually 415-430 students start in the Fall.

Audience Question

Q: I applied for the Integrated Health Scholarship and the Primary Care/Behavioral Healthcare Trainee programs. When will I hear back about those applications?

A: We will be offering decisions as soon as possible depending upon which deadline you met.

Audience Question

Q: Are you still accepting applications for the Child Welfare special program?

A: Yes. The Child Welfare Special Program has extended their application to March 15th.

Audience Question

Q: Given the current situation with COVID-19, many students who were planning to visit campus before making a final decision, are no longer going to be able to. Is there a chance for the decision deadline to be extended? The decision deadline I received was March 30th.

A: Hello, you are welcome to contact our office at ssw.msw.info@umich.edu to request an extension on your enrollment deposit deadline

Audience Question

Q: Are you limited to one special programs?

A: You are only able to accept one special program offer.

Audience Question

Q: I heard that the Integrated Health Scholarship Program would have a 3 day a week field instruction. Is this true?

A: If you are a student who is completing 60 credits for the MSW degree you will go to field 2 day/week in the first term of field and then 3 days/week in the last two terms of field placement.

Audience Question

Q: Can we have the link you mentioned to the housing off campus that is close by the school?

A: <https://housing.umich.edu/>

Audience Question

Q: Does financial aid change depending on 16 month or 20 month format? Is one a better option for financial aid (scholarships.grants etc)

A: It does not have an impact on financial aid amounts - just the semester it is awarded.

Audience Question

Q: With field placements and classes, is it possible to work a separate job?

A: Yes I currently work two jobs and have classes and field. I wouldn't say it's super easy but it is manageable if you keep everything organized and make sure you have an agenda with your due dates for your assignments and your work hours. We find the 20 hours is typically the largest amount of hours our full time students can work outside of classes and field.

Audience Question

Q: If I want to do a dual degree program but I have been accepted into MSW, what's the process

A: You would want to apply to the other program, meeting their application deadline. If you apply to another program at UM, please be sure to email us at ssw.msw.info@umich.edu to let us know that you intend to pursue a dual degree if you are admitted to the other program.

Audience Question

Q: Is it possible to find out if my undergraduate credits qualify me for admission prior to completing an application? I'm trying to sort out a timeline in case I need to take additional courses prior to attending/acceptance.

A: Sure, call 734-936-0961 to schedule an appointment with an admissions counselor.

Audience Question

Q: Are there field placements that provide students experience in policy?

A: Yes, we have many field placements that deal with policy in a variety of settings! For example: the offices of elected officials or in governmental agencies.

Audience Question

Q: Is it too late to apply to additional special programs if you've been waitlisted for others?

A: Some are still open. If you would like these applications, please call our office at 734-936-0961 to speak to an advisor.

Audience Question

Q: Where should i go to get a umich ID card?

A: You can either submit a photo online and plan to pick up your MCard at Fall SEED Orientation or you can go to an MCard Center. Please find details at <https://ssw.umich.edu/programs/msw/admitted-students/mcard>

Audience Question

Q: Can you send the link where students can find housing close to the school and find a roommate?

A: <https://offcampushousing.umich.edu/> or ssw.umich.edu has a link to housing and roommate finder options through the My SSW tab for students that have accepted their admissions offer.

Audience Question

Q: Can you apply for a special program the following semester or following year if you have already missed a deadline?

A: You can apply for Special Programs now, but you are not able to apply to special programs when you have started the program.

Audience Question

Q: When should you apply for your Financial Aid

A: You will want to apply for financial aid as soon as possible. Most aid is allocated at this time.

Audience Question

Q: Hi, I want to know about some things about housing. I checked the Munger website and the contract would be only one year, however, my track is 16 months and I would like to know how can I figure out the housing for the rest of my program? Thanks.

A: You can possibly talk to them about your program. I know for me I switched to Munger from a dorm my lease started in January and it ends at the end of July. I believe housing works well with students.

Audience Question

Q: Where can I find information about licensing in other states? I am from California and want to be an LCSW out there, will I be able to if I get my licensing in Michigan?

