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Welcome to Virtual Open House



The session will begin at 12pm

Session Housekeeping



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Send Us Questions

- Simply type your question into the “question box” at any time during the session.
- All questions will be responded to publicly unless you type “private” in front of your question, in which case we will send you an individual response. No names are shown on the screen.
- Recorded Session and Slides will be posted at:
<https://ssw.umich.edu/r/openhouse2025>
- All registered students will be emailed a recording of the session.

Today's Agenda

- **Welcome**
 - Barb Hiltz, Director of MSW Programs and Clinical Associate Professor
- **MSW Curriculum and Upcoming Timelines**
 - Erin Zimmer, Director of Student Services
- **Helpful Field Education Information**
 - Erin Khang, Director of Field Education and Clinical Assistant Professor
- **Global Social Work Options**
 - Greta Kaempf, Global Opportunities Coordinator

Today's Agenda Continued

- **Michigan Title IV-E Child Welfare Fellowship**
 - Marla Garmo, Title IV-E Program Coordinator
- **Current Student Experience**
 - Dominick Violetta, Current MSW Student
- **Career Service Resources for New Students**
 - Michelle Woods, Director of Career Services
- **Wrap Up and Q&A**

Welcome!



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Curriculum Options & New Student Timeline



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On-Campus MSW Program (Full Time)

- 60 or 45 Credits
- All Pathways Possible
- Advanced Standing
- 16-Month
- 20-Month
- U-M Sociology & Social Work Sub-Plan
- UM-Dearborn Health & Human Services
- MasterTrack/Social Work Essentials MSW
- Masters International Volunteer Program

On-Campus MSW Program (Part Time)

- **Day Program**
 - All pathways possible
 - 45 or 60 credit programs
 - 7 or 9 semesters to complete
- **Evening and Weekends**
 - Interpersonal Practice in Integrated Health, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse
 - 45 or 60 credit programs
 - 7 or 9 semesters to complete

Online MSW Program

- **Part-Time or Full Time**
- **7 semesters**
- **Advanced Standing**
- **MasterTrack/Social Work Essentials MSW**
- **U-M Sociology & Social Work Sub-Plan**
- **UM-Dearborn Health & Human Services**
- **Interpersonal Practice in Integrated Health, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse**
- **Welfare of Children & Families**

MSW Pathway Options

- Community Change
- Global Social Work Practice
- Interpersonal Practice in Integrated Health, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse (On-Campus, Online, Part-Time Evening/Weekend)
- Management and Leadership
- Policy and Political Social Work
- Program Evaluation and Applied Research
- Social Work Practice with Older Adults and Families from a Lifespan Perspective
- Welfare of Children and Families (On-Campus & Online)

Explore Program Deeper

- Course Planning Worksheets:

<https://ssw.umich.edu/assets/course-planning-worksheets/>

- Course Catalog

<https://ssw.umich.edu/courses>

- Pathway Connects to Field Competencies

<https://ssw.umich.edu/assets/ssw-pathway-competencies/>

Special Programs

- Child Welfare Scholarship Program
- Community Scholars: Community-Based Initiative in Detroit
- Community Scholars: National Community Scholars Program
- Detroit Scholars Program
- Geriatric Scholarship Program

STILL ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS! - 3/15/25

Special Programs Continued

- Global Activities Scholarship Program
- Jewish Communal Leadership Program
- Masters International Volunteer Program
- Michigan Title IV-E Child Welfare Fellowship
- New Leaders in African-Centered Social Work
- Trauma Informed Programs and Practices for Schools Scholars Program

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Dual Degree Programs

- Social Work and Business Administration
- Social Work and Information
- Social Work and Law
- Social Work and Public Health
- Social Work and Public Policy
- Social Work and Urban Planning
- Student-Initiated Dual Degree Program (ex. Higher Education)

Questions About Your Pathway?

- Pathways are selected on the MSW application and become final when you submit your field application (May or October) or when you accept most special program offers.
- To speak with an admissions counselor about the best program plan for your career goals, email: ssw.msw.info@umich.edu
- To change pathway, complete form at: <https://ssw.umich.edu/assets/change-in-pathway/>

Timeline for Online Students Beginning in May 2025

- MasterTrack/Social Work Essentials MSW Students
 - Finish all courses prior to start of semester

All Students:

- Submit final transcripts if required
- Review [online student toolkit](#)
- Attend the Spring/Summer Online Admitted Student Information Session - April 3rd
- Register for online MSW course soon
- Complete MSW pre-coursework
- Complete Orientation and Intro. to Social Work Course online May 2-4th
- Other courses begin on May 6th

Timeline for Online Students Beginning in Fall 2025

- **MasterTrack/Social Work Essentials MSW Students:**
 - Finish courses prior to start of semester
- **Full-Time Students:**
 - Watch for field placement info. & application
- **All Students:**
 - Submit final transcripts if required
 - Review online student toolkit
 - Register for classes the second week in July
 - Attend the Spring/Summer Online Admitted Student Information Session (early August)
 - Complete Orientation and Intro. to Social Work Course (590) online
August 22-24th
 - Live MSW courses begin on September 2nd

Timeline for Fall 2025

On-Campus Students

- April 28: Introduction to Field Education Webinar (for Fall online full time also)
- May – Field Application for students starting field in Fall 2025 term
- May – August: Review incoming student toolkit & weekly emails
- June: Registration and course planning information is sent via UM e-mail

Timeline for On-Campus Students Cont.

