At Michigan Social Work, we are committed to excellence in your academic and professional preparation. Our curriculum incorporates the latest innovations and scientific advances, and our faculty is filled with dedicated and accomplished teachers and researchers who will nurture your passion for social change. As an MSW student, you’ll work with faculty, researchers, community organizations and institutions, and develop the skills and training to become innovative and effective social workers. Our graduates are highly respected professionals and leaders making a difference in the lives of others at the local, national and global levels.

Lynn Videka
Dean and Carol T. Mowbray Collegiate Professor of Social Work

Average Class Size
24 Students

550+ Locations for MSW Field Work

20+ Student Organizations

9:1 Students: Faculty

300+ Scholarship Opportunities for MSW Students

96% Employment Rate for 2018 Graduates Seeking Jobs

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MSW CURRICULUM

Pathways

- Community Change
- Global Social Work Practice
- Interpersonal Practice in Integrated Health, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse
- 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

Earn Your Degree On-Campus (Full or Part-Time) or Online (Part-Time)
Determined to end the school-to-prison pipeline, Zainab Farhat pursued a dual degree in social work and public health.

“The dual degree was an ideal way to tackle systemic inequities related to health, education and justice system involvement particularly for black and brown youth. I am currently a Program Associate in the Juvenile Justice Strategy Group at the Annie E. Casey Foundation working to end the youth prison model. I work directly with individuals with lived justice system experience and community organizations that hold the expertise to intervene. Together, we are creating solutions that include a continuum of care, support and intervention that is based on healing and restoration.”
Field Education presents you with multiple opportunities to become a part of the professional social work community, where you will learn to integrate classroom knowledge with practice and develop your social work skills.

There are more than 550 fieldwork sites and 750 licensed professional social workers who will mentor and help prepare students for a career in the social work field.

Andrew Stewart
MSW 2017
School Social Worker, Lincoln Park Public Schools

“Children have so much potential. My field placement at the Detroit Achievement Academy is the one I wanted from the start because it was in Detroit and working with children. My field supervisors and Michigan Social Work faculty helped me realize how I could serve racially diverse, low income and underserved children. As a school social worker, I am able to use my organizational and interpersonal skills to help children. It is deeply gratifying to have been able to follow my personal beliefs through my social work education and work with young people today.”
Heather Dakki

MSW 2017
Clinical Social Worker, Michigan Medicine Child and Adolescent Outpatient Psychiatry

“After nine years of working in population health research, I decided to follow my passion and work with individuals on a more personal level. I now work with youth and young adults who are struggling with a variety of mental health challenges. Collaborating with them on how to make positive changes in their lives has been more rewarding than I could have ever anticipated. Utilizing a holistic approach to health care, my field placement provided me with invaluable skills and opportunities to help my clients meet their personal goals.”
Need-Based Scholarships and Grants
Special Program Scholarships
Dean’s Missions Scholarships
Donor Scholarships
Merit Scholarships
Federal Loans
Federal Work-Study

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MSW 2015
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Schuyler Hillard

MSW 2018
Clinical Therapist, Dream Catchers Therapy Practice

“Through my field placement I was introduced to Dream Catchers Therapy Practice. The practice is based on the principles of welcoming and affirming clients from all walks of life, regardless of income status. I am now employed at Dream Catchers, where we practice a creative, shared definition of healing based on individual needs. Without my scholarship I would not experience the joy of working in a practice that reflects my interest in addressing the needs of individuals and the community at large.”

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Jacob Ehrlich
MSW 2018
Music Coordinator
Jewish Hospice and Chaplaincy Network

“As an activist and aspiring spiritual leader, I appreciated the unique opportunity the Jewish Communal Leadership Program provided by integrating social justice, spirituality and Jewish learning into the practice of social work. I enjoyed two fulfilling years of intensive learning and fellowship.”