A: The Association of Social Work Boards (aswb.org) has links to every state's licensing board under the licensee section. There you will find the requirements. Our Career Services office can also provide assistance.

Audience Question

Q: For dual degree MPH students, are we in our field placement for all three semesters enrolled at SW beginning with our first?

A: MPH/MSW students begin the dual program with their MPH courses in Fall 2020 and continue with those courses for the first three terms, and begin mostly MSW coursework and the MSW field placement in Fall 2021.

Audience Question

Q: I have been employed at a nonprofit since November 2017, so I will almost meet the 3 year requirement for the MicroMasters option. Is it possible to request the MicroMasters option given these circumstances?

A: You are welcome to submit a copy of your resume to us at ssw.msw.info@umich.edu for evaluation.

Audience Question

Q: What is the admission acceptance deadline for fall 2020?

A: If an applicant is offered admission, their admission letter will state a specific deadline.

Audience Question

Q: Are you still accepting applications for the New Leaders special program?

A: Yes. Please email our office at ssw.msw.info@umich.edu to request a link to the application. Note that the application deadline for this special program is April 1st.

Audience Question

Q: Is it possible to be a single parent while being a full-time student in the 16-month program?

A: Absolutely! There are many support groups on campus for single parents. There is also a child care subsidy through The Office of Financial Aid: <https://finaid.umich.edu/child-care-subsidy/>

Audience Question

Q: Is the National Community Scholars Program still accepting applications?

A: Please email our office at ssw.msw.info@umich.edu to request a link to the application.

Audience Question

Q: Are classes and field placements usually on the same days of the week? (as in classes Mon-Tues and field placement Wed-Thurs)

A: For field, it really depends on the agency. Some agencies may require field on certain days of the week based on their own training programs for MSW students. Students often separate class and field days,

Audience Question

Q: Are chromebooks compatible with the laptop requirement?

A: You will want to verify that the chromebook meets these requirements:

<https://ssw.umich.edu/msw-student-guide/section/1.21.00/359/laptop-requirement-policy>

Audience Question

Q: If we choose the 20-month curriculum option, is there a selection of jobs, fellowships, or other opportunities that are offered on campus during that summer break?

A: We do not have formalized options. Often students work during the summer. There is a UM student employment page that list summer jobs.

Audience Question

Q: If we are planning on school social work, would we be applying for field on the June 4 date or in the fall?

A: It would depend on your curriculum track, advanced standing would begin the process in June and 20 month students would begin the process in the Fall.

Audience Question

Q: I applied for scholarship of special program before December 1st, when can I know about the acceptance status? And where can I check it?

A: Decisions will be sent electronically via email at the earliest date possible. Thank you for your continued patience!

Audience Question

Q: When can we register for a dorm room and where can we find the price of it.

A: Please find housing rates at housing.umich.edu

Audience Question

Q: How reasonable is it for students to work part-time while attending classes and balancing their field placement?

A: I currently work two jobs and go to field on top of classes. I wouldn't say it is easy but If you organize your time and if possible separate your class days and field days it is very manageable. I would recommend getting an agenda and writing down due dates of your assignments and your work hours that would be very beneficial.

Audience Question

Q: Is it possible to have classes one day a week?

A: Honestly, I would recommend to plan for at least 2-3 days of classes. It is not possible to have classes 1 day a week unless you are a part time student.

Audience Question

Q: When can we register for a dorm room and where can we find the price of it.

A: If you have paid your enrollment deposit the housing department will send the application to students later this month. You can go to housing.umich.edu to view this information.

Audience Question

Q: If I choose Mental health pathway can I also choose Global activities scholars program?

A: The Global Activities Scholars Program only aligns to the Global Pathway.

Audience Question

Q: Is the MicroMasters program considered advanced standing? Would we do field placement in June?

A: MicroMasters is not the same as Advanced Standing, as MM students will complete a minimum of 912 field hours, while AS students (who have a BSW degree) will complete a minimum of 684 field hours. MicroMasters students do apply for field in June.

Audience Question

Q: What departments do you recommend looking into for Graduate Student Instructor opportunities? Are there any GSI or Research positions available in the SSW?