- Mid-June: View course advising information online
- June/July: Optional individual course planning (by phone or zoom)
- July: Registration
- August 26-29: Attend SEED Orientation for On-Campus Students

Field Education



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What Will I Do In Field?

Develop CSWE Social Work Competencies and Skills

Practice and apply classroom theories and concepts in a real-world setting

Practice navigating ethical concerns according to the NASW Code of Ethics

Practice skills and behaviors that lead to core competency development

Practice adherence to our Technical Standards

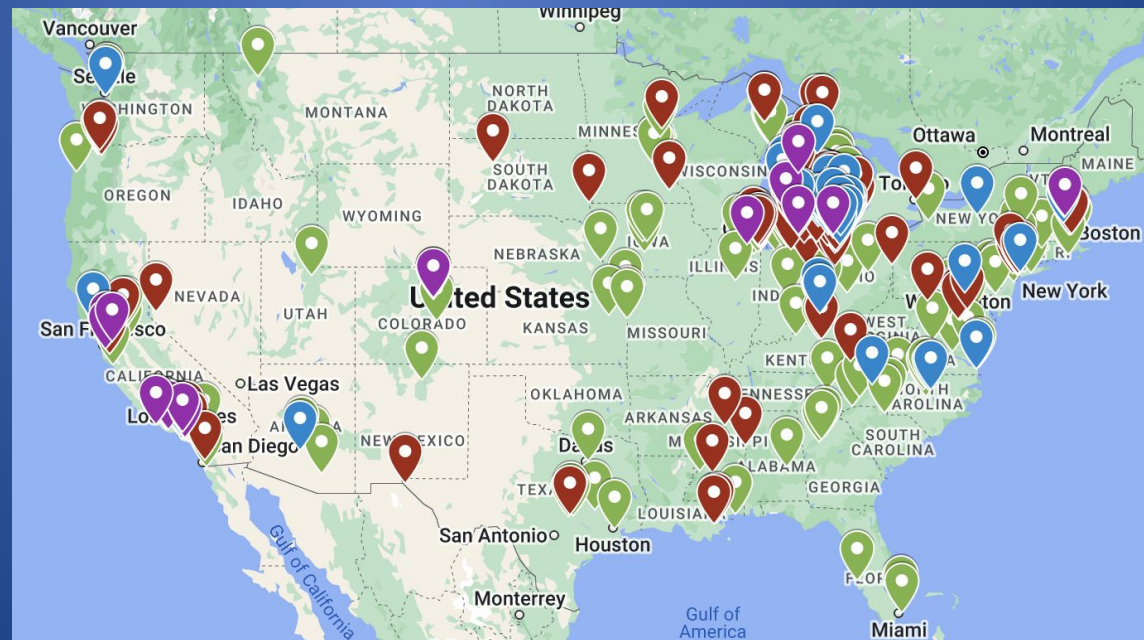
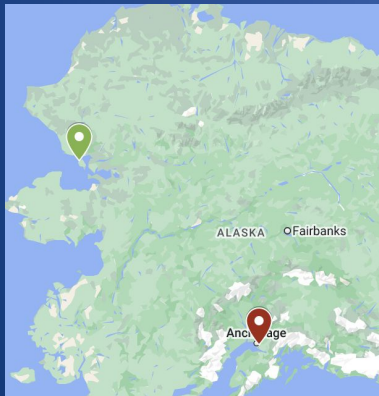
Communication

Intellectual & Cognitive Skills

Emotional & Behavioral Readiness

UM Office of Field Education

- 25% of your graduate education is in field
- > 1100 Active Agencies in 37 US States + DC
- > 1500 Active Field Instructors



Field Examples

- Justice system / Re-entry programs
- School based SW
- Hospital based placements
- Partial hospitalization and Inpatient Psychiatry Units
- Community Centers
- State Legislator Offices
- Legal and Policy Advocacy Orgs
- Private practices *state specific

Timelines for Field

- Students who are approx 60 miles or more from Ann Arbor will begin the placement process 2 semesters ahead
- Students < 60 miles from Ann Arbor will begin the placement process 1 semester ahead
- Part time students begin field 12-16 mos into the program
- The Field Office will contact you via your Umich email in advance of your placing semester

Planning for Field

- Create a weekly schedule to consider how you will incorporate 16-24 hrs of field along with classes and other responsibilities
 - *Field placements are completed during normal business hours (M-F 8a-5p)
 - *Full time students are strongly discouraged from plans to work full time while in school
- Transportation Plan / Resources are the responsibility of the student

Employment Based Placements

Those working in social service agencies/non profits may want to consider completing their field hours in their current place of employment

- Internship hours must align to the MSW competencies
- A qualified MSW field instructor as defined by UM SSW is required
- Your employer must approve
- Your EBP application must be approved by the Director of Field Education
- More information will be provided once you begin the placing process

Thank you and Go Blue!