Joel Arnold
MSW 2018
Outpatient Therapist, network180

“My Detroit Clinical Scholarship helped me as a first generation student and parent who was raising children when I was in school. If I hadn’t received scholarships, the reality is I wouldn’t have been able to earn an MSW. My training made me a very competitive job applicant. I secured a position as a therapist with the community mental health authority of Kent County where I work with a multidisciplinary team serving residents with complex and severe mental illness and co-occurring substance use disorders.”
Sarah Gettel
MSW 2018
Coordinator, Building Collective Capacity
One Love Global

“In the New Leaders in African-Centered Social Work Scholars Program, I learned how Afrocentric practice can prevent social work from mirroring privilege and power patterns that we see in broader society and from causing harm under the guise of ‘helping.’ It also prepared me to be a better organizer and advocate for my organization, which is rooted in Black leadership and centers the experiences of Black folks in social change.”

FIND YOUR NICHE

- Child Welfare Scholarship Program
- Community-Based Initiative in Detroit
- Detroit Integrated Health Scholars Program
- Geriatric Scholarship Program
- Global Activities Scholars Program
- Integrated Health Scholarship Program
- Jewish Communal Leadership Program
- Masters International Volunteer Program
- National Community Scholars Program
- New Leaders in African-Centered Social Work Scholars Program
- Peace Corps Coverdell Fellows Program

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Develop the tools you need to reach your career goals
• Networking Trips Across the Country
• Job Search Workshops
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Expert guidance accessible to all students
• Licensure Counseling
• Mentoring and Advising

Access our 16,000+ alumni worldwide with 15+ workshops and alumni networking
Lidi Armenta

MSW 2014
Portfolio Management Specialist
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

“I attended the current student and alumni job networking trip to Washington D.C. arranged by the SSW Career Center. On the trip, I learned about the Presidential Management Fellows program. The trip provided me the opportunity to learn directly from past Fellows who shared their experiences and encouraged me to apply. Back in Ann Arbor, the Career Center prepared me for the lengthy government application process. Thanks to the Career Center, I am working for HUD in Detroit.”
David Córdova
Associate Professor of Social Work
Prevention Research and Health Equity Lab

“I see it as my responsibility to provide opportunities for students to further develop their research skill set, with a shared goal of advancing science and identifying solutions to health and mental health challenges.”

Jamie Mitchell
Assistant Professor of Social Work
Gender and Health Research Lab

“For me, mentoring students is about demystifying the process of getting from where you are to where you want to be. I never want students to feel as if they have to read between the lines; if you want to know how to succeed in a given area, here are the steps.”
Shawna Lee
Associate Professor of Social Work
Parenting in Context Research Lab

“Students working in the Parenting in Context Research Lab have opportunities to gain community-based research and evaluation experience, focusing on fathers and families. I work closely with students to help them identify their interests, carve out their own niche and reach their academic and professional goals.”
GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES

CONNECTING MSW STUDENTS TO INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL WORK OPPORTUNITIES.

EFFECT CHANGE ALL OVER THE WORLD
Laura Sanchez
MSW 2018
Community and Policy Coordinator
Office of Detroit City Council Member
Raquel Castañeda-López

“My global field placement experience in Chile was invaluable. Being exposed to an international social work setting furthered my goal of building strong, sustainable and equitable communities using multicultural and community-based approaches. My global field placement set the foundation for inclusive policy advocacy and community engagement and organizing. I was also able to reinforce my Spanish speaking skills, which have been essential in my job, as I work in one of the most diverse districts in Detroit.”
From a social justice chapter to a child welfare student association to a Saturday football game, life at U-M is full of opportunities that extend far beyond the classroom. You’ll learn the lessons of leadership, connect with a myriad of on- and off-campus communities and be a part of something larger than yourself.
THE U INFLUENCES YOU
As a graduate student at the University of Michigan you will join a vibrant community of renowned faculty and intellectually adventurous students who learn in an environment of limitless possibilities.
Ann Arbor – where the streets are brimming with an amazing array of restaurants, cafes, galleries and boutiques, plus arts and entertainment and 200+ parks to explore – making for a vibrant, inspiring scene where people engage in the art of living.
Crystal Wing Sum Au

Summer 2019 Exchange Student
Hong Kong, China

“I have been enjoying Ann Arbor from the moment I arrived. There are tons of things to do, from floating down the Huron River to experiencing the diverse local food scene. I love exploring the city!”