A: We do not offer GSI or GSRA positions in the SSW. Many students look at psychology, womens studies, sociology, etc but it depends on your skill set and knowledge base. You can find available positions at careers.umich.edu

Audience Question

Q: When exactly is the field placement webinar on April 29th?

A: Wednesday April 29 at 5:00 PM -
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/530251982564851724>

Audience Question

Q: If we begin the MSW Advanced Standing program in the Fall, can we still submit the Joint PhD/MSW application by the 12/1 deadline and transition into the Joint program?

A: You can apply for the PhD program but the application deadline will be in November not Dec. 1. Check with our Doctoral Office for updated due dates.

Audience Question

Q: What are the requirements for advanced standing besides having a BSW. Is there a way to have advanced standing in another way?

A: A BSW from a CSWE accredited program and a GPA of 3.5 in the last 60-75 semester hours is the only way to meet the advanced standing requirement.

Audience Question

Q: For financial aid, is there any other application other than the FAFSA and the actual program application that we must complete?

A: If you wish to discuss additional financial aid opportunities please reach out to Cerise Carrington (cmcar@umich.edu)

Audience Question

Q: If you were accepted to a particular pathway, can you switch before classes start in the fall?

A: Yes! Please email ssw.msw.info@umich.edu Your pathway is not official until you have applied for field placement.

Audience Question

Q: If I applied for a Special Program and was not accepted, can I strengthen my application and re-apply? Given that the program is still accepting applications, of course.

A: Unfortunately, special program decisions are final.

Audience Question

Q: How does a typical schedule look for MSW students trying to go in the aging pathway?

A: It depends on your curriculum track but most students have classes 2-3 days a week and at least 2 days a week in field placement.

Audience Question

Q: Can you be a part time student if you are an international student?

A: F1 status requires full-time enrollment.

Audience Question

Q: Is there a number for how many msw students live in a dorm on-campus versus off-campus?

A: Hello, we unfortunately do not have those numbers but many students do live off campus.

Audience Question

Q: Are there any TA/RA/GA positions offered for MSW?

A: Yes, there are many GSI and GSSA positions. GSRA positions are typically only offered for PhD students. You can find all of these positions at careers.umich.edu

Audience Question

Q: If I am an admitted MSW student, is it possible for me to do a certificate program at the same time and do I need to pay extra tuition if I want to do that?

A: The SSW only offers a school social work certificate which can be built into the 45 credit or 60 credit program. As long as you are full-time, you do not pay anything additional to take extra courses but you may find limited time to add extra courses.

Audience Question

Q: Hello, if I apply for the 16 month program can I possibly complete it in less than 16 months? My minor was SW in undergrad.

A: Hello! You are required to complete the 60 credits and the 912 hours of field required for the 16 months. If there are classes that you have completed in your minor that are similar to the classes that are offered here then you may be able to complete an exemption request and utilize those credits as an elective.

Audience Question

Q: Do students interview for various field placements and then choose one, or is a placement selected for us? If we do interview, when do those typically take place?

A: Field application depends on curriculum track: students beginning field in Fall will apply for field June 4 (interviews June-September), and students starting field in Winter will apply for field in October (interviews October-January). After submitting your field application (which will include a goal statement, your resume, and some information about the types of skills that you would like to learn in field), you will work with our team of field faculty for the placement process. They will help guide you through the available options for field based on your application materials, and send your materials out to an agency for their review. You would interview with that agency, and the agency and you would determine if it would be a good fit.

Audience Question

Q: Does this program also allow us to work with criminal justice agencies such as the juvenile dept if we are under the program evaluation pathway?

A: Hello, yes there are criminal justice agencies for placement. Please feel free to contact our Office of Field Education for specific placements and pathways

Audience Question

Q: Does every msw student has an individual academic or clinical mentor?

A: Each MSW student will be assigned a field faculty member and an onsite supervisor in their field placement site. Students are also welcome to connect with faculty when they are in the program as well.

Audience Question

Q: Is there a website we can look at the student organizations that grad students can join?

A: Yes! Here is a helpful link: <https://ssw.umich.edu/studentorgs> please note these are only in the School of Social Work. There are hundreds more University wide :)

Audience Question

Q: Can you sit down with a counselor to help pick your classes?