Office of Field Education

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Office of Global Activities



Greta Kaempf, LMSW
Global Opportunities Coordinator

Global Social Work Options

- ◆ **Global Social Work Pathway-** all students
- ◆ **Local field placements with a global focus-** all students
- ◆ **National field placements with a global focus-** 16-month, Advanced Standing, Mastertrack, or UM Sociology & SW students
- ◆ **Global Activities Scholars Program (GASP)-** 16-month, Advanced Standing, Mastertrack, or UM Sociology & SW students
- ◆ **Global Course Extension-** all students
- ◆ **Global Independent Study Grant-** all students
- ◆ **Masters International Volunteer Program-** 20-month or Advanced Standing
- ◆ **Peace Corps Coverdell Fellows-** all students

Global Course Extension



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Global Course Extension in Chennai, India



Based at Madras Christian College, this course draws on the "grand challenges" facing social work professionals encompassing a broad range of issues.

The course will be locally grounded and explicitly comparative, and combines both practical fieldwork experiences with coursework and structured, critical reflection at the Madras Christian College.

Travel Dates: Aug 6-22
Cost: Airfare to India

Global Independent Study Grant



Peace Corps Masters International Volunteer Program



Student Funding

- ◆ **Global Activities Scholars Program-**
tuition scholarship and travel stipend
- ◆ **Global Independent Study Grant-** Up to \$2,500
- ◆ **Masters International Volunteer Program-**
tuition scholarship in the term(s) following successful completion of Peace Corps Service
- ◆ **Peace Corps Coverdell Fellows Program-**
tuition scholarship
- ◆ **Office of Global Activities Event Grant**

Application Deadlines

- ◆ **Global Activities Scholars Program-**
Deadline Extended!
- ◆ **National field placement with a global focus-**
Email ssw.oga@umich.edu if interested
- ◆ **Peace Corps Coverdell Fellows-**
Deadline July 1
- ◆ **Masters International Volunteer Program-**
Deadline August 31th
- ◆ **Global Independent Study Grant-**
Deadline early February
- ◆ **Global Course Extension-**
Deadline mid-January

Thank You!

We look forward to meeting you this fall.

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Title IV-E Child Welfare Fellowship



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Title IV-E Child Welfare Fellowship

**Special opportunity
for students
committed to working
in Child Welfare - CPS,
Foster Care,
Adoption, Licensing**



Title IV-E Child Welfare Fellowship Program Components

Stipends

\$9,000
for each eligible
semester

Courses

SW 621
SW 624
SW 627

Title IV-E Child Welfare Fellowship Program Components

Field
Placement
in Child Welfare

Employment
Payback

TO APPLY:

<https://ssw.umich.edu/programs/msw/financial-aid/michigan-title-iv-e-child-welfare-fellowship>

The Current Student Experience

Tessa Ballard (tessabal@umich.edu)

- Pathway: Interpersonal Practice
- Pre-MSW Student Services Fellow
- Expected Graduation: May 2026

Dominick Violetta (dviolett@umich.edu)

- Pathway: Welfare of Children & Families
- Schedule: 20-Month
- School Social Work Certification
- Expected Graduation: May 2025!

Career Services



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What are some of the services provided by the Career Services Office?

Workshops

Alumni Networking Opportunities

Licensure Information and Test Preparation

Writing Assistance

ePortfolio Development

Mock Interviews

Resume and Field Application Support

Licensure Checklist

- Identify Jurisdiction/State
- Identify Your License Category/Name
- Requirements for your license category
- Note when you can apply
- Forms on Jurisdiction/State Website

<https://ssw.umich.edu/student-life/career-services/licensing-and-exam-preparation>

Thank You!

We look forward to supporting you as students and future alumni.

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Where can I find up-to-date info. for incoming students?

Admitted Student Resources Webpage:

<https://ssw.umich.edu/admissions/msw/admitted-students>

Questions?

Office of Student Services and Enrollment Management

(734) 936-0961

ssw.msw.info@umich.edu

Ways to Connect

Visit SSW

We hope all prospective MSW students are able to visit our School of Social Work and beautiful Ann Arbor.

[Schedule your visit »](#)

Connect on Social Media

Connect with other prospective and admitted students on Facebook and Twitter.

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MSW
Student



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Chat with Student Services

<https://ssw.umich.edu/>

Mon-Thu 9am-6pm (EST)

Fri 10am-4pm (EST)

Thank you for joining Virtual Open House



We look forward to seeing you soon in
Ann Arbor and online!