A: Yes, we will offer individual course planning appointments. In May we will send out information on course planning. Webinars will be available online and we will open the opportunity to schedule appointments at that time.

Audience Question

Q: Do most TA/GA position appointments typically work well within field placement schedules?

A: As a GSI, you generally need to be available during those class lecture times so it may interfere with your field availability. It is recommended to go ahead and apply for GSI positions and if you receive please reach out to us to see if accommodations can be made for your schedule.

Audience Question

Q: Is the CBI Program still accepting applications?

A: Please email our office at ssw.msw.info@umich.edu to request a link to the application. Note that the application deadline for this special program is April 1st.

Audience Question

Q: Are you emailed or mailed your letter of accepting or denial?

A: All of our correspondence is sent via email

Audience Question

Q: Do TA and GA positions offer tuition waivers?

A: Yes, the GSI positions do offer tuition waivers as long as they are .25 FTE.

Audience Question

Q: Are any field placements paid?

A: Some field placements do offer a stipend, but it varies widely, and depends entirely on the agency.

Audience Question

Q: Hi there! Where can I read more about dual degree options in greater detail?

A: Here you go! <https://ssw.umich.edu/programs/msw/overview/dual-degree#msw-tabs>

Audience Question

Q: Is the weather always cold there? How often is it actually sunny?

A: Not always cold. It can get in the 90s in the summer. We have a beautiful sunny day today!

Audience Question

Q: Is a degree from this program a generalized MSW or is it specified based on our pathway?

A: The degree is a specialized focused because of the pathway concentration. We offer foundation classes for all non-BSW students to ensure they have knowledge across the field.

Audience Question

Q: How long do the PhD program take and can I apply if I've already been admitted to the MSW?

A: If you are interested in the Joint Doctoral Program in Social Work & Social Science, please feel free to reach out to the PhD Office at ssw.phd.info@umich.edu / (734) 763-5768. Note that their application deadline for fall 2020 has passed. The PhD program is typically 6-7 years.

Audience Question

Q: Is it possible to place out of any of the year 1 classes, such as research?

A: Yes! You will be able to file an exemption and an advisor can help you with that when it gets closer to registration. I recommend saving a syllabus and or a course description for the class. You do need a B or better in the classes and the course must have been taken within the last six years.

Audience Question

Q: What criteria are considered for scholarship consideration?

A: We offer both merit and need based scholarships. Need aid is based upon completion of the FAFSA and SSW financial aid application. Merit funding is based upon the application materials submitted (statement, grades, recommendations, experience) along with overall alignment with the mission of the SSW

Audience Question

Q: Is there a field seminar for integrating course and field work each semester?

A: Not a seminar, but field faculty schedule what we call "Field Connections" for their students every term, and you can select a session (or multiple sessions) to attend. Here you can connect with them about what you are doing/learning at your field placement!

Audience Question

Q: About how many students are in the full-time 16 or 20 month program?

A: Our 16 month length is usually the most popular due to the faster graduation date. Typically we have about 200 or so people in this length. In the 20 month length we usually have 80-100. Here is a helpful link to our MSW 2019 Profile <https://ssw.umich.edu/programs/msw/class-profile>

Audience Question

Q: What's the timeline for getting a GSI position?

A: GSI and GSSA positions will be continually added. You should be watching the website beginning now and all throughout your MSW program. Go to careers.umich.edu

Audience Question

Q: Are the same classes offered and available for 16-month and 20-month students?

A: Yes they are the same

Audience Question

Q: How many advanced standing students start in the fall?

A: We typically have about 130 advanced standing students.

Audience Question

Q: Can international student apply for GSI?

A: Yes, they may.

Audience Question

Q: "MPH/MSW students begin the dual program with their MPH courses in Fall 2020 and continue with those courses for the first three terms, and begin mostly MSW coursework and the MSW field placement in Fall 2021." Going off of this response, what if I already completed my first year of my MPH and added on the MSW to begin in the fall?

A: Yes you would begin taking MSW courses this fall and you may also need to begin field placement this fall (deadline to apply is June 4th). You'll want to check in with the field office and OSS before the deadline.

Audience Question

Q: Are there opportunities for students to create community among themselves?

A: Yes, There is 22 organizations within the school of social work and hundreths within the entire University. I believe attending events would make your experience amazing because that is where you will meet people with the same interest and passions that you may have. I am currently in two orgs and I love them because the members share common backgrounds and interest as me. Also if there is an idea you may have on an org that is not yet created you can definitely create one with support of OSS.

Audience Question

Q: Are there special resources or supports available for commuter students (i.e for those living closer to Detroit?)

A: There is a new bus that commutes from Ann Arbor to Detroit for a small fee. There are also many commuter lots available around campus that are completely free:
<https://ltp.umich.edu/parking/free-parking/>

Audience Question

Q: Does the parking often get full?

A: It does depend on when you arrive, but typically our students/ and or staff are able to find parking. The busses do run every 10 minutes to and from the commuter lots.

Audience Question

Q: Do students sometimes stay at their field placement post-graduation to work?

A: Yes, many students do find employment at their field agency.

Audience Question

Q: What if you all ready have a bachelors social worker license from state of Michigan? What will be process to get your master social worker license and would I have to take the test?

A: You will need to apply for the limited license masters social work license (macro or clinical) once you graduate from the MSW program. You do not have to take a test for the limited license in Michigan. You will have to take a test for full licensure (advanced general or clinical).

Audience Question

Q: Is Michigan's SSW closed for the semester due to coronavirus? How does this affect visits to the school, particularly for those of us out of state who wanted to visit before accepting admission?

A: Our classes are currently online. If you would like to speak with an admission counselor and current students, we can connect you. Email ssw.msw.info@umich.edu If you would like to request a deadline extension, sent a request to ssw.msw.info@umich.edu.

Audience Question

Q: What day is the National Community Scholars Program due?

A: Email ssw.msw.info@umich.edu to request a link to open special programs.

Audience Question

Q: Do students ever drop down into the part time track from a full time track?

A: It may be possible. We ask that you contact our office at 734-936-0961 to meet with an advisor.

Audience Question

Q: During a typical week, how much time do students usually spend doing additional work outside of class and internship?

A: For class work it depends on how well the student wants to plan ahead of their assignments. For my classes I never have more than three assignments a month per class. It's usually a paper or a reading presentation. I would just recommend an agenda to write due dates and maybe write down days you want to start on the assignment before the due date. In regards to field it depends where you are placed and what your supervisor wants you to do. However you should make record of the amount of time you take doing work outside of your field hours because they will count as field hours. For my placement, I may plan out goals and activities for students because I do work at a community center with children in grade school.

Audience Question

Q: I was accepted into the MSW program for fall 2020. If I wanted to pursue a dual-degree could I apply in the fall?

A: Yes. You would have to apply to that school separately and then meet with an advisor.

Audience Question

Q: I am an admitted student, i just received my financial aid notice and I am interested in knowing is there more financial help available?

A: Yes, please feel free to contact Cerise Carrington (cmcar@umich.edu)

Audience Question

Q: If I become licensed in the State of Michigan, does that transfer to other states or do Social Workers re take the exam when they move states?

A: Generally, yes. State boards will often ask you to submit evidence of your license level/requirements from another state for review including test scores. You do not have to retake passed exams.

Audience Question

Q: I have an interview for the MSW Program next month, how long will it take after this interview for me to be notified of whether I am accepted into the program or not?

A: It will generally take 1-2 weeks to receive a decision once an interview is conducted.

Audience Question

Q: Is there a list of the current/past organizations where students have had field placements?

A: We don't keep a list of field agencies on the website since their availability is constantly changing through the year based on their work, and we are always developing new field placement opportunities for our students. More information will also be presented at our field webinar on April 29 at 5:00 PM about the types of agencies that we partner with. If you would like to connect with the Office of Field Education, please contact us at ssw-fieldoffice@umich.edu.

Audience Question

Q: For non-BSW applicants, do you suggest any prerequisite courses and or materials they should go through beforehand?

A: No. But you are welcome to view our free courses that are offered. These are similar to the foundation courses you will be taking in the program :)

<https://www.edx.org/micromasters/michiganx-social-work-practice-policy-research>

Audience Question

Q: How do you become a part of the committees just mentioned?

A: Please feel free to contact the Office of Student Services or the SSW Student Union when you begin the program in the Fall.

Audience Question

Q: I am currently living in Europe so the Field Placement Webinar would take place at a difficult time for my schedule. Is my only option to review the slides/transcript afterward?

A: Yes, the slides and webinar will be available and emailed to all students who registered within the next few days. You can also reach out to be connected with a field faculty member: sw-fieldoffice@umich.edu.

Audience Question

Q: Is there any resources available for Licensure outside of American

A: aswb.org has information about Canada. Some countries in Europe have a registration process - England. The professional social work organization in that country would be the best place to start gathering information. The majority of countries in the world do not license social workers.

Audience Question

Q: Can students find their own field placements?

A: Please reach out to the Office of Field Education at ssw-fieldoffice@umich.edu to discuss. We do not advise reaching out to agencies individually.

Audience Question

Q: Do ya'll have an on campus health and counseling center?

A: We sure do! We have a number of resources available under UHS:

<https://www.uhs.umich.edu/> we also have our very own Counselor on staff through CAPS (Counseling and Psychological Services) serving only social work students

Audience Question

Q: Hi, thank you for a very informative webinar! Would it be beneficial to begin dialogue with the field placement office now about interests (for accepted students)?

A: Mark your calendar for the field webinar on April 29 at 5:00

PM! <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/530251982564851724> We'll be answering most of the common questions about field at that time. After the field webinar, we will be offering individual welcome calls with our field faculty.

Audience Question

Q: Where can I reach out to know about my special program application?

A: Decisions will be emailed at the earliest date possible. If you have any questions, please feel free to email us at ssw.msw.info@umich.edu or give us a call at (734) 936-0961.

Audience Question

Q: Are the night classes option part time only?

A: There will be 5-8pm and 6-9pm courses available

Audience Question

Q: If I become licensed in Michigan, will I be able to transfer it to California?

A: Maybe. CA accepts the same clinical exam. However, CA has very specific rules about post MSW experience and continuing education depending upon how long you have been licensed. Check out: <https://www.bbs.ca.gov/applicants/lcsw.html>

Audience Question

Q: Typically how long are classes?

A: 3 hours in the Fall and Winter, and 4 hours in the Summer

Audience Question

Q: Is there a resource for students discussing essentials (clothing) to bring to Ann Arbor?

A: I am a current student at U of M from California and I also went to undergrad in Alabama so I had no real experience of winter seasons. However, I was able to connect with someone in my hall who gave me tips on clothing I would recommend a winter coat like Eddie Bauer and get it a size up so that you can wear a hoodie or another jacket under Please don't wear small jackets in the winter. I would recommend boots in the winter and long sleeves and wearing layers of clothes and also something to cover your ears with, wool socks. However, there is days where the sun is out like today but the winter is real in Ann Arbor.

Audience Question

Q: I am currently tasking the Micro Masters online course. Can I submit my application for the Fall semester 2020, before completing the Micro-Masters online course for certification?

A: If you haven't already, please be sure to email your resume to us at ssw.msw.info@umich.edu to see if you are eligible to apply to the MicroMasters MSW. If you are eligible, you will want to submit your MSW application as soon as possible.

Audience Question

Q: Are classes 3 hours straight? Or spread out?

A: Straight but there are breaks.

Audience Question

Q: How many classes to full time students take a semester?

A: Most students average 15 credits per semester as a full time student which is about 4-5 classes

Audience Question

Q: How long are the breaks between the three hours classes?

A: They vary when you schedule your classes. Classes are held from 9am-12pm, 2pm-5pm, 5pm-8pm, and or 6pm-9pm.

Audience Question

Q: Can students change their pathways in the second year?

A: It may be an option but would be a lot more difficult to accommodate as there are field placement and course implications to consider.

Audience Question

Q: I have a site in mind for field placement. When/how should I go about submitting it?

A: Please contact the Office of Field Education at ssw-fieldoffice@umich.edu. We do not recommend that students contact agencies individually for field placement.